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**CLARITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER UNVEILS  
NEWLY RENOVATED SANTIKOS LIVING UNIT**

***Clarity CGC, recipient of inaugural grant from John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, improves inpatient facility for treating children with mental illness***

SAN ANTONIO – Children hospitalized for mental illness need a comfortable, child-focused place to get well. Now, thanks to a grant from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, Clarity Child Guidance Center has improved its inpatient facility to create a more healing environment for its young patients.

Clarity CGC, a not-for-profit mental health treatment center serving children ages 3 – 17, unveils its newly renovated Santikos Living Unit on Nov. 14. Improvements include bringing rooms up to ADA compliance, ensuring energy efficiency through lighting and window upgrades, adding card reader access for patient security and privacy, and new fixtures and furniture.

“A warm and welcoming environment for children and their families is an important part of treatment, and the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation recognized this need in our community,” said Clarity CGC President & CEO Fred Hines. “Clarity CGC is honored to receive one of the foundation’s inaugural capital investments to help address the needs of children facing mental illness.”

Clarity CGC was one of eight nonprofit organizations to receive capital grants totaling \$9.3 million from the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, in 2016.

Clarity CGC offers a full range of services for children and teenagers experiencing emotional and behavioral problems, serving nearly 9,000 children each year. Every treatment program is individually structured to meet a patient’s specific needs. All services are provided by a staff of specially trained professionals, with a maximum of one-to-three staff-to-patient ratio to ensure children and adolescents receive proper care.

For more information on Clarity CGC, visit online at [ClarityCGC.org](http://ClarityCGC.org) or call 887-676-KIDS (5437).

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## ABOUT CLARITY CHILD GUIDANCE CENTER

[Clarity Child Guidance Center](#) (CGC) is the only not-for-profit organization in South Texas providing crisis assessment, inpatient, outpatient and day treatment mental health care to children ages 3-17.

Clarity CGC offers the region's largest concentration of child and adolescent psychiatrists, with its onsite affiliation with Southwest Psychiatric Physicians. In addition, the center serves as a teaching hospital for The UT Health San Antonio and Baylor College of Medicine. Clarity CGC's treatment network includes an eight-acre campus in the South Texas Medical Center with a 66-bed hospital and six-bed Crisis Assessment Center, as well as a Clarity Child Guidance Clinic located on the West Side of San Antonio .

Clarity CGC is also committed to removing the stigma often associated with mental illness and has created the [One in Five Minds](#) campaign to raise awareness and educate the community, parents, professionals, and leaders about mental illness. Learn more and take the pledge at [1in5minds.org](http://1in5minds.org).

Clarity CGC is a United Way agency and serves children in need, regardless of their family's ability to pay.

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