

# METHODIST HEALTHCARE MINISTRIES

IMPROVING THE PHYSICAL,  
MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL HEALTH  
OF THOSE LEAST SERVED

Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. is a private, faith-based, not-for-profit organization dedicated to creating access to health care for the uninsured in South Texas through direct care services, community partnerships and strategic grant-making. Direct care includes primary care medical and dental services, support services like counseling, case management and social services, and recreation and enrichment, parenting programs and church-based community nursing programs.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries provides financial support through grant-making to organizations that are already effectively fulfilling the needs of the underserved in local communities through programs and services that they already operate.

Methodist Healthcare Ministries also works with similarly focused organizations and state government in developing more socially conscious public policy. The purpose is to change legislative perspectives and policies so that the root of the problems of the underserved is addressed for the long-term.

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# SÍ TEXAS PROJECT:

## SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR A HEALTHY SOUTH TEXAS

Methodist Healthcare Ministries' Sí Texas: Social Innovation for a Healthy South Texas project, a Social Innovation Fund program, stimulates local solutions that improve both physical and behavioral health together, such as diabetes and depression.

Sí Texas focuses on integrated behavioral health models that are effectively improving health outcomes in communities with high rates of poverty, depression, diabetes, obesity and associated risk factors. The project targets twelve South Texas counties: Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Willacy, Kenedy, Brooks, Jim Hogg, Zapata, Duval, Jim Wells, Kleberg and Webb. The project is the result of an investment from the Social Innovation Fund of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and leverages both federal and non-federal dollars to South Texas that otherwise would not have been available to the region.



The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) combines public and private resources to grow the impact of innovative,

community-based solutions that have compelling evidence of improving the lives of people in low-income communities throughout the United States. The SIF invests in three priority areas: economic opportunity, healthy futures, and youth development. To learn more, visit [nationalservice.gov/SIF](http://nationalservice.gov/SIF).

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**Tropical Texas Behavioral Health**, one of the first Local Mental Health Authorities in Texas, makes an extensive array of behavioral health services accessible to low-income and uninsured residents in the lower Rio Grande Valley diagnosed with severe and persistent mental illness, co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders, and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through the Sí Texas Project, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health is implementing a Reverse Co-location model in Brownsville, and aims to accomplish the key elements of the Wagner model for effective chronic illness care. The approach is called "reverse" co-location, because it is more common to integrate mental health providers into a primary care setting than to integrate primary care providers into a mental health setting. An important aspect of this model is the use of a collaborative, interdisciplinary provider team, which functions with the help of a care coordinator.

