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CHILDREN AT RISK Receives \$100,000 Grant from Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation to Support Children's Immigration Network

EL PASO, TX (January xx, 2024) – CHILDREN AT RISK (C@R), a leading research and advocacy organization, is proud to announce the receipt of a \$100,000 grant from the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation. This generous grant will significantly bolster the efforts of the Children's Immigration Network (CIN), a vital initiative of C@R that focuses on supporting first and second-generation immigrant children in Texas, including those in mixed-status households, with temporary protected status, undocumented children, and refugee children.

“This grant is a game-changer for us,” said Linda Corchado, director of the Children's Immigration Network at CHILDREN AT RISK. “The funds will enable us to deepen our research and advocacy work and create more collaborative measures to support immigrant families in our state. Our goal is to reduce barriers and depoliticize the lives of immigrant children, who are an integral part of our future and economy.”

The Children's Immigration Network has been instrumental in shedding light on the challenges faced by immigrant children in Texas. Home to approximately 8.9 million immigrants, Texas has a significant number of immigrant children who lack access to language, education, and social support. C@R's comprehensive approach includes research, collaboration, advocacy, and community outreach to address these issues effectively.

“This funding is a critical step towards developing a comprehensive policy and advocacy agenda to protect and uplift the lives of immigrant children,” said Gina Martinez, regional director for El Paso and the Texas Border at CHILDREN AT RISK. “We are committed to helping children succeed and thrive in our communities.”

With the support of the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation, C@R will focus on creating robust baseline data to identify and scale existing barriers, strengthening collaborative efforts in education, health, and immigration, and advocating for policy changes at the state and federal levels to support the educational success of immigrant children.

“Texas’s future rests with the next generation, and it is in everyone’s interest to ensure that our young people are able to reach their full potential, no matter their background,” said Woody L. Hunt, Chairman of the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation. “Our support for the Children's Immigration Network aligns with our foundation's commitment to invest in education, quality of life and economic development initiatives that will help us build a resilient

border region, and a stronger Texas. We are proud to partner with CHILDREN AT RISK in this important endeavor.”

This partnership marks a significant milestone in the journey towards creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for immigrant children in Texas.

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About the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation

The Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation is a private family foundation that supports initiatives focused on education, economic development, healthcare, and quality of life in the El Paso border region. The foundation is committed to fostering positive social and economic change in the community.

About CHILDREN AT RISK

CHILDREN AT RISK is a research and advocacy nonprofit leading the way in improving the quality of life for Texas’ children. CHILDREN AT RISK considers the whole child by tracking issues in children’s health, safety, education, and economic security to improve equity and justice for all Texas families. Committed to action beyond the data, CHILDREN AT RISK drives evidence-based change by speaking out on behalf of children. For more information, visit childrenatrisk.org, [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).