

# A.R. “TONY” AND MARIA J. SANCHEZ FAMILY FOUNDATION



## Finding Compassionate Care While Seeking Asylum in Houston

A social worker at a nearby partnering school referred a pair of uninsured siblings—a brother and sister, ages 12 and 13—to the A.R. “Tony” and Maria J. Sanchez Family Foundation Center. The siblings had traveled from Mexico and were seeking asylum in the United States after witnessing traumatic events including a mob assassination that resulted in the deaths of some of their own family members. As a result, both children were in need of mental health services. The sister was also diagnosed with ADHD and an intellectual disability.

Dr. Nazia Rahman and Dr. Elizabeth Garza at the Sanchez Family Center provided both children with primary care and vaccinations. In addition, Drs. Rahman and Garza coordinated with the children’s school so they could receive expedited educational evaluations and interventions to help with their studies.