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**Vivent Health Receives Grant from St. David's Foundation to Expand Access to HIV Care and Treatment in Central Texas**

**AUSTIN** - [Vivent Health](#), one of the nation's leading providers of HIV care, treatment, and prevention, is proud to announce it was recently awarded a \$1,167,249 grant from [St. David's Foundation](#) to expand equitable access to HIV care and treatment for people living with HIV in Central Texas.

"This funding reflects St. David's Foundation's ongoing investment in community-based organizations like Vivent Health that work to ensure life-changing care reaches individuals who might otherwise go without," said Brandon Hill, Ph.D., Vivent Health President & CEO. "St. David's Foundation is a long-time supporter of Vivent Health in Austin, having funded our dental program over the past decade. This three-year grant will be pivotal in our efforts to further expand access to HIV care and treatment for some of the most marginalized individuals we care for, helping us remove barriers and advance health equity across the Central Texas community."

"Organizations like Vivent Health work every day to deliver care and stability in a rapidly changing environment," said Edward Burger, President & CEO, St. David's Foundation. "This investment reflects our commitment to standing with community, strengthening the safety net, and investing in the systems that help individuals flourish and communities thrive."

Vivent Health in Austin provides care to more than 3,000 people living with HIV, the majority of whom are people of color — including 23% Black and 40% Hispanic/Latinx — as well as individuals who are uninsured (61%) and living below 200% of the federal poverty level (68%). Through an integrated, patient-centered model of care, Vivent Health has helped 95% of its patients achieve viral suppression, which means a person living with HIV can live a full life expectancy and is unable to transmit HIV to others.

These outcomes significantly surpass both the national viral suppression rate of 67% and the Austin rate of 68%. Notably, 91% of Vivent Health's Black patients and 97% of its Hispanic/Latinx patients have achieved viral suppression — far exceeding national rates of 64% and 66%, respectively, and Austin rates of 91% and 70% (AIDSvu, 2022). Together, these results underscore the importance of investing in safety-net providers like Vivent Health to advance health equity and close persistent gaps in HIV outcomes.

### **About Vivent Health**

Vivent Health's mission is to end HIV/AIDS. We do this by providing integrated, personalized, judgment-free healthcare, social services, and effective prevention strategies. We are a multi-state organization, but our approach is community-driven — we meet people where they are, providing access to the personalized care and resources they need. Whether it's HIV or PrEP care, STI/HIV testing and treatment, or critical social services, Vivent Health is here to help people live their healthiest lives.

Vivent Health currently cares for nearly 19,000 people living with and vulnerable to HIV and sexually transmitted infections, as well as countless people at risk for opioid overdose. Vivent Health has clinics in Denver, CO; Chicago, IL; Detroit and Ypsilanti, MI; St. Louis and Kansas City, MO; Austin, TX, and 10 cities throughout Wisconsin including Milwaukee. Learn more at [www.ViventHealth.org](http://www.ViventHealth.org).