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**COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. RECEIVES
\$2,000 CONTRIBUTION FROM GREEN THUMB GARDEN CLUB
IN SUPPORT OF TREES FOR LANDSCAPING AT
THE NEW CENTER FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS**

GIFT SUPPORTS GARDEN CLUB'S MISSION IN THE "CITY OF TREES"

UVALDE, TEXAS – Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI) has received a contribution of \$2,000 from the Green Thumb Garden Club in support of the purchase of trees for landscaping and beautification for the \$5.8M Center for Community Wellness at 908 South Evans Street in Uvalde.

“We are grateful to the members of the Green Thumb Garden Club for making a significant gift to our campaign that will beautifully enhance our new Center for Community Wellness campus,” said CHDI Chief Executive Officer, Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson. “Generations of families who visit the Center for oral health needs or to take wellness classes will enjoy the graceful elegance of these new trees. As they enhance the beauty of our Center, they enhance the beauty of Uvalde, our ‘City of Trees.’”

Kathy Voss, President of the Green Thumb Garden Club, expressed appreciation to Ms. Hanson-Gonzales in ceremonies at the new oral health offices, which opened for patients last November. “We appreciate all that CHDI does for our community,” said Ms. Voss. “The Green Thumb

Garden Club is pleased to underwrite the purchase of new trees that will provide welcoming shade and a visual compliment to the three buildings that will comprise the new Center. We know the pleasant atmosphere will provide a respite for any who come here seeking better health. Robert Louis Stephenson wrote about trees having a special quality ‘that so wonderfully changes and renews a weary spirit.’ This is our gift to CHDI and our community.”

When complete, the Center for Community Wellness will include the present oral health building, a Fitness / Exercise Center and the Administration / Electronic Health Records Facility. To date, the Capital Campaign has raised 90 percent of the funds needed for the project. The Kresge Foundation has provided a \$1M challenge whereby the remaining \$586,000 must be raised by March 31, 2010, with \$280,000 of that amount to come from individual gifts and \$280,000 from corporations and foundations.

“We invite everyone in the community to join with the many contributing individuals and businesses in making a pledge now to help meet our March 31 deadline for the Kresge funds, which are critical to our success,” said Jan Elliott, Chair of the Capital Campaign. “Our friends at the Kresge Foundation are accepting pledges that are payable over a three-year period, if the donor wishes to use those terms. With only \$280,000 left to raise in individual donations, we invite your pledges or gifts as soon as you may be able to make them.”

Joining Jan Elliott in bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion are committee members Tony Arce, Gene Ayala, Jama Brown, Councilman J. Allen Carnes, Olga Charles, Ben Elliott, and advisor Rev. Nancy Willet.

To make a pledge or gift to the Center for Community Wellness capital campaign, please call (830) 278-5604 and ask for CEO Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson, extension 3100 or Development Director Chuck Lutke, extension 3112. You may also mail your gift or letter of pledge support to CHDI, 200 South Evans Street. E-mail pledges may be directed to clutke.chdi@tachc.org.

CHDI’s mission, observed daily at each of its four health centers, is “to continuously improve the *Nuestro Bienstar* (Health and Well-Being) of the community we serve by providing access to quality health care services that are responsive to the diverse rural, cultural and bilingual populations in our community.”

Community Health Development, Inc. is comprised of four health center campuses:

- **Our Health / *Nuestro Centro de Salud***, (830) 278-7105, is located at 200 South Evans Street in **Uvalde** and provides medical care to patients primarily from Uvalde and Zavala counties. Hours of service are Monday and Wednesday from 8:00 am until 7:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:30 pm; and Saturday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm.
- **The Center for Community Wellness**, (830) 278-3765, is located at 908 South Evans Street in **Uvalde** near Highway 83 South and provides dental care to patients primarily from Uvalde, Real, Edwards and Zavala counties. Hours of service are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm and Wednesdays from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm.
- **Rolling Hills Health**, (830) 232-6985, is located at Highway 83 and Oakhill Drive in **Leakey** and provides medical care to patients from Real, Kerr, and Bandera counties. Hours of service are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm; and Wednesday from 10:00 am until 7:00 pm.
- **Canyon Health Center**, (830) 597-6424, is located at 700 Frio Street in **Camp Wood** and provides medical care to patients from Real and Edwards counties. Hours of service are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm; and Wednesday from 10 am until 7:00 pm.

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