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**The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio will grant
nearly \$7 million dollars to non-profits TODAY**

CentroMed and ChildSafe are among the largest recipients of the grants

SAN ANTONIO (December 12, 2017) – The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio is pleased to announce that two local nonprofits will receive the second and third largest grants given in the foundation’s history, to help each organization grow and meet unmet needs in the Alamo City.

CentroMed will receive a grant to help fund its new Indian Creek Clinic that will be located on a 6-acre site at Ray Ellison Boulevard and Old Pearsall Road. That’s an area that the federal government, as well as the Metropolitan Health District, recognizes as medically underserved and in need of more health care professionals and services. Construction will include a 16,000-square-foot primary care clinic and a 19,000-square-foot fitness center. CentroMed will operate the facilities under a unique agreement with Bexar County.

ChildSafe will receive a grant to help fund its new \$30 million Salado Creek campus for children and teens who have been neglected and abused. ChildSafe outgrew its previous 13,000-square-foot because demand for its services increase each year. For example, the nonprofit served 3,408 clients in Fiscal Year 2015, an increase of 5 percent over the previous year. And in Fiscal Year 2016, client numbers climbed another 13 percent to 3,845. They also conducted 1,230 forensic interviews in 2015 and another 1,485 forensic interviews in 2016, a 21 percent increase.

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These two Baptist Health Foundation grants make up the lion's share of nearly \$7 million that the foundation is giving away to area nonprofits this year. The amount of the grants will be announced today. Included in that total, the foundation will also give nearly 1.1 million dollars in scholarships for students studying health careers.

“These organizations have a proven track record for meeting the needs of the community. And by investing in these organizations with these grants, we are investing in the well-being of San Antonians for years to come,” said Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio President and CEO Cody Knowlton.

The grants will be presented at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 12, at the First Baptist Church of San Antonio, 515 McCullough Ave. The San Antonio Police Department's Mental Health Detail will also be honored and presented with the 2017 Spirit of Health award. The public is invited to attend this free event.

The Baptist Health Foundation of San Antonio was established in September 2004 from sale proceeds of the Baptist Health System to Vanguard Health Systems of Nashville, TN. The Foundation is committed to improving the health of the community by fostering and funding clinical, educational, spiritual and scientific initiatives while honoring God and the Baptist heritage. For more information visit the Foundation online at www.bhfsa.org.

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