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CITY OF BROWNSVILLE ESTABLISHES 'BTX CARES COVID-19 FUND' TO HELP PAY FOR TESTING FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN NEED
Mayor Mendez Available for Media Interviews Friday Afternoon to Discuss Efforts; Online Shop Opens To Provide Aid to Various Local Organizations

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (April 23, 2020) — The City of Brownsville has established a fund to help pay for testing for those who are unable to afford it, as well as help fund numerous city initiatives.

Anyone can contribute to the **BTX Cares COVID-19 Fund** at www.btxcares.com/donate. The fund will help offset the cost of providing the COVID-19 test to members of the community who are not able to afford it. No one has ever been turned away because of their immigration status or lack of insurance. So far, 44% of those who participated in drive-thru testing at the Brownsville Sports Park did not have insurance.

In addition, the Brownsville Convention and Visitors Bureau is selling T-shirts and other items at the BTX Cares Shop to raise funds to aid various community organizations. All proceeds from the online store will directly support local museums, small businesses, and non-profits in the heart of Brownsville's Mitte Cultural District.

"Our community has been impacted by the pandemic in many ways, but we are more united than ever," said **Mayor Trey Mendez**. "I hope you would join me in supporting the BTX Cares COVID-19 Fund. We immensely appreciate any and every donation and purchase. Let's keep fighting this pandemic together. Support the fund, support the shop, and support our community."

Mayor Mendez and City of Brownsville Director of Communications Felipe Romero are available for media interviews regarding this initiative on Friday afternoon. To schedule an interview, please contact Felipe Romero at felipe.romero@cob.us or (956) 551-1371.

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