



The promise of a better life.

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\$5.15 MILLION PROVIDED TO SUPPORT LOCAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Grants Comprise an Eight Percent Increase in Funds From Previous Year

AUSTIN – In this season of giving and sharing, St. David's Community Health Foundation is delighted to announce that it is awarding \$5.15 million in grants to area nonprofit organizations that provide access to health care for Central Texans.

“Especially this year, we are mindful of the need to ensure access to health care for Central Texans,” said Earl Maxwell, CEO of St. David's Community Health Foundation. “The ongoing economic downturn, increased layoffs and employment cutbacks have highlighted a crucial need in our community. With an eight percent increase in our grants, we hope these receiving organizations are able to provide reliable, affordable and effective care to Central Texans who are uninsured and underserved.”

St. David's Community Health Foundation awards grants to area nonprofits twice each year. Mental health grants are announced in the spring, while physical health grants are announced in December. Since 1996, the Foundation has approved more than \$22 million in funding to community partners promoting access to primary health care and related services.

“We work with the recipient agencies year-round to help monitor needs, and we have been struck by the increase in demand at the area safety net clinics. It is an important time to do all that we can to help address these needs,” said Bobbie Barker, Vice President for Grants and Community Programs.

Close to \$1 million awarded for agencies providing services to older adults

Thirteen organizations providing care to Austin's elderly community will receive a total of \$927,908. One of the grant recipients, Austin Groups for the Elderly, will use the funding to provide supportive services to enhance independent living for older adults, allowing them to live their lives in their own homes and communities.

Just under \$500,000 awarded to special populations

Also receiving funds are programs that support specific health-related needs, such as the Breast Cancer Resource Center, Any Baby Can, and Boys and Girls Club of the Capital Area. Seven nonprofit organizations in this category will receive a total of \$451,650.

Grants for safety net clinics reach a total of \$3.7 million

Ranging from People's Community Clinic to Lone Star Circle of Care in Williamson County, primary care and specialty clinics will receive a total of \$3,720,607. These safety net clinics provide access to quality health care for uninsured and underinsured Central Texans.

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\$50,000 awarded for dental clinic funding

To provide increased oral health care for seniors in Central Texas, Manos de Cristo will receive \$25,000. AIDS Services of Austin will also receive \$25,000 toward the Jack Sansing Dental Clinic, which provides primary dental and oral medical care to persons with HIV/AIDS.

The mission of St. David's Community Health Foundation is to keep the promise of a better life by improving health and health care for all Central Texans.

**St. David's Community Health Foundation
2008 Physical Grant Recipients**

St. David's Community Health Foundation Grants for Support Services for Older Adults

Aging Services Council	\$13,980	<i>program coordination and public education campaign</i>
Austin Groups for the Elderly	\$100,000	<i>supportive services to enhance independent living</i>
Capital Area Food Band of Texas	\$25,000	<i>Healthy Options Program for the Elderly (HOPE)</i>
The Care Communities	\$43,242	<i>program capacity expansion</i>
Combined Community Action	\$30,000	<i>Homemaker/Handyman program</i>
Faith in Action Caregivers	\$144,550	<i>senior friendly support services</i>
Family Eldercare	\$100,000	<i>support aging in the community</i>
Hospice Austin	\$100,000	<i>hospice charity care</i>
Meals on Wheels and More (Austin)	\$140,000	<i>second-meal program and nutrition services</i>
New Connections	\$26,136	<i>general operating support</i>
Round Rock Area Serving Center	\$130,000	<i>senior assistance and case manager</i>
Texas Ramp Project	\$30,000	<i>building wheelchair ramps for homes</i>
Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities	\$45,000	<i>Meals on Wheels program and development support</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	\$927,908	

St. David's Community Health Foundation Grants for Primary Care and Specialty Clinics

AIDS Services of Austin	\$47,816	<i>medical case management</i>
El Buen Samaritano	\$500,000	<i>Healthy Body, Healthy Mind, Healthy Community</i>
Lone Star Circle of Care	\$990,000	<i>LSCC – A Central Texas Safety Net</i>
People's Community Clinic	\$1,725,000	<i>general operations and special projects</i>
Samaritan Health Ministries	\$49,000	<i>health care for the uninsured</i>
Travis County Medical Society Foundation	\$90,000	<i>project access</i>
UT School of Nursing	\$258,791	<i>Children's and Family Wellness Center</i>
Volunteer Healthcare Clinic	\$60,000	<i>primary and specialty clinics</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	\$3,720,607	

St. David's Community Health Foundation Grants for Dental Clinics

AIDS Services of Austin	\$25,000	<i>Jack Sansing Dental Clinic</i>
Manos de Cristo	\$25,000	<i>oral health care for seniors</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	\$50,000	

St. David's Community Health Foundation Grants for Special Populations

Any Baby Can	\$30,000	<i>Children's Hearing Aid Texas program (CHAT)</i>
Boys & Girls Club of the Capital Area	\$32,000	<i>Kids' Café</i>
Breast Cancer Resource Center	\$110,000	<i>breast cancer navigation services</i>
Cancer Connection	\$33,860	<i>continuation and expansion of visitation program</i>
Easter Seals Central Texas	\$40,000	<i>Outpatient rehab on a sliding scale</i>
People's Community Clinic	\$165,790	<i>Tandem Project</i>
Wonders & Worries	\$40,000	<i>Operating expenses</i>
TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED	\$451,650	

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