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Settegast Health Center Employees Go To “Jail” for Patients

Employees raise money for annual CARE Project

HOUSTON (Sept. 29, 2006) – Several Settegast Health Center employees will be going to “jail” for the next two weeks to benefit their patients.

Employees will be raising money for their annual CARE Project, a Harris County Hospital District program in which employees donate their time and money to help patients’ families during the holiday season by distributing food and toys.

Staff will be escorted to the “Settegast Health Center Jail,” where they will stay until their “bail” is posted. To post bail, the jailbirds have to ask co-workers for donations; otherwise, they stay in jail with just bread and water.

“We enjoy giving to our patients,” said Billie Fitzpatrick, Settegast CARE Project coordinator. “Last year we were able to help 24 families, but this year we are determined to help more.”

Settegast employees hope to raise enough money to help 60 families. They plan to make 30 Thanksgiving baskets and 30 Christmas baskets, which will include a 10-12 pound turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, vegetables, candied yams, cake mix, frosting, tea or soda, and bread. In addition to the food, the Christmas baskets will each contain age-appropriate toys for each family’s children.

The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation’s third most populous county. It provides more than 1.1 million health care visits each year to uninsured and underinsured residents of Harris County. The district operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, eight school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and four mobile health units.

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