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## **\$250,000 Gift from the Hunt Family Foundation Supports New Building and Program Expansion at the El Paso Center for Diabetes**

*With 15% of the El Paso population living with diabetes, the investment will expand education and resources to improve the health of the El Paso community*

El Paso, Texas – The El Paso Center for Diabetes announced a \$250,000 gift from the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation, supporting the construction of the Center’s new building and the expansion of its local programming. This transformative investment will enable the Center to better serve individuals and families affected by diabetes in the Borderplex region.

With fifteen percent of El Pasoans living with diabetes – significantly higher than the national average – The El Paso Center for Diabetes is critical to the health of the community. In 2024, the Center provided El Pasoans with almost 3000 diabetes education sessions. The Center also provides a wide variety of services to assist El Pasoans with managing their diabetes, including medical nutrition therapy, support groups, weight loss and meal planning services, free blood glucose and A1C testing, Diabetes Self-Management Education, and free youth camps for children and teens with Type 1 Diabetes. The gift from the Hunt Family Foundation will provide the resources needed to address the region’s growing health challenges. The new facility will allow the Center to increase its capacity, enhance its diabetes education programs, and provide critical management services for those living with the disease. It will feature the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Auditorium, a private intake room, a teaching kitchen, and a healing garden.

"As a nationally accredited diabetes program, the El Paso Center for Diabetes has been at the forefront of the fight against diabetes for over 50 years. We’re excited to begin this new chapter of Center’s story, which was first made possible with a grant from the Paso del Norte Health Foundation," said Sandra Gonzalez, CEO of the El Paso Center for Diabetes. "We are deeply grateful to the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation for their generosity and commitment to improving health outcomes in El Paso. This gift allows us to turn a long-held dream into reality by making it possible to expand our programming and to reach more El Pasoans in need. Together, we are building a healthier future for El Paso."

“Supporting the health and well-being of our community is at the heart of the Hunt Family Foundation’s mission,” said Josh Hunt, President of the Hunt Family Foundation. “The El Paso Center for Diabetes is a vital resource for so many in our region. We are proud to contribute to the construction of their new building and the expansion of their programs, which will have a far-reaching and lasting impact on the lives of countless families in the Borderplex region.”

Since 1987, the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation has committed over \$40 million to support healthcare initiatives. With over 90.5% of all giving focused on the Borderplex region, the foundation is helping change the availability and delivery of healthcare for all El Pasoans. For more information about the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation, visit [huntfamilyfoundation.com](http://huntfamilyfoundation.com)

The El Paso Center for Diabetes was established in 1968. Since then, they have become a nationally recognized leader in diabetes management in El Paso, Texas, and one of a handful of nationally accredited diabetes programs within the region. For more information about the El Paso Center for Diabetes, its new facility, and how to get involved, visit [epdiabetes.org](http://epdiabetes.org).

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### **About El Paso Center for Diabetes**

The El Paso Center for Diabetes is a local, independent nonprofit offering diabetes management, prevention and support services. Since 2009, the Center has been accredited by the Association of Diabetes Care & Education Specialists. For ways the community can support and contribute, visit [epdiabetes.org](http://epdiabetes.org). During the construction period for their new facility, the Center will be fully operational from its current location at 3641 Mattox. To learn more or sign up for any of their services, call 915-532-6280.

### **About The Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation**

The Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation is one of the Borderplex’s private family foundations focused on creating a globally competitive region. Since 1987, it has made grants and commitments of over \$169.1 million to institutions working to transform education, improve healthcare, advance regional economic and cultural development, and create a greater quality of life for all Borderplex residents. Over 90% of the Foundation's total giving has supported organizations and initiatives in the Borderplex region.