



El Centro de Corazón
Celebrating 20 Years of Service

For Immediate Release

El Centro de Corazón's Seventh Annual "Making a Difference" Luncheon

El Centro de Corazón (El Centro), a nonprofit organization and Federally Qualified Health Care Center (FQHC) that provides affordable health care to low income families residing Houston's East End, has announced its **7th Annual "Making a Difference" Luncheon**. This year's luncheon will be celebrating El Centro's 20th year of service to the East End and greater Houston area, while also honoring the work of founder **Mary Jo May**. We are also proud to announce **Houston Methodist** as the 20th Anniversary Title Sponsor for this year's luncheon.

Seventh Annual "Making a Difference" Luncheon

Featuring guest emcee, KHOU's Lisa Hernandez, the luncheon will be a retrospective of El Centro's and Mary Jo's work throughout the East End and the greater Houston area over the past 20 years.

Chairpersons: **Reinnette & Stan Marek and Margaret & Joel Shannon**

Honorary Chairpersons: **Harris County Judge Ed Emmett & Gwen Emmett**

Host Committee Chairpersons: **Philamena & Arthur Baird**

Emcee: **Lisa Hernandez**, KHOU 11 Anchor

EVENT TIME & DATE

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 11:15am-1:00pm

WHERE:

Hilton Americas – Houston
1600 Lamar St.
Houston, TX 77010

LUNCHEON PROCEEDS

The luncheon will benefit low-income, medically underserved children, adults and families who reside in the East End. In all, the East End has a population of nearly 100,000 residents, with 87% being uninsured. Approximately 98% of El Centro's patients live at/or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Index.

Proceeds from the luncheon will be utilized to help El Centro provide comprehensive and coordinated health care services, which include: adult and pediatric primary care, women's health, dental and behavioral health services.

Admission:

Individual Tickets \$200.00
Tables start at \$3,500.00

Registration:

Visit the website at
www.elcentrodecorazon.org

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"Celebrating El Centro's 20th anniversary highlights its deep-rooted commitment to address the needs of the community in both the East End and the greater Houston area."

-Marcie Mir, LCSW
CEO,
El Centro de Corazón