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WellMed Foundation, Leeza's Place End Partnership Caregiver Resource Centers To Remain Open

San Antonio, TX – The Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation and WellMed Charitable Foundation have agreed to end a successful partnership that resulted in the creation of two Leeza's Place caregiver resource centers in San Antonio, Texas.

Although the partnership is ending, WellMed will continue to provide caregiver support programs including telephone support services, stress reduction programs and wellness activities under their new name of Caregiver SOS.

The WellMed Charitable Foundation takes over the space located at WellMed, 14100 Nacogdoches Road, Suite 120, effective April 1, re-naming it to Caregiver SOS by WellMed. The Leeza's Place by WellMed at The Bob Ross Senior Center, 2219 Babcock Road, will continue to operate under the existing partnership through May 31st.

The Leeza Gibbons Memory Foundation continues to operate Leeza's Place locations across the country. Both nonprofits expressed gratitude and pride over the relationship.

"We are happy to have had the opportunity to work with WellMed and we thank them for their support," said Bobby Xydis, Leeza's Place Associate Director of Communications. "We look forward to continuing our national efforts serving caregivers at our remaining Leeza's Place locations across the country and we wish WellMed all the best as they offer caregiver support in their community under their own banner."

"WellMed is committed to changing the face of healthcare delivery for seniors. To do that, we must address the needs of caregivers, who are the backbone of the long-term care system in this country," said Carol Zernial, WellMed Charitable Foundation Executive Director. "We thank Leeza Gibbons and her team for their commitment to this critical mission, and we look forward to making this resource center part of our efforts to positively impact seniors and caregivers in the communities we serve."

For information about caregiver resources in San Antonio, call (210) 599-4614 or (210) 207-5310.

The **WellMed Charitable Foundation** (www.wellmedgives.org) is a non-profit 501(C)3 organization that supports seniors and their caregivers in our community with special emphasis on wellness, prevention and living with chronic illness. Established in 2006 by Dr. George M. Rapier III, a noted geriatrician and the Chairman of the Board, the Foundation has contributed more than \$3 million to the San Antonio community.