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**San Antonio AIDS Foundation
Nourishing SAAF Grand-Reopening
SAAF Cafeteria Now Open To Clients For Indoor Dining**

SAN ANTONIO – The San Antonio AIDS Foundation is proud to announce the grand reopening of their cafeteria for clients to enjoy while fueling up for the day. SAAF since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic implemented safety protocols to protect their most susceptible clients and staff from exposure to COVID-19. New procedural protocols including telehealth services for clients helped to keep clients in routine care while protecting the most vulnerable. SAAF’s hot meals program called “Nourishing SAAF” had to adjust to constantly changing updates regarding social distancing and occupancy limits by closing the cafeteria and offering meals-to-go. With the steady trend of more people getting vaccinated within the city the San Antonio AIDS Foundation will be once again opening its doors for clients on October 18th, 2021.

Clients will be able to enjoy a nourishing hot meal indoors while interacting within the SAAF community. As the holidays approach, after a solemn year, SAAF hopes that the joy of socializing and the comfort of having a stable place to stay and dine will help our clients feel supported and protected from the upcoming seasonal changes. The hot meals program offers meals 365 days a year for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Nourishing SAAF provided 30,984 meals-to-go to clients in need since the pandemic started in 2020. SAAF expects to see an increase in the number of meals prepared for people living with HIV by offering more ways to maintain a healthy and nourishing lifestyle while protecting those most vulnerable with safety protocols and social distancing implementation.

ABOUT THE SAN ANTONIO AIDS FOUNDATION

The San Antonio AIDS Foundation (SAAF) is the first community-based organization created in response to the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in San Antonio. SAAF was founded in 1986 as a volunteer-run hospice by Robert Edwards, known as Papa Bear. In 1991, SAAF moved to its present facility on 818 E. Grayson Street, a former nursing home. SAAF has provided residential nursing/hospice services for almost 30 years to well over 1,500 unduplicated individuals with HIV/AIDS. SAAF’s mission is to prevent the spread of HIV and provide compassionate, comprehensive services to individuals affected by HIV/AIDS. Its vision is a community free of HIV.

To learn more about the San Antonio AIDS Foundation, visit www.SanAntonioAIDS.org or call Kalen Garcia, Director of Communications and Development, at 225-4715, ext. 186.