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## COMMUNITY AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

### Press Release

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# ***CHILD CRISIS CENTER New Indoor/Outdoor Recreation Facility Ground Breaking Ceremony***

**WHAT:** Ground Breaking Ceremony – New Indoor/Outdoor Recreation Facility

**WHEN:** Wednesday, December 19, 2007 @ 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** The Child Crisis Center of El Paso – 2100 N. Stevens

**El Paso, Texas** - The Child Crisis Center of El Paso will host a ground breaking ceremony for their newly constructed indoor/outdoor recreation facility used by the children at the center. This construction project will provide a larger recreation area which includes:

- an indoor jungle gym,
- library,
- dining area
- recreation table space, and
- a computer lab space.

The connected indoor/outdoor recreation facility will provide necessary security and safety improvements such as moving the current parking spaces away from child/ pedestrian traffic, the addition of an electronic security door, construction of a safety barrier and handicap accessibility at the rear entrance. The project also included an enlarged pantry area and additional office space.

The Department of Community and Human Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, funded the new indoor/outdoor recreation facility for \$458,000. The project's design was funded in the 32<sup>nd</sup> CDBG Year (2006-2007) for \$27,844. Construction for the project was funded in the 33<sup>rd</sup> CDBG Year (2007-2008) for \$342,573  
Total CDBG funding: **\$370,417**

*CDBG Improvements included:*

- *Major remodeling to enclose existing covered patio and courtyard and convert into a picnic theme play-land area;*
- *enlarge the pantry area*
- *relocate the administrative offices and family visitation area*
- *installation of security door*
- *fencing around parking spaces to allow children safe travel access to playground*
- *extension of playground*

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