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**STATEMENT FROM RICHARD A. CASTRO, CREEED CHAIRMAN, ON COVID-19  
RESPONSE GIFTS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION**

El Paso, TX - This week, in partnership with the Walton Family Foundation, the Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREEED) disbursed a total of \$50,000 to aid the Borderplex region in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic. The gift was dispersed in parts to the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank, El Paso Community Foundation, and Paso del Norte Community Foundation as a part of COVID-19 emergency relief efforts. Richard A. Castro, Chairman of the CREEED Board, issued the following statement on the purpose and importance of the gift:

“We are proud to contribute to the region’s COVID-19 relief efforts through charitable donations to three organizations at the forefront of this unprecedented battle. To help continue providing meals to hundreds of families in our communities, the El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Food Bank will receive \$20,000 in support of the local \$1M matching grant established by the Paul L. Foster Family Foundation, the Woody and Gayle Hunt Family Foundation, and the MountainStar Sports Group Foundation. The El Paso Community Foundation will receive \$20,000 to aid in its distribution of N95 masks to healthcare workers and first responders, while the Paso del Norte Community Foundation will receive \$10,000 to help protect homeless and elderly populations from this pandemic.

Having the privilege to aid our community is something that CREEED does not take for granted, and we are excited to help provide emergency support to the students, families, healthcare workers, and first responders that are the backbone of our community.”