



# Harris County Hospital District

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Baytown Health Center to Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Valentine's Day**

HOUSTON (Feb. 7, 2007) – The Harris County Hospital District's Baytown Health Center, the second health center ever opened within the district's Community Health Program, will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Valentine's Day.

Its first location was in the basement of the old San Jacinto Hospital on Decker Road. It then moved to a building on West Main Street until August 1973, when it re-opened at 807 West Sterling. In 1990, the center moved to its present location on Garth Road.

"For the past 40 years we've taken care of our patients in the Baytown community," said Irma Gonzalez, director of the Baytown Health Center. "We offer convenient primary care close to our patients' homes and plan to do so for a long time."

The health center has 21 exam rooms and hosted 53,843 center visits and 41,411 physician visits last year. The center is anticipating building upon that huge number even further by expanding an additional 6,700 square feet in the next year. The expansion will add three exam rooms, a special procedure room and increase the pharmacy from two windows to six.

Baytown offers adult and pediatric care, along with eye, mental and behavioral health, podiatry, nutrition, pharmacy, laboratory and immunizations, along with many other services.

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 hospital 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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