

ST. DAVID'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANTS MORE THAN \$1.3 MILLION FOR CENTRAL TEXANS' MENTAL HEALTH

AUSTIN (June 26, 2007) — St. David's Community Health Foundation announced today that they are awarding more than \$1.3 million in grants to 17 Central Texas non-profits that provide mental health services for Central Texans.

"A significant part of the mission of St. David's Community Health Foundation is to fund organizations that provide health care services to the uninsured and underinsured in our community," said Dick Moeller, president and CEO of the foundation. "Integrating mental and physical health is key to the general well-being of everyone in our community, and as such is one of the Foundation's top priorities."

Last year, recognizing the importance of mental health, the foundation instituted a special grant cycle for mental health services and granted 16 awards totaling almost \$850,000. This year's increase shows the Foundation's ongoing commitment to supporting mental health service providers.

Area non-profit organizations receiving mental health services funding are Any Baby Can, Austin Child Guidance Center, Austin Recovery, Breakthrough, Capital Area Mental Health Center, Communities In Schools, Family Crisis Center, FamilyConnections, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, the Interagency Support Council of East Williamson County, Leander ISD, Lone Star Circle of Care, People's Community Clinic, SafePlace, Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care, the SIMS Foundation, and Waterloo Counseling.

Grant awards announced today will continue to support mental health programs in the St. David's Community Health Foundation's priority areas for mental health care. Several grantees, like first-time grant recipient Interagency Support Council, will be providing school-based mental health services. Others, such as Lone Star Circle of Care and People's Community Clinic, provide integrated mental and physical healthcare in the clinic setting, and several others, like the SIMS Foundation and Austin Child Guidance Center, provide community-based evaluation and treatment services. All told, services provided by Foundation-supported dollars will reach more than 8,000 Central Texans.

"Mental health needs continue to grow in Central Texas, but evaluation and treatment services are often not available or affordable to those who need them," said Becky Pastner, program officer for St. David's Community Health Foundation. "By supporting the work of these 17 agencies in the Central Texas region, the Foundation is committed to increasing the availability of professional and affordable mental health services for children and adults in our community."

St. David's Community Health Foundation awards grants twice a year. Mental health grants are announced in June, while physical health grants are announced in December.

St. David's Community Health Foundation is a not-for-profit partner in the St. David's HealthCare Partnership. The Foundation's mission is to improve access to and quality of health care for Central Texans. For more information, visit www.sdchf.org.

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