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**JANIE BARRERA APPOINTED TO THE BEXAR COUNTY HOSPITAL
DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS**

San Antonio – Janie Barrera, founding President and CEO of LiftFund, was recently selected to be a member of the Bexar County Hospital District Board of Managers.

The board serves as a governing body for the Bexar County Hospital District doing business as University Health System. The board is comprised of seven members appointed by Bexar County Commissioners. Barrera was nominated to serve in her new role by Bexar County Judge Nelson W. Wolff.

“I am honored to be a part of the Bexar County’s Hospital District Board of Managers and work alongside this exceptional team,” Barrera said. “University Health is a leader in the healthcare industry, and I look forward to contributing to the future direction and growth of the organization to better serve the residents throughout Bexar County.”

University Health System is a nationally recognized teaching hospital and network of outpatient healthcare centers, owned by the people of Bexar County. U.S. News and World Report has consistently ranked it as the best hospital in San Antonio and sixth best in Texas.

Established in 1994 in San Antonio, LiftFund is the largest micro and small business lender in the United States. The nonprofit organization provides loans and management training to enterprises of all kinds— from startups to long established businesses. Since its inception, LiftFund has disbursed more than 16,000 loans totaling more than \$190 million – with an impressive 94 percent repayment rate.

About University Health System

University Health System is a nationally recognized teaching hospital and network of outpatient healthcare centers, owned by the people of Bexar County. U.S. News & World Report has ranked it consistently as the best hospital in San Antonio, sixth-best in Texas and among the top 50 in the nation in the care of patients with kidney disease. University Health System is committed to delivering patient-centered, culturally competent and high-quality healthcare for adults and children based on a strong foundation of outcomes-based research and innovative teaching. University Hospital is the premier Level I trauma center for South Texas, and the Health System is the region’s only healthcare organization to earn Magnet designation – the Gold Standard in patient care – from the American Nurses Association.

About LiftFund

Established in 1994 in San Antonio, Texas, LiftFund is a financial and business-support service organization that helps entrepreneurs strengthen their businesses, stabilize and increase their incomes, create employment and contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities. LiftFund has the nation's largest microlender portfolio and is committed to providing capital to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources. Since its inception, LiftFund has made over 16,000 loans totaling more than \$190 million.