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NEW RAWLINGS DENTAL CLINIC OPEN HOUSE

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- WHAT:** OPEN HOUSE – Newly constructed Rawlings Dental Clinic
- WHEN:** Wednesday, December 19, 2007 @ 3:00 pm
- WHERE:** Rawlings Dental Clinic – 3301 Pera Street

El Paso, Texas – The old Rawlings Health Clinic located at 3301 Pera, has been demolished to make room for the new Rawlings Dental Clinic. The new Dental Clinic will enable the El Paso Department of Public Health to provide state-of-the-art dental services for the community. This new clinic also replaced the existing clinic located at Tillman Center (222 S. Campbell).

The Department of Community and Human Development's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funded the project in the 31st CDBG Year (2005-2006) for a total of \$777,223 to include:

- demolition of the existing building and replacing it with a new 3,600 square foot clinic;
- improvements to the mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems.

1998 and 2002 City Bond Issues (\$246,009) completed the cost of the project to include 5 dental chairs – **for a total project cost of \$1,023,232 (including the CDBG funding)**.

HISTORY: *The health clinic located, at 3301 Pera, had been vacant for over 7 years due to unsafe conditions and the high cost of the major repairs that was urgently needed. The new dental clinic is located in a low income area of Central El Paso. This new construction will enable many low-income families to have the opportunity to benefit from high quality dental care.*

The mission of the Department of Community and Human Development is to serve as a catalyst for community partnerships, collaboration and change that will revitalize low income neighborhoods; enhance human services; promote accessibility; expand housing opportunities; and generally improve the quality of life for low and moderate income persons.

