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**PROJECT ACCESS RECEIVES GRANT FROM COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS
SUPPORTING NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCE CENTERS IN EULESS AND GARLAND, TX**

Grant Supports Resident Services in Affordable and Workforce Housing Communities

ORANGE, Calif. (June 16, 2022) – Project Access has received a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from Communities Foundation of Texas, based in Dallas, Texas. This grant commitment is designated towards Project Access family and senior resource centers that provide vital services to residents in affordable and workforce housing communities in the Texas cities of Euless and Garland.

The services of Project Access, as supported by the Communities Foundation of Texas, are delivered right in residents' backyards, providing direct tools and opportunities to under-resourced individuals to stabilize and empower themselves and their households. This approach to service delivery embeds Project Access into the fabric of the community, allowing the non-profit to build trust with its residents while also eliminating significant service barriers like transportation, childcare, and cost.

“At Project Access, we believe access to vital on-site health, education, employment services, and economic services for families, children, and seniors is vitally important and supports positive outcomes on a myriad of levels,” said Kristin Byrnes, Chief Executive Officer, and President of Project Access. “This generous grant from Communities Foundation of Texas will go a long way in helping us to fulfill our service duties at our two Project Access communities in Texas.”

Project Access, based in Orange, California, operates family and senior resource centers in affordable and workforce housing communities across the country. Since the first Project Access Resource Center opened in Santa Ana, California, in 1999, it has grown to over 80 communities and this year anticipates serving over 27,500 individuals in 13 states. The specialized programs offered by Project Resource Centers are developed to achieve positive resident outcomes such as academic achievement, financial stability, and improved access to health services.

“Advancing equity is a priority for Communities Foundation of Texas, and we are grateful for the services that Project Access provides in our Texas communities,” said Wende Burton, chief philanthropy officer at Communities Foundation of Texas. “They are helping individuals most in need and working to ensure our fellow Texans can receive the proper support to achieve successful futures.”

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ABOUT PROJECT ACCESS

Project Access is based in Orange, California, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. It operates family and senior Resource Centers in over 80 affordable and workforce housing communities nationwide. Residents receive vital on-site health, education, and employment services from cultivating strong communities, positive changes, and hopeful futures. Since the first Project Access Resource Center opened in Santa Ana, California, in 1999, it has grown exponentially, and this year anticipates serving over 27,500 individuals in 16 states across the country.

ABOUT COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION OF TEXAS

The mission of Communities Foundation of Texas (CFT) is to improve the lives of all people in our community by investing in their health, wealth, living, and learning. CFT works to accomplish this by growing community giving, expanding community impact, and advancing community equity.

With a vision of building thriving communities for all, CFT works locally and across the state with many individuals, families, companies, foundations, and nonprofits through a variety of charitable funds and strategic grantmaking initiatives. CFT professionally manages more than 1,200 charitable funds and has awarded more than \$2 billion in grants since its founding in 1953.

CFT is committed to serving and understanding donor needs, expertly handling complex gifts, wisely managing charitable funds, and leveraging its community knowledge to increase charitable impact, in addition to powering several initiatives including the W. W. Caruth, Jr. Fund at CFT, CFT for Business, Educate Texas at CFT, Emerging Leaders in Philanthropy at CFT, GiveWisely, and CFT's North Texas Giving Day. CFT's North Texas Giving Day raised over \$66 million on a single day in 2021 to help over 3,300 North Texas nonprofits. Learn more at www.CFTexas.org.

More information about Project Access is available at www.project-access.org.

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