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**CHECK PRESENTATION** – Sergio Porras (center) chairman of the local advisory committee for FUTURO Communities Inc. and a member of the FUTURO board, presents a check for \$21,339 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to Rachel Gonzales-Hanson (far right) for the Community Health Development Inc. building fund. Also pictured are (left to right) advisory committee members David Gonzales, Raul Flores and Mario Cruz. Not shown is committee member David Ortiz. Porras said the money must be used for economic development, to create jobs or for building projects.

## CHDI gets \$600,000 grant

Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI), announced this week that the agency has received a \$600,000 grant award in support of the campaign to build the \$5.8 million Center for Community Wellness at 908 South Evans Street in Uvalde.

The grant has been awarded through the Fiscal Year 2010 Consolidated Appropriations Bill, which was approved by the United States House of Representatives and Senate. The bill now goes to the President, where he is expected to sign it.

“The passage of this bill, which included funding sought by Congressman Ciro Rodriguez of Texas for benefit of the Middle Rio Grande Region, is a tremendous gain for the Center for Community Wellness capital campaign

and the families of all those we serve,” said CHDI Chief Executive Officer, Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson. “This investment in health care infrastructure, jobs, commitment to our veterans, and economic impact to our area will pay dividends in healthy lives, stronger families and a better community today and for generations to come.

“The next step in the process is to work with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on a date for the releasing of the funds, which could be a several-month process. We continue to be grateful to all our funding partners, which include individuals, families, civic groups, local businesses, major corporations, foundations, and public funding agencies.”

“There is no greater

investment we can make in ourselves than to promote health and wellness,” said Rodriguez. “This grant for \$600,000 to Community Health Development, Inc. will help expand infrastructure and provide much-needed resources to provide services to our rural, veteran and bilingual populations. I commend CHDI for their dedication to creating stronger, healthier communities and look forward to working with Rachel Gonzales-Hanson and area partners to make these services a continued priority in the future.”

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## County jail project at \$12 million

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instead of electronic, automatic models will deduct \$46,500 from the overall cost and using Trane air conditioning units instead of Aaron will save an additional \$48,500.

Mitchell said that by making this change, commissioners also paved the way for local maintenance contracting.

“Local Trane people can service those units,” said Mitchell.

Another large cost-cutting move was the decision to only “rough in” the visitation area’s computerized system. Mitchell said that although the jail commission does not mandate the addition of computers into visitation areas, the future norm for visitation will be via computers, with prison-

ers remaining in their cells while visitors talk to them from the visitation room.

Commissioners approved a savings of \$62,000 by pulling the hardware out of those plans and instructing the contractor to simply lay out the foundation for the system.

Mendeke said he was

happy about the results of the meeting.

“I’m very pleased to see the construction company is on board with the commissioners,” he said. “Everyone is working together to stay within the budget.”

Mitchell said the county is on target for a groundbreaking during the first week in January.

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## FUTURO donates \$21,339 to Community Health project

Community Health Development, Inc. (CHDI) has received a contribution in the amount of \$21,339 from Futuro Communities, Inc. in support of the campaign to build the \$5.8M Center for Community Wellness at 908 South Evans Street in Uvalde.

“We are extremely pleased to announce this significant gift from Futuro Communities, Inc. because it is a remarkable expression of their mission meeting ours,” said CHDI Chief Executive Officer, Rachel A. Gonzales-Hanson in ceremonies at the new Center for Community Wellness today. “Together we are building happy, healthier families, which in turn support thriving businesses and livable neighborhoods throughout Uvalde and the surrounding region.”

Joining in the check presentation Thursday and representing the local Advisory Board of Futuro Communities, Inc. were David Gonzales, Uvalde City Councilman Raul Flores, Sergio Porras and Mario Cruz.

The first structure in the three-building Center for Community Wellness opened on Nov. 17 to provide expanded oral health services, previously provided at Our Health - Nuestro Centro de Salud. A new comprehensive and affordable mental and behavioral health department and a teaching kitchen and classroom to address chronic diseases such as diabetes are scheduled to open in the same building later in 2010.

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. It is estimated that, upon completion, the Center for Community Wellness will increase CHDI service to more than 14,000 patients annually (20 percent more than are currently served), house an additional 62 staff and bring further economic growth to the community.

To make a gift to the Center for Community Wellness capital campaign or request a packet of infor-

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- 2 - 8 oz. Bacon Wrapped Filets
- 1lb. Pepper Bacon

\$42<sup>90</sup>

**4**

- 4- 10 oz. Boneless Pork Chops
- 1 - Smoked Pork Loin
- 1 - Longhorn Cheese
- 1 - Smoked Link Sausage
- 1 lb - Peppere Bacon
- 2 - 10 oz. Ribeyes

\$43<sup>95</sup>

**5**

- 2 - 10 oz. Ribeyes
- 2 - Boneless Pork Chops
- 2 - Smoked Link Sausage
- 1 lb - Bacon
- 2 - 8 oz Bacon Wrapped Filets
- Smoked Pork Loin

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**6**

- 4 - 10 oz. Ribeyes
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