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**An Evening with DEL CASTILLO to benefit Hurricane Harvey Relief Efforts & Scholarships for UTRGV Students**

**BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS-Sept. 1, 2017-**DEL CASTILLO, Brownsville’s native sons are back from Austin for the first time in many years to raise funds for scholarships to support The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley and to aid in the recovery from Hurricane Harvey.

An evening with DEL CASTILLO will take place **on Saturday, September 23,** 2017 at the TSC Arts Center in Brownsville. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment in the lobby, a cash bar, and an opportunity to view and buy goods from local artists. A signed guitar from the band will be raffled.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Jose A. & Lois M. del Castillo Memorial Endowed Scholarship at UTRGV. Established in 2017, the scholarship supports students pursing a nursing degree or are in the cooperative Pharmacy program at UTRGV. In addition, a portion of the proceeds will also be donated to provide relief from the devastating impact of Hurricane Harvey.

“Our parents were excellent role models. They strongly believed that education was the key to developing personal independence and the ability to give back to the community,” said Michelle del Castillo Davis. “They were compassionate and enthusiastic in their support of others in reaching their highest aspirations. During such a difficult time as this, they would also have donated generously to our neighbors that have been affected by this national tragedy. By combining the two, we can make a difference in many people’s lives.”

Del Castillo is an Austin-based band and well known in the Rio Grande Valley because of their talent and roots here. They are a cross-cultural power in music. Their original sound blends rock, Latin, blues and world rhythms.

Three members of the band – Mark del Castillo, Mike Zeoli and Albert Besterio – played in the UTB-TSC university jazz bands in the 1980s. The music group was honored in 2010 with the UTB-TSC Distinguished Alumnus award.

“We always look forward to coming back to Brownsville to play for our family and friends,” said Rick del Castillo “ This concert will be special to us as it honors our aunt and uncle who we loved very much. We are proud to come back home and honor their legacy.”

Tickets for the concert are available at [www.topboxtickets.com](http://www.topboxtickets.com) For information, contact Michelle Davis at (956) 466-7556 or michelledcdavis@gmail.com

**About José A. & Lois M. del Castillo**

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**About DEL CASTILLO**

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