



East Coast Migrant Head Start Project Commemorates International Women's Day and Women History Month

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- Maria C. Garza, the CEO at ECMHSP, former farmworker recognizes the importance of the contribution of farmworker women.

Raleigh, NC. March 8, 2022 – East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, (ECMHSP), commemorates International Women's Day and Women History Month by highlighting that 92% of their workforce are women. "Out of 897 total ECMHSP's employees, 825 are women" states Maria C. Garza, CEO at East Coast Migrant Head Start Project, a nonprofit committed to preparing the children of migrant and seasonal farm workers for success. "It is crucial to uplift the women in our community that make a difference and to shine a light on our women".

Most of the women working for ECMHSP are teachers serving almost 3,000 farmworker children across 10 states. East Coast Migrant Head Start Project also has nutritionists, engineers, graphic designers, lawyers among many other professionals who have not stopped working alongside with thousands of farmworker mothers even in the most difficult moments of the pandemic. "We support the contributions of our staff but also the efforts every farmworker mother to bring us fresh food to our tables", said Garza.

Throughout this month, ECMHSP also recognizes the many trailblazers that helped pave the way for women in many other fields. We support the current and future initiatives that are in favor of empowering women.

East Coast Migrant Head Start Project was established in 1974 through a grant from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. Under the Leadership of Sister Geraldine O'Brien. The Head Start centers opened along the east coast of the United States to ensure continuity of services for families migrating to work in agriculture. Currently, ECMHSP operates in 48 Head Start Centers across ten states.

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