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# NEWS RELEASE

## TOP COMMUNITY LEADERS, MEDICAL OFFICIALS JOIN FORCES TO HELP EL CENTRO DE CORAZON EXPAND

*Judge and Mrs. Emmett Chair "Making A Difference" Luncheon  
Supporting El Centro's East End, Sunnyside Clinics*

Judge Emmett and his wife, Gwen, will join with community and medical leaders from around the county Friday afternoon to help support El Centro de Corazon's continuing efforts to provide quality health care to residents of Houston's East End and the greater Harris County community.

The Emmetts will chair the fourth annual "*Making a Difference*" luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, April 8, at Hotel ZaZa, 5701 Main Street in Houston. More than 300 health care professionals and community leaders are expected to attend the event, which also will honor Melissa and Bill King with the 2011 Making a Difference Award for their involvement with El Centro de Corazon. Dr. Roberta Ness, dean of the University of Texas School of Public Health, will serve as keynote speaker, and Melissa Wilson, anchor at KRIV Fox 26 Houston, will lead as emcee.

The luncheon benefits El Centro de Corazon's clinics in Houston's East End and Sunnyside communities. El Centro de Corazon, a non-profit organization, began offering an everyday after-hours pediatric clinic last year in an effort to reduce primary care related emergency room visits and to accommodate the schedules of working parents. The same year, El Centro also began offering prenatal and accompanying behavioral health services at the City of Houston's Sunnyside Health Center. El Centro remains committed to expanding its services and locations to meet the growing need, with plans to expand medical services into two MHMRA outpatient clinics and to open pediatric dental services at its Dunn Clinic.

For more information on the luncheon, contact Michele Leal at (713) 926-1849, extension 136, or [mleal@elcentrohc.org](mailto:mleal@elcentrohc.org).