

# WellMed Charitable Foundation presents \$125,000 to nine Corpus Christi charities

WellMed Charitable Foundation presented several Corpus Christi charities with donations totaling \$125,000.

The donations come from WellMed employees in the Corpus Christi area, with matches from WellMed Medical Management. It's part of the nonprofit Foundation's GIVE program, the health care company's annual employee giving campaign.

Employees from all of the markets that WellMed serves voluntarily give up a portion of their regular paycheck for redistribution to local charities. Most of the charities are nonprofit organizations that support caregivers and older adults. In Corpus Christi, most of the money — \$85,000 — is designated for Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

Charities benefiting from the donations are: Rebuilding Together, American Red Cross, Wesley Community Center, The Salvation Army, Coastal Bend Food Bank, Area Agency on Aging of the Coastal Bend, Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group, Face to Face and Corpus Christi Parks and Recreation.

Four Corpus Christi City Council members — Rudy Garza Jr., Paulette M. Guajardo, Michael T. Hunter and Ben Molina — attended an event at the Zavala Senior Community Center where the donations were announced.

The foundation also contributes to caregiver support services in the Coastal Bend and half the operating budget for the Zavala Senior Community Center, which it operates in partnership with the City of Corpus Christi.



Dr. Sarita Warrick of WellMed at Wooldridge speaks. CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Paulette Guajardo (from left), Ben Molina, Michael Hunter, Ron Aaron Eisenberg (event MC), Rudy Garza Jr. and Carol Zernial, executive director of the WellMed Charitable Foundation CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



The Rev. Beth Tatum of the Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group speaks. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



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