

## Alternative Spring Break “Border Awareness”

While the AVANCE parents may be students, they also have much to teach and share with others, especially those who are not familiar with life on the border or with Mexican culture and who want to learn. We are pleased to host college students (contact us for weeks of March 8 or March 22, 2010) from elsewhere in the country who come to share their stories and also to learn about the border through the lives of our parents and presentations from local experts. This is an opportunity for both service learning and for a rich cultural exchange. We are very pleased and so proud to share the generous, open, and hospitable heart of our community with our guests, friends, and fellow Americans!



*“I have seen the American culture and Mexican culture cannot only exist peacefully alongside one another, they can meld together to form their own beautiful culture.” - Jennifer Y, Univ. of Maryland*

*“The strength of the women we have been working with at AVANCE, and their honesty, and their power, and the respect and dignity that they have. I don't think I wouldn't have gotten that from any news or any media coverage without coming here. And I kind of wish that every other person in the country would get the same experience that we're getting right now because I feel it would change a lot of the stereotypes and opinions that people have.” - Nickie B., Univ. of Maryland*



**Franklin Mountains Sunrise**  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0djUQihIgl>

