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Will You Help Us With our \$50K Challenge Before Dec. 31st To Equip the New Health Clinic at the H.S. Lopez Family Foundation - Center of Opportunity?



El Rio Health is working in collaboration with Humberto Lopez, on a new building where onsite medical and dental care will be provided for people living in transitional housing at the Center of Opportunity. The Luebke's are matching, \$ for \$ contributions received by 12/31/2020 for this project up to \$50,000. The total equipment costs are \$250,000.

El Rio practitioners have been providing dental and medical services in small exam rooms inside The H.S. Lopez Family Foundation Center of Opportunity (The

Center) since it opened in May 2019. The Center, located on South Palo Verde Road, is operated by the Gospel Rescue Mission. Men, women, and children who are in transition and homeless are provided an array of services at The Center.

El Rio Health is currently on site providing outreach medical care and dental screenings for the more than 300 individuals living there at any point in time. Our present dental exam room at The Center is very basic, with minimal equipment.



\$365,000 Unexpected Bequest Gift for St. Elizabeth's Health Center – Surprises Everyone!

This beautiful example of a family's legacy will help to support the medical and dental services at St. Elizabeth's.

Helen King, William Tapolskany's sister, was a member of the King family who owned ranch property near Tucson. Helen volunteered on the "Development Committee" for the Victory Knoll Sisters who founded St Elizabeth's of Hungary in 1960. Before Helen King passed in 1989, she understood the importance of creating a legacy of support to her family AND to St. Elizabeth's, to which she was dedicated. Helen created a Charitable Remainder Trust, ensuring her family would receive income for their lifetimes, and after their passing, part of the remainder of the estate would rest with St. Elizabeth's Health Center. Helen's estate first went to her brother, Bill Tapolskany. In 2008 when Bill passed, the estate passed to his niece, Carol Tapolskany. Carol passed this year, and part of the remainder of the King/Tapolskany Charitable Remainder Trust was then gifted to St. Elizabeth's Health Center.

If you are planning to include El Rio Foundation in your estate plans, we are here to help you in any way we can. Please contact Becky Rebenstorf, Major Gifts Officer at 520-309-2415 for more information about this, stock transfers or IRA distributions.

Donor Support to COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund

We want to thank ALL the donors who have contributed so generously to El Rio's COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. Significant awards were made by the Bert W. Martin Family Foundation, Thomas R. Brown Foundations, Tucson FOUNDATIONS, Diane & Bruce Halle Family Foundation, Arizona Community Foundation, Community Foundation for Southern Arizona, Arizona Complete Health, Desert Diamond Casinos and Delta Dental of Arizona.

- El Rio Health has administered over 34,004 COVID-19 tests to date.
- Telehealth visits are available to all El Rio patients
- Food gift cards continue to be distributed to El Rio patients most in-need
- Go to <https://www.elrio.org/covid19/> for additional information

El Rio Foundation is still accepting contributions to the COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund.

El Rio Health 50 Years of Caring by Nancy Johnson, RN, PhD, El Rio Health, CEO

El Rio Santa Cruz Neighborhood Health Center began on June 29, 1970. What started as one small clinic site on the westside has now grown into multiple locations, serving 1 in 10 in Tucson and the 20th largest health center in the country. We had plans to celebrate, but the arrival of the COVID-19 pandemic realigned our lives, families, work, health care system, fundraisers and how we interact. What did not change was our commitment to our patients and gratitude for support from donors, like you.

We have been at the forefront of the pandemic response, caring for over 113,000 people. We have never been more called to our mission "to improve the health of our community through comprehensive, accessible, affordable, quality and compassionate care." We see our mission in action through our dedicated teams and the services they provide. Since COVID-19 began, we have performed over 34,000 tests, supported, and cared for over 4,500 patients who tested positive, engaged in outreach efforts to help vulnerable people, and collaborated with community partners.

As we prepare for the year ahead, we stand ready to help vaccinate and serve more people at new locations. We will also be implementing a new electronic health care records system. Most importantly we will be honoring and taking care of those who trust us with their health. I am humbled and proud to work with our leadership team and amazing employees who are dedicated to integrated, innovative, health care – this is what great primary care looks like!



Welcome St. Elizabeth's Donors

For the past nearly six years, El Rio Health and St. Elizabeth's have shared a partnership to assure that the uninsured and vulnerable members of our community have access to care. On February 28, 2020, our boards completed a merger. More benefits for patients have now been added including midwifery, behavioral health, patient eligibility, as well as access to El Rio's radiology services, pharmacies, tele-health visits, and 24/7 nurse triage care. El Rio Health is delighted to welcome St. Elizabeth's and its donors to our family! We have a specific restricted fund at El Rio Foundation that you can designate your gift for St. Elizabeth's Health Center too.



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2020 CHARITABLE GIVING UPDATES

You, members of our "El Rio Family" are an integral part of El Rio Health's history and growth. We are sincerely grateful to you and want to share information that may be of interest to you.

• NEW CHARITABLE DEDUCTION AVAILABLE FOR NON-ITEMIZERS

Under the CARES Act, taxpayers who do not itemize their deductions will be able to claim a charitable deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations made in 2020.

• CHARITABLE DEDUCTION LIMITS MODIFIED FOR INDIVIDUALS

If you made a large cash gift in 2019, you could deduct it only to the extent of 60% of your adjusted gross income (AGI).

This year, the CARES Act allows you to deduct it to the extent of your entire AGI.

• REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS (RMD) WAIVED

Under the CARES Act, for the year 2020 there will be no mandatory RMD – no matter the age of the account owner.

Noche De Fiestas - El Rio's 50th Anniversary Virtual Gala & Celebration Raises Over \$400,000

We want to thank Dominic & Myriam Ortega, Event Chairs, the Gala committee, Foundation Board & Team, donors, and volunteers. Our 2020 major event sponsors included: Pima Medical Institute, Tucson Medical Center, the Levin Family, Jani-King Southwest, Lovitt & Touché, Jim Click Automotive Team and The Click Family Foundation. This virtual event was a fantastic success, thanks to Cirrus Visual, Zona Libre, Ballet Folklorico de Arizona from Viva Performing Arts Center, our sponsors, contributors, and in-kind donors. The event raised over \$413,000 and the proceeds will help us with the expansion of care and services at the new health center being built at 3655 E. Grant Rd. (in the former Wells Fargo building).



El Rio Vecinos Prepare for a Spring Virtual Fundraiser

Daniela Siqueiros, El Rio Vecinos, 2021 Block Party Chair



We understand the anxiety and uncertainty our community is once again experiencing during COVID-19. As we all continue to navigate through these unique times, the health and well-being of our community is a top priority for the El Rio Vecinos! With this in mind, we have proactively shifted our Vecino Block Party to the Spring of 2021. Join us in March as we celebrate El Rio Foundation's 20th Anniversary through a week-long of digital and community-based experiences. We are planning to highlight the amazing work of the Foundation, why we give to El Rio, our supporters, and community partners, while bringing elements of the Vecino Block Party to YOU! We hope you will join us in supporting the amazing work El Rio Health does in our community during this week.



Free Mammograms Provided to 228 Women for Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Thanks to major support from Hope Matters Breast Cancer Foundation, Quilt For A Cause, Inc., Roche Molecular Solutions, Pyramid Federal Credit Union, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona and help from individual donors, El Rio's radiology teams at Congress, Cherrybell and Southeast provided two hundred twenty-eight mammograms for women with no insurance. We are now working with our patient eligibility teams to support those who needed further diagnostics and treatment. We are grateful to all who contribute to our cancer treatment fund.



Briskets for Breasts

The "Battle of the Breasts" benefit golf tournament has raised funds for St. Elizabeth's breast cancer treatment for years. In this pandemic year, they cancelled golf and pivoted to a new competition with the "Briskets for Breasts" event held at the Horseshoe Grill in Tucson. The \$4,088.65 raised will directly benefit uninsured patients from St. Elizabeth's Health Center who are diagnosed with breast cancer to get the care they need and deserve. El Rio Health and St. Elizabeth's work with many community partners to ensure your contributions help as many people as possible. Thank you for your support.



Programs and Areas - We Are Fundraising For In 2020-2021

The funding that we receive from donors, like you, supports the following: Adopt-A-Family, Asthma Care, Breast Cancer Screening, Cancer Treatment Fund, Children's Surgery Fund (for qualified uninsured children), COVID-19 Relief Fund, Emergency Dental Care for Qualified Adults & Children, Equipment for Dental & Medical Suites at Center of Opportunity, LGBTQ Support for patients medications & programs, New Grant & Dodge Clinic Opening 2021, Reach Out Read – Children's Literacy Program, St. Elizabeth's Health Center, Teen Reproductive Health Care (RHAP), and our Wellness Programs offered at no cost.

Will YOU Give the Gift of Health with Your Tax Credit Donation?

El Rio has grown to serve 113,000+ people across Tucson. Over 15% of those we help have no health coverage. Your donations ensure all have access to care. In 2019, the health center provided \$12 million in uncompensated charity care. In 2021, El Rio will open two new locations with expanded services for 4,000 more people in need, at the Center of Opportunity and new Grant & Dodge Road location.

Did You Know? El Rio Foundation is a qualified Arizona Charitable Tax Credit Non-profit? You can give up to \$400/single and couples up to \$800 for 2020! Please give online at elrio.org (click DONATE) or call 520-205-4947.

Our sincere thanks to El Rio donors who have shared & celebrated El Rio Health's milestone 50 Years of Service to our community!



The Arizona End of Life Care Partnership

The Partnership unites the individuals and organizations that are doing important end-of-life work in our community. The collaborators share best practices and continuous improvements in end-of-life care. As a grantee, El Rio Health engages a Registered Nurse – Advance Care Planner who works directly with healthcare teams to increase the delivery of efficient, meaningful advance care planning conversations. El Rio Health also provides training resources.

John Amoroso, Executive Director, of The David & Lura Lovel Foundation states, "Together, we are helping to create a culture-shift in the way we talk about, prepare for, and care for ourselves and our loved ones at end of life in Southern Arizona and beyond. A global pandemic and the exposure of racial inequities in health care, especially end-of-life care, has only heightened the need for this work."

As the highest funded community end-of-life care partnership of this kind in the U.S., we look forward to continuing to work toward being the most effective end-of-life care community partnership and creating best practices and models of community care for years to come.

For more information visit azeolcp@unitedwaytucson.org.

"I just want to let you know the El Rio Team have been rock stars for us during this pandemic. They have been so supportive and completely committed and responsive to all our needs. They are willing to adapt as we need to expand hours, open or close locations and reach out to their partners in other communities to help us. I don't know how we would have managed this pandemic without their help!"

Kris Page-Iverson,
Director, Tucson
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Thank you to these generous foundations and corporations for their 2020 contributions to El Rio Health's COVID-19 Relief Fund, patient programs and expansion projects. Your donations provide critical services, expanded care, and ensures that those with no or limited health insurance have access to care.

Arizona Community Foundation	Dr. Richard & Madeleine Wachter	The Benevity Community Impact Fund
Arizona Complete Health	Eaglet Fund held at Community Foundation for Southern Arizona	The H.S. Lopez Family Foundation
Bank of America	Finley Family Foundation	The J. William & Helen D. Stuart Foundation
BBVA Foundation	FHR Cares, Inc.	The Z Fund
The Bert W. Martin Foundation	Hope Matters Breast Cancer Foundation	Thomas R. Brown Foundations
BMO Wealth Management	Humana	Tucson Conquistadores
Briskets & Beasts	Jewish Community Foundation of Southern Arizona	Tucson Electric Power / UniSource Energy Services
Christiana Foundation, Inc.	Knisely Family Foundation	Tucson FOUNDATIONS
The Jim Click Automotive Team	The Lalor Foundation, Inc.	Walker Family Fund
The Click Family Foundation	LGBTQ+ Alliance Fund held at Community Foundation for Southern Arizona	Walter & Juliet T. Absolon Foundation
Colon Cancer Coalition of America	Leuthold Family Foundation	Witz-Mallinger Charitable Foundation
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona	Long Realty Cares Foundation	Wells Fargo
The Blessings DA Fund held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona	Margaret E. Mooney Foundation	Women's Foundation of Southern Arizona
Connie Hillman Family Foundation	Open Wide Open	
Consulado de Mexico en Tucson	Pacific Premier Bank	
Cox Communications	Quilt for a Cause	
The Diane & Bruce Halle Foundation	Roche Molecular Solutions	
Delta Dental of Arizona	The Samuel Foundation	
Desert Diamond Casino – Tohono O'odham Gaming Enterprise	Samuel, Son & Co. / CAID Group	
Dr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Thompson III Philanthropic Fund held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona	Summit Foundation	
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