



The promise of a better life.

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**AUSTIN BUSINESS LEADER EARL MAXWELL
JOINS ST. DAVID'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION AS CEO**

AUSTIN (September 6, 2007) — St. David's Community Health Foundation announced today that Austin business and community leader Earl Maxwell will become chief executive officer of the foundation. Maxwell has served since 1991 as leading partner of Maxwell Locke & Ritter LLP, Austin's largest locally owned CPA firm. He will join foundation president Dick Moeller and a staff of 41 employees on November 1.

"In his career, Earl Maxwell has been committed to his business, his community, and his family," said Foundation board chair C.W. Hetherly. "He has dedicated his career and his personal life to the service of others, and he has done so as a thought leader, a bridge builder, and a man of fairness and integrity. We are proud that he would choose to bring his expertise and his sense of mission to St. David's Community Health Foundation."

Citing a desire for greater personal engagement in civic life, Maxwell recently announced his planned departure from Maxwell Locke & Ritter, the firm that he founded and grew from a staff of 15 to more than 70. He has served on numerous boards of community organizations, chairing 10, and has held a seat on the boards of the St. David's Health Care Partnership since 2004 and St. David's Community Health Foundation since 1999.

"For several years, I have sensed a calling to be fully involved in the work of bettering our community," Maxwell said. "I have a personal vision of leading a non-profit organization that helps underserved people to improve their lives. Having served on the board of St. David's Community Health Foundation for so many years, I know that it is exactly that organization, and I am delighted to be a part of it."

Long a leader in reaching out to those in need in Central Texas, St. David's Community Health Foundation has begun exploring new and innovative ways of serving the region. As the Foundation charts a future of continued investment in community partnerships to provide care and services to those in need, Maxwell and Moeller will focus on the Foundation's mission of increasing access to and improving the quality of health care for all Central Texans.

"Having a leader like Earl bring his experience and passion for service to our executive team is a tremendous opportunity for the Foundation," Moeller said. "At St. David's Community Health Foundation, we make the promise of a better life, and Earl has exemplified this promise throughout his career."

“My passion has always focused on community-based organizations that help Austin and its people achieve their potential,” Maxwell said. “As I leave a successful business career to heed this calling to serve, I am looking forward to leading St. David’s Community Health Foundation into an exciting new era of even greater community investment and engagement.”

St. David's Community Health Foundation is a not-for-profit community asset belonging to all of the citizens of Central Texas, with a mission to improve access to and quality of health care. More than \$50 million each year is devoted to care for the uninsured in the St. David’s hospitals, in local primary-care clinics, and through school-based care in mobile dental clinics. The Foundation makes supporting grants to many community agencies, including mental health agencies, agencies serving the elderly, ill, and homeless, and many of the area’s private safety net clinics.

For more information on St. David’s Community Health Foundation, visit www.sdchf.org.