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Guadalupe Regional Medical Center's Prescription Program Reaches \$20 Million in Prescription Assistance to 2,200 Patients

(Seguin, Texas – May 5, 2008)--The Prescription Assistance Program (PAP), sponsored by Guadalupe Regional Medical Center (GRMC), recently achieved an impressive milestone of dispensing over \$20 million in prescriptions to 2,200 patients. In its eighth year of helping Guadalupe County residents, the program helps low-income clients obtain prescription medicines, at no or low cost, for chronic conditions such as asthma, diabetes, depression, glaucoma, high blood pressure and high cholesterol,.

In addition, PAP recently developed a new program called the Drug Acquisition Program (DAP). The DAP focuses on providing expensive chemotherapy agents

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and rescue drugs for cancer patients. This facet of the program has provided over \$1 million worth of medications for 28 patients since the program began in August, 2006.

GRMC's Chief Executive Officer Robert Haynes says, "We are very proud of the PAP because of the important public service it provides to many area residents who have limited income and must take long-term medications." The program can usually help people if their annual income is less than \$19,000 for a single person or about \$30,000 for a family and have chronic medication needs they can't afford.

The current requirements to participate in the program are:

- 1) U.S. citizenship
- 2) low/fixed income
- 3) taking long-term medications
- 4) doctor in Guadalupe County
- 5) pay \$15/month administrative fee
- 6) not on prescription co-pay insurance such as V.A. benefit or Medicaid
- 7) able to pick up prescriptions at PAP office on N. King Street, Seguin, Mon., Wed., or Fri. between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

If you feel you may benefit from this program, or know someone that may, please contact your (local) doctor to ask them to refer you to the program. If you have questions about the program, please call Yolanda at 379-8655 or Cindy at 401-7603.

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