

November 13, 2014

Members of the Board of Managers  
Central Health  
1111 East Cesar Chavez  
Austin, Texas 78702

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

As fellow citizens of Austin, the members of the Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team share your heartfelt concern for the welfare of this city. We ask for your support of an essential tool, the Rundberg Health Needs Assessment, which will quantitatively and qualitatively evaluate the health and well being of the residents of the Rundberg neighborhood.

Like Central Health, the members of the Restore Rundberg Revitalization Team are volunteers devoting many hours a week toward bettering the lives of the people of Austin, Travis County. After a year of intensive study of one of the most poverty ridden areas of the city, we believe that attention directed toward the identification of those factors which underlie and promote poor health in this densely populated tract will provide meaningful areas of intervention as well as strengthen a fragmented community.

After consulting with the staff of City of Austin HHSC and Central Health as well as that of ATCIC, Community Care Collaborative, CommUnityCare, Seton and the Brackenridge Specialty Clinics, Seton Topfer Clinic and People's Community Clinics, we have found that there is no specific data on the health needs of the Rundberg area, despite a recent healthcare study. In the previous study, this locality is a part of multiple geographically adjacent areas which makes analysis of the information specific to the Rundberg area impossible.

At this time, we have begun a Rundberg Health Needs Assessment, designed and implemented by the Latino HealthCare Forum. The assessment is being done with the support of the Restore Rundberg Project (a Department of Justice Federal Grant Recipient), the Austin Police Department, the University of Texas School of Social Work, the City of Austin Division of Health and Human Services, and the St. David's Foundation. We are working closely with your health care partner, CommUnityCare, and request the active participation of Central Health in this comprehensive neighborhood health incentive.

We agree with you in believing "that healthy people are vital to a healthy community". With your help, together we can lead the way to better health for all of the Central Texans living in the Rundberg area.

Sincerely,

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