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El Rio Community Health Center patients to have a brighter holiday as local businesses step up again to help families in need

From November 29th to December 23rd the staff at Torres Blancas and Canoa Ranch Golf Club will be doing a “TOY DRIVE” to benefit patient families at El Rio Community Health Center. Golfers can bring in new unwrapped toys and receive a discount on their golf fees.

Once again this year, Ray Flores from El Charro Café and Bob McMahon, owner of the golf courses and Metro Restaurants have teamed up and sponsored El Rio’s “Adopt a Family” program. Their efforts expanded this year to include donations by all their employees and by engaging the public with the toy drive at the golf course. Restaurant managers are busy shopping for families to help make their holiday brighter. Massive effort has been placed on making sure more families receive their help this year.

“It’s a great way for golfers to give back to the community and play some great golf courses at discounted rates” says Bob McMahon. Who is hoping to bring awareness to the needs of families facing medical challenges. The public is welcome to join their efforts by making a donation on line at [www.elriofoundation.org](http://www.elriofoundation.org) or by calling 520-205-4947.

Canoa Ranch will also host El Rio’s 17th Annual Golf Tournament on April 29th which will raise funds for El Rio’s pharmacy based diabetes program. Interested golfers can call 520-205-4947 for more details.

El Rio Community Health Center now in its 40th year opened a new facility last week and is scheduled to open a new Birth Center in February. Overall, El Rio has 17 clinic locations and serves over 74,000 patients annually in Tucson, Oro Valley, Green Valley, Sahuarita and Amado. 35% of the people served are children.

El Rio is the 14th largest community health center in the country and offers primary medical and dental care. More than half of the patients served live at or below the poverty level and El Rio facilities are open to the public and also take private insurance and self pay patients.

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