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**ST. DAVID'S COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION SEES 56 PERCENT INCREASE
IN MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS TO CENTRAL TEXAS NONPROFITS**

AUSTIN, TEXAS (June 24, 2008) -- St. David's Community Health Foundation (SDCHF) announced today that they have awarded \$2.3 million in grants to area nonprofit organizations to help address mental health needs in the Central Texas region.

"In our third year of making grants in the mental health sector, we have increased our grants by more than 56 percent, an increase we support as we have seen the value of integrating mental health care with other health resources at the clinical level," said Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David's Community Health Foundation. "As part of our mission of increasing access to health care, we are gratified to see the positive benefits of providing mental health grants along with the grants we make toward physical good health."

SDCHF provides grants to selected organizations on a twice-yearly schedule: physical health grants, grants for aging adults, and grants for special populations in December of each year; and mental health grants in June.

The 2007 grants provided funds for mental health care to accompany physical health care at two Central Texas safety net clinics, Lone Star Circle of Care in Williamson County and People's Community Clinic in Austin. A year-long study showed the medical benefits of integrated care, and the 2008 grants continue to support those clinics' integrated mental health care programs.

"The vast majority of the 975 patients we have treated since starting this program in 2006 are uninsured and have had little access to mental health services," said Dr. Lucius Ripley, psychiatrist at Lone Star Circle of Care. "By integrating psychiatric and primary care services, daily consultations between myself and our primary care providers are routine, making psychiatric treatment both more efficient and effective. None of the success we have experienced would have been possible without the significant support of the St. David's Community Health Foundation, and we are grateful for the Foundation's continued support of LSCC's adult and our new child and adolescent mental health programs."

"We have seen incredible results with our patients who participate in the integrated behavioral health program," said People's Community Clinic clinical care manager Megan Zesati. "Funding for the program allows us to provide a continuum of care in the complex lives of our patients, who might otherwise not seek help for their emotional issues. Very often, helping alleviate their emotional burdens has helped the patient and their doctor better cope with their physical or chronic illness."

A complete listing follows of the grants announced today by St. David's Community Health Foundation.
For more information on St. David's Community Health Foundation, visit www.sdchf.org.

St. David's Community Health Foundation
Mental Health Grant Totals 2006-2008

Year	Amount
2006	\$811,000
2007	\$1,347,417
2008	\$2,309,632*

* includes \$20,000 for ongoing program evaluation

St. David's Community Health Foundation
Grant Totals 2004-2008

Year	Amount
2004	\$1,188,000
2005	\$2,016,908
2006	\$4,101,131
2007	\$5,222,150
2008	\$7,072,310

St. David's Community Health Foundation
 2008 Mental Health Grant Recipients

St. David's Community Health Foundation Mental Health Grants for Capital Funds
\$160,000 700% increase over 2007 total of \$20,000

Capital Area Mental Health Center: \$30,000 for office space expansion to accommodate demand for services. *2007 grant: \$20,000.*

People's Community Clinic: \$30,000 for expansion/renovation of space. *No 2007 capital grant.*

Samaritan Center for Pastoral Care: \$100,000 towards capital campaign for \$1.3M construction.

St. David's Community Health Foundation Mental Health Grants for Care
\$1,862,671 54% increase over 2007 total of \$1,207,417

Any Baby Can: \$148,709 for No Estas Solo, in-home counseling for clients in any of ABC's programs; will serve an additional 85 clients per year. *2007 award: \$92,153.*

Austin Child Guidance Center: \$151,656 for further expansion of psychological assessment unit; will allow more assessments, more individual counseling, and more group counseling. *2007 award: \$126,186.*

Breakthrough: \$6,000 for Project Safety Net; provides mental health evaluation, counseling, and treatment services for middle and high school students participating in Breakthrough programs. *2007 award: \$6,000.*

Communities in Schools: \$220,000 for salary increases for campus program managers in middle-school programs and operational support. *2007 award: \$150,368*

Easter Seals-Central Texas: \$75,627 for salary for a counselor; will provide free counseling to clients in the Transitions Project who have mental health issues, physical disabilities, and substance abuse issues. *First-time mental health grant recipient.*

FamilyConnections: \$30,000 for Parents of Newborns project, whose staff provides counseling and support for women identified with post-partum depression at hospitals. *2007 award: \$30,000.*

Family Crisis Center: \$40,000 for school-based counseling program; provides an additional component of partial funding for group counseling for anger management in teens.

2007 award: \$35,000.

Hays-Caldwell Women's Center: \$77,338 for continued funding for sexual assault and family violence programs. *2007 award: \$18,054*

Helping Hand Home for Children: \$9,800 for psychiatric services for 35 children staying in HHH foster care homes; supports training for foster parents. *First-time recipient.*

Interagency Support Council of East Williamson County: \$140,060 for East Williamson County school-based mental health project; provides counseling, therapy, and case management for students. *2007 award: \$140,060.*

Leander ISD: \$52,470 for school-based counseling services at five schools; will allow a 5 percent increase in number of students served. *2007 award: \$52,470.*

LifeWorks: \$61,000 for additional counselor for Youth and Adult Counseling Program. *First-time mental health grant recipient.*

Lone Star Circle of Care: \$450,000 for additional child psychiatrist for clinic's child and adolescent program. *2007 award: \$250,000.*

People's Community Clinic: \$97,029 for clinical case manager staff. *2007 award: \$101,095.*

SafePlace: \$50,000 for a broad range of counseling services for children and adults; will address the waiting-list issue and allow SafePlace to serve more clients. *2007 award: \$40,000.*

Samaritan Center for Pastoral Care: \$50,000 for fee assistance for low-income uninsured families. *2007 award: \$50,000.*

SIMS Foundation: \$90,800 for funding for counseling, psychiatric, and addiction intervention for local musicians. *2007 award: \$66,031.*

Waterloo Counseling: \$112,182 for project counselor staff, clinical director position, and project supervision. *2007 award: \$50,000.*

St. David's Community Health Foundation Mental Health Grants for Program Evaluation
\$20,000 No increase over 2007 total of \$20,000

Evaluation of Integrated Behavioral Health Models: Continuation from 2007 funding for study of grants to People's Community Clinic and Lone Star Circle of Care for integrated mental and physical health programs.

St. David's Community Health Foundation Mental Health Grants for Psychiatric Bed Crisis
\$266,961 166% increase over 2007 total of \$100,000

Austin Recovery: \$266,961 for one detox bed and three residential treatment beds for existing patients at ATCMHMR, as part of overall strategy dealing with emergency room crowding by mental health patients.