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**Congressman Lloyd Doggett to speak at
CommuniCare Health Centers' ribbon-cutting on October 23, 2010**

Children's health fair to be held in conjunction with ribbon-cutting

(October 12, 2010- Kyle, TX) –CommuniCare Health Centers will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, **October 23, 2010 at 9:30am** to celebrate the opening of its second health center in Hays County, in Kyle at 2810 Dacy Lane.

U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett will lead a group of dignitaries in officially opening the new facility. He will provide remarks regarding the importance of improving access to healthcare for all central Texas residents and the importance of community-based organizations like CommuniCare.

“Our goal is to become a provider of choice to area residents, seeking high quality, affordable medical and dental care,” said Debbora Thompson, CEO of CommuniCare Health Centers. “We strive to provide access to care to all residents, regardless of their health insurance or financial status and look forward to opening our facility to the local community for the ribbon-cutting and health fair.”

In addition, CommuniCare will host an open house and children's health fair on Saturday, October 23 from 9am to noon. The health fair will focus on the importance of fitness and nutrition for children. The public will have an opportunity to tour the health center after the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

“This new center represents another step forward in ensuring an affordable family doctor for every Hays County family,” said Rep. Doggett. “As we redouble our efforts to make certain that every tax dollar is applied efficiently and effectively, this is a wise investment in a healthy local economy and healthy citizens.”

The health center will be open five days a week and is expected to deliver approximately 25,000 visits in its first year of operations. The health center was made possible by grants from the U.S. Health Resource Services Administration and local partners, St. David's Foundation and Seton Medical Center Hays. Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David's Foundation, which funded the dental clinic, will also speak at the ceremony.

“All of us at St. David's Foundation welcome this wonderful addition for residents of the Kyle area,” said Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David's Foundation. He continued, “With the growth in population in Kyle and Hays County, our Board felt strongly that our financial assistance was needed to help open this clinic and bring additional health services to the area.”

To schedule a medical, dental or behavioral health appointment, please call 210.268.8900. For more information about CommuniCare, please visit our website at www.communicaretx.org. CommuniCare Health Centers is accredited by The Joint Commission.

CommuniCare Health Centers (CCHC) has served Bexar County for over 38 years. CCHC provides medical, dental and behavioral health services in Bexar and Hays Counties and in 2009, provided over 150,000 visits to almost 45,000 patients. As a non-profit health center, it serves those with Medicaid, Medicare, medical insurance, and those that do not have insurance, by charging on a sliding fee scale, based on annual household income and family size.