

# **Carmen Maria Montiel**

**Awty Parent, Lower School**

## **Biography**

I am a mother of three from Venezuela. I am also a journalist and have worked in the field for 10 years.

My two older children are at AWTY, Alexandra is 11 years old and going into 6th grade and Carmen is 8 years old going into 3rd grade. Juan Diego is the youngest and he is 2 years old.

Both girls have special needs in their nutrition. It is very important to me to control what they eat and to make sure they are eating healthy. This is why I joined the committee and hope the result will be a beneficial one for our children.

## **RESUME SUMMARY**

Award-winning television journalist with broad-ranging experience.  
Fully bilingual in Spanish and English.

## **EXPERIENCE**

### **Office Manager**

1995-2003

Texas Institute of Chest & Sleep Disorders P.A.

### **Producer, Provicon, Ritmo Latino**

1994-1996

Freelance producer of syndicated video show of Latin artists.

### **News Anchor, Reporter, Writer, Telemundo-Houston**

1991- 1994

Gathered, wrote and delivered the news on the 5 pm and 10 pm weekly newscasts. Responsible for hourly news break every hour on the hour. As a reporter, produced own daily pieces and developed a weekly segment called "Su Salud," which informed the audience about illnesses and their treatments.

### **News Host, GOP Convention**

1992

Covered and hosted the news at the GOP Convention in Houston, Texas for Telemundo.

### **Producer, WSJK-Channel 2, OMNI**

1990-1991

Pre- and post-production of informative show created at East Tennessee State University, assembled with the help of students. The show also was aired on WKPT-TV ABC.

### **TV Host, Venevision, Complicidades**

1986-1988

Network morning magazine of three hours daily. With Maite Delgado and Eva Gutierrez, presented segments on news, special interest, beauty tips, general information and interviews. Celebrities interviewed included Emmanuel, Paloma San Basilio, Laura Branigan, Raul Velasco, Flans, Mecano, Maria Conchita Alonso, and Miguel Bose.

**Host, 1986 Miss Universe Special in Panama**  
Channel 4 Panama, Panama City, Panama.

July 1986

**Siempre en Domingo, Televisa Mexico**

June 1986

Mexico City, Mexico. Guest on weekly Sunday afternoon celebrity showcase.

**Disk Jockey, Producer, RQ 910** 1986-1988  
Weekly youth show aired on Sundays in Caracas, Venezuela. Highlighted how young people could achieve their goals with hard work through the examples of other successful young people.

**Host, "Close Up," Venevision** 1985  
Caracas, Venezuela (for Gilberto Correa). Hosted weekly celebrity news show, garnering high ratings. Show was Latin equivalent of E! Entertainment.

**TV Host, Venevision, Buenos Dias Venezuela** 1984-1986  
Co-hosted (with Manuel Correa) network morning talk show. Daily life show of two hours duration with interviews, games and videos.

## **EDUCATION**

**B.A., Broadcasting and Spanish, Magna Cum Laude** May 1991  
East Tennessee State University; Johnson City, Tennessee, USA

**English as a Second Language** August 1988-July 1989  
Guilford College; Greensboro, North Carolina, USA

**Journalism** February 1986-May 1988  
Universidad Central de Venezuela; Caracas, Venezuela

**Spanish Diction and Rhetoric** October 1986-December 1986  
Ateneo de Caracas; Caracas, Venezuela

**School of Arts** February 1983-February 1984  
Universidad Central de Venezuela; Caracas, Venezuela

## **PROFESSIONAL**

**Announcer's License** March 1985  
Transport and Communications Ministry; Caracas, Venezuela

**Public Relations in Latin America Seminar:** May 1992  
Panelist exploring the topic "The Media in Latin America." Houston, Texas.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish: mother tongue  
English: fluent  
French: proficient  
Italian: proficient

**INTERESTS & ACTIVITIES**

**MWI (Mexican Women Initiative)** Chairman of the Fashion Committee for the Luncheon 2004.

**The Maecenas, MFAH (Museum of Fine Arts Houston):** President and Founder of support group for the Latin American Art Department. 2002-2003, 2003-2004

**Virtuosi of Houston:** Chairman of the Concert Committee since January 2001-April 2003.

**Success Scholarships Center:** Board Committee Member, January 2000, of organization that raises money to give scholarships to low-income Hispanic students.

**Virtuosi of Houston:** Board Committee Member, since March 2000, of organization that raises money for the education of young musicians.

**Smithsonian Institute:** since 1992.

**Rainforest Foundation:** hosted event in Houston, "Don't Bungle the Jungle," September 1994.

**United Way:** Master of Ceremonies at 1992 kick-off in Houston, Texas, September 1992.

**ANDI (Accion Nacional para el Desarrollo Integral):** active collaboration in self-improvement foundation, 1986-1988.

**Third International Congress for the Family:** Speaker at annual conference with attendance in excess of 1000. Caracas, Venezuela 1985.

**Delta Sigma Rho-Tau Kappa Alpha:** Inducted into selective international society, with honorific mention for Speech Communication.

**Alpha Sigma Iota:** Broadcasting honorary society, 1989-1991

**Fundacion las Misses:** Created, organized and developed nonprofit organization that raised money to provide pediatric hospitals with much-needed equipment, 1984-1988.

**AWARDS**

**International Who's Who, 1995**

**Houston Area Women's Center:** for collaboration in spreading knowledge against Domestic Violence, 1993

**The General Consulate of Mexico:** recognition for collaboration and work done on behalf of the Mexican community in Houston, Texas, 1992

**Academic Excellence Convocation:** in recognition of outstanding achievement at East Tennessee State University, April 10, 1992

**ASI Outstanding Broadcasting Student:** Department of Communications, 1991

**Marshall Award for Outstanding Leadership:** Dept. of Communications, 1991

**Tommy Award:** Best Public Affairs Production, ETSU, 1990-1991

**Dean's List:** College of Arts & Sciences, ETSU, 1990-1991

**Aquila de Oro:** Host of the Year, Caracas, Venezuela, February 1988

**Meridiano de Oro:** Best Morning Talk Show, "Complicidades," 1988

**Meridiano de Oro:** Best Morning Talk Show, "Complicidades," 1987

**Fundacion Las Granjas Infantiles:** for work done for children, Caracas, Venezuela, 1986

**Uni-Prensa Award:** recognition for journalism work, July, 1985

**Lions Club:** in recognition for work done for children, 1985

**Woman of the Year:** Zulia State, Venezuela, 1985

**Godmother for Life:** of "Military Historical Museum of Venezuela," 1984

**Miss Universe Pageant:** Second Runner-Up, Miami, Florida, 1984

**Miss South America:** Lima, Peru, 1984

**Miss Venezuela:** Caracas, Venezuela, 1984

**Miss Zulia:** Maracaibo, Venezuela, 1984

