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**San Antonio AIDS Foundation  
Legacy Gifts of \$500,000 Helps Expand SAAF Services**

**SAN ANTONIO** – The San Antonio AIDS Foundation has recently been the recipient of two generous donations. In June 2021, \$400,000 was bequeathed from the estate of Judith Renick to SAAF. This substantial legacy provides the San Antonio AIDS Foundation with the opportunity to expand our testing services to women and provide treatment for other sexually transmitted infections (STIs). These funds will also allow us to provide more extensive prevention services, including PrEP for all and sexual health education.

Judy Renick, who passed away in November 2020, was described by friends as “Both a person of character and a real character. She was a successful person, and a generous person in life.” Mrs. Renick chose to continue her generosity in her passing, giving to organizations like SAAF because she saw us as “doing good work to help people.” She was a longtime supporter of several charities in the San Antonio community and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

SAAF was also the recipient of a house from the Estate of Anthony Matteo in late 2020. Supporters and clients of SAAF may remember Mr. Matteo as a frequent volunteer, serving meals, decorating, and spending time with clients offering support and compassion. His legacy of service to SAAF was continued with this donation upon his passing. Over the past year, the property was renovated and recently sold to a family excited to move into their new home. The sale of this property gave SAAF \$90,000 which will help sustain our HIV and STI services and sexual health education programs with a special focus on LGBTQ+ youth.

“These generous gifts will help us expand our services and sustain our continuum of care for our clients,” said SAAF CEO Cherise Rohr-Allegrini. “This support allows us to continue our mission in providing compassionate care to individuals living with HIV, provide treatment for STIs and educational resources for all in the San Antonio community. We are so grateful and honored by the gifts from these generous donors.”

**ABOUT THE SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION**

SAAF’s mission is to prevent the spread of HIV and STIs and provide compassionate, comprehensive services to individuals living with HIV. Founded in 1986 as a volunteer-run hospice by Robert Edwards, known as Papa Bear, the San Antonio AIDS Foundation (SAAF) was the first community-based organization created in response to the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in San Antonio. Over the years SAAF has evolved to provide comprehensive out-patient care and support services to individuals living with HIV, treatment for STIs, prevention and education to the greater San Antonio community.

To learn more about the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, visit [www.SanAntonioAIDS.org](http://www.SanAntonioAIDS.org) or call Khalen Garcia, Director of Communications and Development, at 225-4715, ext. 186.