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## **\$625,000 Gift to YWCA El Paso del Norte Region to Transform Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch in the Lower Valley**

*Gift will modernize facility, expanding services for families across El Paso's Lower Valley*

**El Paso, Texas** – The Woody L. Hunt and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation has awarded a \$625,000 gift to the YWCA El Paso del Norte Region to support the renovation of the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch, a critical community resource serving families in El Paso's Lower Valley.

The investment will modernize the branch, expand programming capacity, and enhance the safety and functionality of the facility. These improvements will allow the YWCA to continue meeting the Lower Valley community's evolving needs without requiring a full closure for major renovations. The Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch currently serves approximately **2100 families each year**, providing access to early childhood education, youth development programs, and family support systems.

"This investment represents more than bricks and mortar – it's about strengthening families and creating spaces where opportunities can grow," said **Sereka Barlow, CEO of the YWCA of El Paso del Norte Region**. "We are deeply grateful to the Woody L. Hunt and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation for their continued commitment to women, children, and families in El Paso. The Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch has been a cornerstone of the Lower Valley for decades. This renovation ensures we can continue meeting the evolving needs of our community with dignity, quality and care."

For the Hunt family, the project carries special personal significance. The branch is named in honor of **Dorothy Woodley Hunt**, whose legacy of service and generosity continues to shape the family's philanthropic work.

"This branch carries my mother's name, and with it, her deep belief in lifting up families and strengthening communities here in El Paso," said **Woody L. Hunt, Chairman of the Woody L. Hunt and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation**. "Supporting the renovation of the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch is both a personal honor and a reflection of our family's longstanding partnership with the YWCA. We are proud to invest in a place that has meant so much to the Lower Valley and to help ensure it continues serving families for years to come."

There is a multi-phase plan underway to renovate the Dorothy Woodley Hunt Branch. Construction began in April 2025, and Phase I was completed in October 2025. Phase I included essential improvements to the roof and foundation, as well as the creation of a new community room. To date, \$1.2 million has been invested in this multi-phase project thanks to City of El Paso ARPA funding and private donations.

“My grandmother believed deeply in the power of community and the importance of creating spaces where families could thrive,” said **Josh Hunt, President of the Woody L. Hunt and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation**. “Seeing her name on this branch is a source of pride for our family. This grant honors her legacy by ensuring the facility continues to serve Lower Valley families for generations to come.”

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### **About YWCA**

YWCA El Paso del Norte Region is on a mission to eliminate racism, empower women stand up for social justice, help families, and strengthen communities. The El Paso del Norte Region is part of an international movement serving over 2 million in the United States and 25 million worldwide. For comprehensive information about this important work, go to: [www.ywcaelpaso.org](http://www.ywcaelpaso.org).

### **About the Woody L. Hunt and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation**

The Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation is one of the Borderplex’s private family foundations focused on creating a globally competitive region. Since 1987, it has made grants and commitments of over \$169.1 million to institutions working to transform education, improve healthcare, advance regional economic and cultural development, and create a greater quality of life for all Borderplex residents. Over 90% of the Foundation's total giving has supported organizations and initiatives in the Borderplex region.