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San Antonio – July 19, 2021 – Endeavors, a nonprofit organization that supports vulnerable people in crisis, has secured its first corporate donation to benefit the Veteran clients of the soon-to-open Endeavors Veteran Wellness Center. Dallas-based Energy Transfer has committed \$250,000 to help fund the Wellness Center's fitness center.

Designed to be inclusive of all levels of ability, the fitness center's equipment accommodates those who depend on wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility aids as well as those who don't.

"Fitness is so important for the mind-body connection," Dr. Jill E. Palmer, LCSW, Endeavors' Acting Chief of Behavioral Health, said. "Being able to move more and exercise several times a week can decrease depression and anxiety and support recovery, to name a few benefits. The fitness center will help Veterans and their family members realize their goals and choose wellness every day at their fitness level."

According to Energy Transfer's Vice President of Corporate Communications, Vicki Granado, the company has a long history of giving back to organizations that support Veterans. "Recognizing and supporting our country's Veterans has always been important to Energy Transfer and to our employees across the country. We are especially honored to be able to support the Veteran Wellness Center, an amazing facility in San Antonio that will provide unmatched services for Veterans and their families."

In addition to the fitness center, the Veteran Wellness Center will provide integrated behavioral health driven by the vision to restore and improve quality of life and reduce suicides through the Endeavors Wellness Model.

The Veteran Wellness Center complements services already provided at the Steven A. Cohen Military Family Clinic at Endeavors, San Antonio. These services include mental health care for Veterans, active duty service members, and their families regardless of role or discharge status.

"This is a huge step in improving the wellbeing of Veterans and their families, and we couldn't do it without the help of community partners like Energy Transfer," said Endeavors' Chief of Development and Communications, Traci Gomez. "This naming opportunity is a wonderful way for Energy Transfer to impact our Veteran community positively, and we are thankful to them for their generosity. We hope others will join Energy Transfer in contributing to naming opportunities for this amazing new building."

The grand opening for the Veteran Wellness Center is scheduled for November 11, 2021. Charter memberships are now available to Veterans, active duty military, their families, and the general public. To learn more about the Veteran Wellness Center, please visit endeavors.org/vwc

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