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Uvalde County Judge Bill Mitchell (seated second from left) and Uvalde Mayor Don McLaughlin (seated second from right) proclaim Monday through Friday as National Health Center Week. The two officials were joined on July 23 by Lesa Parry, (seated, left) with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas; Hal Harrell, (seated, right) with Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District; and members of Community Health Development Inc. staff and board to dedicate Aug. 10-14 as a time to observe health centers.

# Celebrate National Health Center Week

## Community Wellness Fair slated Friday

As a part of the National Health Center Week celebration, Community Health Development Inc. (CHDI) and Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District will once again host a community wellness fair.

The 14th-annual fair will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Uvalde High School cafeteria, #1 Coyote Trail. The wellness fair will have a carnival theme and is titled, "Wellness Fair Carnival - where wellness can be fun."

Program, Office of Senator Carlos Uresti, Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, San Antonio Food Bank, Serv-

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ing Children and Adults in Need (SCAN), South Texas Blood and Tissue Center, Southwest Area

Regional Transit District, St. Henry de Osso Family Project, Sul Ross State University, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Center, Texas Department of State Health Services, TX Health Steps and STAR Program, UCISD, Uvalde County Health Department, Uvalde County Sheriff's Office, Uvalde Dental Association, Uvalde EMS, Uvalde Fire Department, Uvalde Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Uvalde Housing Authority, Uvalde Memorial Hospital, and Uvalde Memorial Hospital Hospice.

The event features approximately 40 local agencies and is open to the public with free admission.

As in years past, the office of Senator Carlos Uresti has announced that free backpacks will be given away to area students, from pre-K through high school.

Immunizations will be available for students, pre-K through high school, who are returning to classes in the fall. Students will also be able to register for UCISD bus cards and the school lunch program.

The wellness fair features fun activities for children and the entire family. Agencies will be providing wellness information covering a wide variety of health topics affecting the Southwest Texas population, from the common cold and allergies to more serious concerns such as skin cancer and obesity. Free health screenings will be available.

In addition, South Texas Blood Bank will be available to accept blood donations from 4 to 6 p.m. at the UHS parking lot.

For more information about the 14th-annual wellness fair, contact Lupe Vela at 830-278-5604, extension 3244.

Participating agencies include: Amistad Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Amerigroup, AVANCE, CHDI, Department of Assistive and Rehabilitation Services, H-E-B Pharmacy, Juice Plus, Laurel Ridge Treatment Center, Middle Rio Grande Development Council, Maverick County Hospital District, Methodist Healthcare Ministries' Wesley Nurse