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# News Release

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### **COMMUNITY HEALTH DEVELOPMENT, INC. RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM THE JAMES AVERY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF NEW CENTER FOR COMMUNITY WELLNESS**

UVALDE, TEXAS – Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI) has received a contribution of \$25,000 from the James Avery Charitable Foundation of Kerrville, Texas in support of the campaign to construct the \$5.8M Center for Community Wellness at 908 South Evans Street in Uvalde.

“We are deeply grateful and pleased to announce this generous gift from the James Avery Charitable Foundation,” said CHDI Chief Executive Officer, Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson.

“With this significant grant, we are brought much closer to finishing the campaign. The construction of the Fitness Center and the Administration / Electronic Health Records building will complete the campus and realize our project mission of bringing opportunities for health and wellness to more than 14,000 individuals each year across the entire the CHDI health center system.”

Chris Avery, CEO of James Avery and Trustee of the James Avery Charitable Foundation, commented on the recent contribution: “The foundation is pleased to be able to contribute to the Community Health Development, Inc of Uvalde. We hope that this contribution will allow more opportunities for the CHDI to reach the people in our community that are in need of healthcare.

We are grateful to the people who continue to make our communities a better place to live and work. We proudly support the mission and work of the CHDI.”

The first building in the new Center for Community Wellness opened on November 17, 2009 to provide expanded oral health services, previously provided at Our Health / *Nuestro Centro de Salud*. A new comprehensive and affordable Mental / Behavioral Health Department and a Teaching Kitchen / Classroom to address chronic diseases such as diabetes are scheduled to open in the same building later this year.

The next two buildings to be constructed at 908 South Evans Street will include a climate-controlled Exercise / Fitness facility to support health and wellness, housing for a new Electronic Health Records system, and space for administrative program staff.

To make a gift to the Center for Community Wellness capital campaign or request a packet of information about the project, please contact CEO Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson or Development Director Chuck Lutke at (830) 278-5604, extension 3100, or by e-mail to [clutke.chdi@tachc.org](mailto: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.

For more information about Community Health Development, Inc., please visit <http://www.chdi4health.org/>.

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