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**LiftFund and WellMed Host a Special Happy Hour to Help the  
Community Get Vaccinated**  
**Free tacos and beer provided by Smoke and Alamo Beer Company**

**SAN ANTONIO, TX -- (May 20, 2021)** – Join nonprofit microlender and small business advocate LiftFund and WellMed this Friday for a fun and free vaccination event complete with tacos and beer. It's a special Happy Hour on Friday from 3 - 7 p.m. at the LiftFund headquarters where adults 18 and older can get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at no cost.

"At LiftFund we are more than a community lender; we are invested in our community's success and always try to find ways to support beyond our funding options and business support services. This time, we are proud to partner with WellMed to offer access to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine to our neighbors," said Janie Barrera, President and CEO of LiftFund. "I'd like to thank our board chair, Jimmie Keenan, Senior Vice President for Enterprise Clinic Operations at WellMed, for her support with this important initiative. We are grateful for WellMed's leadership and efforts to vaccinate and protect our community."

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous economic impact on the community, especially on individuals and families with limited resources. LiftFund is located in the 78207 zip code, one of the city's most economically distressed areas historically marked by high poverty rates. The vaccination event is an initiative to make vaccines available and accessible for the residents of this community.

"This is a great opportunity for the community, especially those individuals who have been working so hard through this pandemic and have found it difficult to schedule in the time to make an appointment and get vaccinated," said LiftFund board chair Jimmie Keenan, Senior Vice President for Enterprise Clinic Operations at WellMed. "LiftFund prides itself on making a positive impact in the community, in this case it is doing so by creating access to a life-saving vaccine for its neighbors."

Texas residents interested in receiving the vaccine can register at <https://signup.com/go/ZoLhZbz>. Registrations are encouraged; walk-ins will also be accepted.

#### **EVENT SNAPSHOT:**

- **Date:** Friday, May 21, 2021
- **Time:** 3 – 7 p.m.
- **Location:** LiftFund Headquarters, 2007 W Martin Street, San Antonio, TX 78207
- Visit <https://signup.com/go/ZoLhZbz> to register, walk-ins will also be accepted
- Insurance is not required
- Vaccines are free to anyone 18 and older, who has not received a COVID19 vaccine
- After receiving the vaccine, attendees will be offered a taco and one beer, *if 21 years of age and older*, from Smoke and Alamo Beer Company

#### **About LiftFund:**

LiftFund, a nonprofit community small business lender, transforms lives by opening doors, leveling the financial playing field and building a community of shared success through entrepreneurship. Founded in 1994 in San Antonio, Texas, LiftFund provides capital, financial coaching, tools and resources to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources. Since inception, LiftFund has provided over \$392 million in capital, propelling the dreams of over 24,000 diverse small businesses throughout its 14-state footprint.