



AUSTIN, TX (November 30, 2009) – Three Austin organizations that serve the city’s most frail and vulnerable elderly citizens, have teamed up for an intensified holiday campaign to collect non-perishable food as well as other specific items to help comfort and sustain our at-risk elderly.

“Despite the downturn in our economy, which has most of us paying more attention to our finances, we cannot forget that we still have vulnerable elderly, who have no options, and have to rely on the assistance of the community,” said Melissa Filla, Director of Community Relations for Health Sense Home Care.

Ms. Filla said Health Sense and SouthernCare, an Austin hospice provider, have teamed up to assist Family Eldercare, an Austin non-profit organization, which serves thousands of the most frail and vulnerable elderly adults in Central Texas.

Health Sense and SouthernCare have distributed collection boxes throughout the Austin metropolitan area where the community can contribute items for the elderly. In addition to non-perishable food, Family Eldercare suggests new blankets, socks, neck warmers, caps and head covers. The collection boxes will continue accepting donated items through December 8th, after which the items will be delivered to Family Eldercare for distribution to the needy elderly beginning December 9th.

The collection boxes are at the following locations:

- Health Sense Home Care (Sponsor), 5555 N. Lamar #K-123, Austin
- SouthernCare Inc. (Sponsor), 13729 N. Hwy 183, Austin
- Shenendoah Villa, 1623 Shenendoah Drive, Cedar Park
- The Ranch, 1301 W. Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park
- Hewlett Packard, 14231 Tandem, Austin
- Central Texas Chest Clinic, 711 W. 38th St., Austin
- Dr. Roxana A. Rhodes Family Practice, 631 W. 38th St., Austin
- House Call Doctors, 7610 W. HWY 71, Austin
- South Austin Family Practice, 4534 Westgate Blvd., Austin
- Regency Village Care Center, 6500 Brush Country Rd., Austin
- Advance Pain Clinic, 4310 James Casey, Austin
- Blackstock Family Health Center, 1313 Red River Ste. 100, Austin
- Austin Skeletal Trauma Specialists, 1313 Red River Ste. 200, Austin
- Heart of Texas Cardiology, 900 E. 30th St. Ste.315, Austin
- Austin Medical Associates, 900 E. 30th St. Ste.100, Austin
- South Congress Care and Rehab, 110 E. Live Oak St., Austin
- Dr. Richard Schram, 7900 FM 1826 Ste. 170, Austin
- South Oaks Family Medicine, 7900 FM 1826 Ste. 202, Austin
- Dr. Robert M. Walters, 3705 Medical Parkway Ste. 520, Austin

- Texas Cardiovascular, 1301 W. 38th St. Ste.705, Austin
- Capital Medical Clinic, 1301 W. 38th Ste. 601,Austin
- Pulmonary & Critical Care Consultants, 1305 W. 34th Ste. 600, Austin
- Medical Park Orthopedic Clinic, 1301 W. 38th Ste.102, Austin
- Seton Heart Specialty Care & Transplant Center, 1301 W. 38th Ste.514, Austin
- Family Foot and Ankle, 8015 Shoal Creek Blvd., Ste. 119 Austin
- Texas Cardiovascular, 2200 park bend dr. Bldg. 2, Austin,
- Duval Gardens, 5301 Duval Rd., Austin
- Dr. Shulman, 11673 Jollyville Rd. Ste. B-101, Austin
- Lakeline Oaks, 1905 S. Lakeline Blvd., Cedar Park
- Specialists In Family Medicine, 901 Cypress Creek, Bldg 1, Ste. 100, Cedar Park
- Parkwood Meadows, 310 Chisolm Trail, Round Rock
- Georgetown Family Practice, 1900 Scenic Dr., Ste. 1128, Georgetown

About Family Eldercare:

Family Eldercare is the support system for some of the most frail and vulnerable people in our community. Family Eldercare has a 27-year history of providing support services to older adults, persons with disabilities and their caregivers in Central Texas and currently serves over 6,600 individuals each year. All programs are designed to prolong independent living in the least restrictive environment, and to promote the health, well-being, and dignity of our clients and their caregivers. Family Eldercare steps in to help when age, an illness or a disability changes the lives of families, neighbors and individuals. www.familyeldercare.org

Austin Office: 2210 Hancock Drive, Austin, TX 78756

Georgetown Office: 605 E. University Ave, Georgetown, TX

About Health Sense Home Care:

Our approach to medical home health care is simple. We provide quality care in the comfort of home and offer Dignity, Respect and Independence. Integrity is the standard by which we make decisions and take actions, large and small, every day. We embrace the whole person and respond to the emotional, spiritual, and physical needs of those we serve. We honor and respect the trust people have placed in us. We treat every individual as a person of worth, dignity, and value. www.callhealthsense.com

About SouthernCare Inc.:

SouthernCare Inc. has been a hospice provider in the Austin area since June of 2002. SouthernCare provides hospice services to patients who reside in private homes, group homes, assisted living facilities and skilled nursing facilities. Our mission is to assure that residents have access to a program of care that enhances the quality of life for the terminally ill and their families. Care of the whole person is emphasized by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support. Efforts are centered on meeting needs by offering highly individualized compassionate care. www.southerncareinc.com

To arrange for an interview with a Family Eldercare principal, please contact Ron Dusek at 512-779-3062 or Family Eldercare at 512-450-0844.