

Dr. Angel Munoz



on Staying Power

Picture Dr. Angel Munoz working diligently with the tiny, delicate little sprouts - in the dirt! Not something you'd expect from Lake Houston's first and foremost neonatologist (caring for newborn infants) founder of Wee Kare pediatrics. When Dr. Munoz isn't performing everyday miracles on our tiniest and most delicate newborns, you can see him relaxing with that same attentive and exacting precision on his chili peppers.

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"What I do is very stressful and challenging. You must be meticulous, exacting, consistent and very attentive to the little one. You must never make a mistake - ever! Your little patient's life depends on it. The garden relaxes me. And I still get to work with my hands. I especially enjoy growing chili peppers because, like my babies, they're very tiny, very delicate and very spicy. Once I pick them, I roast and pulverize them. The powder is great on almost anything, but especially soup and pizza.

"At least 20 to 30 percent of the babies I see have respiratory and heart problems. This can be a special challenge for the parents. That's why it is so important for parents to begin prenatal care to ensure a healthy birth or to identify any potential problem. Teaching has always been my passion. I want our hospital staff to be as exacting as I am, never making a mistake, and I love to teach parents what will be the best care for their baby.

"For many years, we held a reunion for all the newborns we've cared for. The eldest now is almost 23 years old. Seeing these healthy young people reminds me why we care so deeply for our newborns. Giving back is important, too, which

is why I support so many worthwhile organizations - the March of Dimes, Humble Area Assistance Ministries, FamilyTime, the Boy Scouts and the Lake Houston Chamber."

"I am especially motivated by Benito Juarez, an humble Indian peasant and orphan, who became a lawyer, state governor and eventually president of Mexico. He had incredible staying power with his ability to rise from the most impoverished of conditions. He inspires me to do my best because of the special challenges I face every day in our neonatal intensive care unit."

Like Wee Kare Pediatrics, The Tribune is a small business providing jobs in our community, the foundation of our great USA economy. We both have staying power. Dr. Munoz is attentive to his little customers who depend on him as they take their first breath of life. The Tribune, now more than 10 years old is attentive to our Lake Houston businesses, many of them family-owned and operated, as well as the churches, sports and community organizations that make Lake Houston such a wonderful place to live.

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