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## **\$9.3 Million Awarded to Eight Nonprofits for Capital Projects from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation**

**SAN ANTONIO** (November 1, 2016) – Eight nonprofit organizations will receive nearly \$9.3 million in total funding for capital projects from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation. The inaugural capital grants process was created by the San Antonio Area Foundation to honor the late John L. Santikos with naming rights opportunities from nonprofits that fall under his designated areas of interest and within his eight-county region.

“The impact that the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation has on our community is tremendous. We are just beginning to experience the effects of Mr. Santikos’ vision and how that will be felt for generations to come. The Area Foundation is honored to carry out Mr. Santikos’ wishes. Our first capital grants process saw an incredible response from our nonprofit community. The projects that these nonprofits are working on are incredibly worthy, and it was an extremely competitive process. We are proud to announce our first eight nonprofits receiving this funding and look forward to the year to come when their projects will truly come to life for our community,” said Susan Steves Thompson, Vice President, Grants, Programs and Services for the San Antonio Area Foundation.

**The eight nonprofit organizations and their funding amounts are detailed below.** Funding will be made to the nonprofits in increments of one to five years.

Clarity Child Guidance Center	\$672,280	Renovation of a regional inpatient hospital facility treating children diagnosed with significant mental health needs; one-of-a-kind in San Antonio, named in honor of Mr. Santikos
El Centro del Barrio dba CentroMed	\$800,000	Only doctor-referred health, fitness and wellness center in Indian Creek – one of San Antonio’s most under-resourced zip codes (78242). New Family Wellness Center built and named for Mr. Santikos
Haven for Hope of Bexar County	\$1,000,000	New welcome center that coordinates homeless care services on the Haven for Hope campus named for Mr. Santikos
City of Hondo Public Library	\$125,000	Children’s interactive “Imagination Stations” in the new public library’s youth education center named in honor of Mr. Santikos

San Antonio Food Bank	\$500,000	Collaborative endeavor to launch the New Braunfels Food Bank. New Volunteer Engagement Center to be named for Mr. Santikos
San Antonio Sports	\$1,375,000	“School park program” to improve health in neighborhood accessible parks. Forty-one school playgrounds to be converted into community parks with the ability for neighborhoods to use parks during non-school hours, renovated and named for Mr. Santikos
Santa Rosa Children’s Hospital Foundation	\$2,500,000	Establishing the only Children’s Trauma Services program in the San Antonio region, in honor of Mr. Santikos
UT Health Science Center at San Antonio	\$2,300,000	Equipping the region’s only comprehensive institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative diseases. Third floor CT and Nuclear Medicine Suite named for Mr. Santikos.

**TOTAL IN CAPITAL GRANT FUNDING: \$9,272,280**

In an unprecedented response to the grant application, the Area Foundation received 92 proposals that totaled more than \$70 million in grant funding requests for the 2016 process.

Through a two-phase competitive application process, the Area Foundation accepted letters of inquiry in July 2016. Fourteen finalists were invited to submit a formal proposal by September 26. Criteria for the grants included:

- All requests had to demonstrate exceptional, potential impact measured by one or more of the following: 1) number of people served; 2) type and scope of impact it will foster; 3) opportunities for scalability
- Projects had to present a significant naming rights opportunity for Mr. Santikos and requests were limited to renovation, restoration, construction, acquisition and expansion projects, or programs.
- Extra consideration for proposals that also accomplished one or more of the following: be new, unique and/or introduce national best practices in the San Antonio area; align with city, county or other regional priorities; align with the Area Foundation's [High School Completion](#) and [Successfully Aging and Living in San Antonio \(SALSA\)](#) strategic initiatives; and/or seek to match or leverage national funds

To accommodate community needs and offer more funding to eligible nonprofits, the capital and naming rights process is bi-annual process that will reopen in 2018. Full application details and deadlines will be posted at [www.saafdn.org/grants](http://www.saafdn.org/grants) when it is available.

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For more than 50 years, the San Antonio Area Foundation has served as the community foundation for the San Antonio area. The Area Foundation helps donors achieve their charitable goals and serves as a collaborative leader, investing in the future of our community by bringing people together to address key community issues. The Area Foundation manages more than 500 charitable funds and \$900 million in assets. Since 1964, \$305 million for scholarships and grants have been awarded to nonprofits that educate youth, preserve the environment, protect animals, fund research and provide a variety of services that enhance the quality of life in our region. Learn more about your community foundation at [saafdn.org](http://saafdn.org).

The John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, was created by John L. Santikos – entrepreneur, real estate developer and movie theatre businessman – who died December 30, 2014. Mr. Santikos gifted the bulk of his estate to the San Antonio Area Foundation to establish his legacy, continue the successful operation of his businesses and make significant annual donations beyond his lifetime. He directed his support for nonprofits in eight Texas counties who offer a wide range of charitable programs. Learn more at [saafdn.org/santikos](http://saafdn.org/santikos).



# San Antonio Area Foundation

## John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation

### Statements from nonprofits receiving John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation funding for capital and naming rights



“Clarity Child Guidance Center is honored to be one of the inaugural investments that the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation will make in our community through the capital and naming rights funding. This commitment to children with mental health needs is an important stand for children who have been stigmatized

for far too long. We’re grateful beyond measure,” said Fred Hines, President and CEO of Clarity Child Guidance Center.



“San Antonio Sports will honor the legacy of John L. Santikos through the enhancement of our school park program. This collaborative project includes the City of San Antonio and area school districts and will create neighborhood parks at school playgrounds for public use during non-school hours. Entry

gates with the school name will clearly mark the property as a John L. Santikos School Park, instilling pride in each campus and visibly inviting the public to take full advantage of the exercise and recreational facilities after school hours. We are grateful to the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation for this tremendous opportunity to impact the health of our city,” said Russ Bookbinder, President & CEO of San Antonio Sports.

“The impact such an innovative children’s educational center will have in our community will be decidedly profound; museum quality learning environs and dynamic micro-exhibitions, will engage our children’s library patronage through recreational reading spaces, new opportunities for S.T.E.A.M. expression, and pioneering technology upgrades. We are most grateful for such generosity in underwriting this project. Through a grant from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, the Library’s “Imagination Stations” will fill a regional void for stimulating family and fieldtrip fun,” said Rachael Greve, Library Director of the Hondo Public Library.



“We are very grateful for the generous grant from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation in support of the CentroMed Indian Creek Project.

These funds will support the construction of a primary health clinic and wellness center to provide medical, dental, behavioral, and wellness services to a medically-underserved part of our south side community,” said Ernesto Gómez, Ph.D., CentroMed President & CEO.



“Receiving support from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation for our expansion into New Braunfels and Comal County allows us to complete a first-class volunteer engagement center with the Santikos name prominently displayed in it. We are excited that every future volunteer at our New Braunfels

Food Bank facility will engage in service under the banner of the Santikos name. *Santikos and service* will be forever linked due to this extraordinary gift,” said Eric S. Cooper, President & CEO of the San Antonio Food Bank.



**The Children's Hospital  
of San Antonio** Foundation  
CHRISTUS Health

“This leadership gift from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation will help The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio advance our comprehensive pediatric medical program by providing funds to expand and enhance our trauma services.

As our overall population in the city continues to grow, the number of children seeking medical care rises, and this generous gift will help us provide care for the most fragile in our community – our children. We are grateful to the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation and the commitment they’ve made to our community and look forward to honoring his legacy at The Children’s Hospital,” said Ray R. Carvajal, Chairman of the Board for The Children’s Hospital of San Antonio Foundation.



“All of us at Haven for Hope are so grateful for the magnificent grant from The John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation. The funds will be used

to greatly expand our capacity to help those in need. The John L. Santikos Welcome Center will be widely known as the place to come when help is needed. So many lives are saved at Haven, and we are appreciative of Mr. Santikos and the San Antonio Area Foundation who enable us to do much more. Certainly, we are all indebted to Mr. Santikos who unselfishly shared his wealth with our community,” said Kenneth Wilson, President & CEO of Haven for Hope.



“We are deeply grateful for the \$2.3 million gift provided by the Santikos Foundation for specialized high-powered radiological equipment. This equipment will substantially enhance our ability to accurately

diagnose and care for seniors in our community who suffer from age-related neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer’s and dementia in the new John L. Santikos CT and Nuclear Medicine Suite. More than 55,000 patients and families in South Texas are living with this irreversible condition, and the Santikos Nuclear Medicine Suite will be a critically important part of the new comprehensive Biggs Institute for Alzheimer and Neurodegenerative Diseases at the UT Health Science Center. The Biggs Institute will be the first comprehensive center of its kind in San Antonio and South Texas. The gift from the Santikos Foundation will have a profound impact and bring new hope for patients by supporting leading-edge clinical care, innovative medical research, and access to cutting-edge clinical trials that will lead to the cures of tomorrow,” said William L. Henrich, President of UT Health Science Center at San Antonio.