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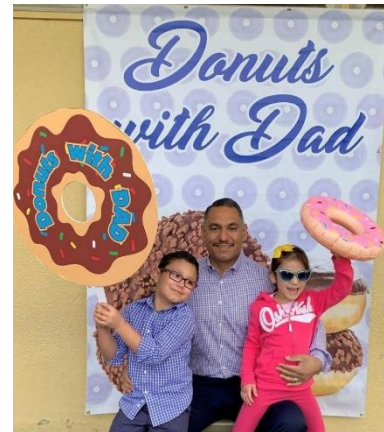


**Why is Hispanic Heritage Month (HHM) important to you?**

Hispanic Heritage Month provides a great opportunity to reflect on the journey that started way before me and will continue long after me. The sacrifices made by Hispanic and Latino leaders over the years have sowed the opportunities I get to reap today.

**What would you like our RNDC family to know about you? Briefly tell us your story – personal and/or professional?**

As a first generation Mexican American, I am proud to be the first in my family to graduate from college (Go Irish!). Born and raised in Southern California, I've also lived in Mexico and Japan which has helped me to not only become bilingual, but multicultural as well.



As the third of four boys, I enjoy spending time with my family and work to ensure my kids have the same bond as I have with my brothers. With the support of my wife, who is my high school sweetheart, I enjoy my career and love what I do – especially as a leader of people.

**Why is having the Vida Associate Resource Group important and why did you volunteer to be one of the group leaders?**

To me, the VIDA ARG is critical in enabling our Latinx community to share who we are in order to create opportunities for all of RNDC. It provides a space for us to bring our whole selves to work and to take advantage of networking and development opportunities.

