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**ACCION TEXAS CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF FUNDING DREAMS
AND CEO JANIE BARRERA'S 60TH BIRTHDAY**

SAN ANTONIO—Accion Texas Inc. – the nation's largest, nonprofit provider of financial and business-support services to small business owners—will close out their twentieth year celebrating two decades of funding dreams and CEO Janie Barrera's birthday.

Sponsored by BBVA Compass, the event will be held Wednesday, November 19 at the historic Adalco's Mexican Restaurant at Sunset Station from 6 to 9 p.m. The organization is thrilled to showcase their diverse client base, to include Blanca Aldaco of Aldaco's Mexican Restaurant and Jesse Galvan of Music Connection. Guests will enjoy a traditional cantina-style fajita bar and a custom-made cake designed by Accion client Blanca Valenzuela of Blanca's Cakes, Catering and Decorations and special announcement from Janie Barrera.

"We are extremely proud of our 20-year track record of helping entrepreneurs realize their dreams and building economic growth in our communities," President and CEO Janie Barrera said. "At the same-time, we are forward-focused on the next decade and have significant plans to build on the organization's future."

In the last twenty years, Accion Texas has made nearly 15,000 loans totaling more the \$170 million. This year alone the organization has disbursed more than \$21 million in loans to entrepreneurs and small business owners.

"We have experienced some remarkable achievements and we are truly thankful for the dedication and loyalty of our board members, stakeholders, employees and supporters," Barrera said. "We have done some amazing things together, but the best is still yet to come."

Accion continues its process of rebranding and will begin operating under a new name beginning in 2015.

ABOUT ACCION TEXAS

Accion Texas Inc. is a nonprofit, multi-state company and small business lender that helps new and existing entrepreneurs successfully grow their businesses. Through affordable lending and business development services, Accion Texas is committed to empowering diverse individuals and small businesses that have limited access to traditional sources of capital. Since its founding in San Antonio in 1994, Accion has made nearly 15,000 loans totaling more than \$170 million. Accion now operates in eight states: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. To learn more about Accion's lending options, call 888-215-2373 or visit www.acciontexas.org.