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Santikos Entertainment and Community Partners Host Complimentary Screenings of *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*

(SAN ANTONIO) On Friday, June 15th, Santikos Entertainment kicks off the San Antonio run of *Won't You Be My Neighbor?*, the new Focus Features documentary about Mister Rogers, with two free screenings open to the community at Santikos Bijou. These screenings at 4:15 pm and 6:45 pm, presented in partnership with KLRN, SA2020, and San Antonio Area Foundation, invite San Antonians to rediscover Mister Rogers's commitment to compassion and kindness, and explore how they can make their own neighborhoods even better places to live.

Before and after the film, guests will have the opportunity to get to know San Antonio area nonprofits and initiatives and find out how they can get involved. From volunteering as a reading mentor to working with refugees to helping San Antonio's housing- and food-insecure communities, attendees will find ways to turn compassionate thought into compassionate action.

"Mister Rogers' Neighborhood showed children the importance of kindness and empathy, and *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* reminds adults that 'a little kindness can make a world of difference,'" said Katrina Kehoe, Vice President of Communications and Marketing for KLRN Public Television.

In San Antonio, a city that envisioned an even better future for itself through SA2020 and approved a Charter for Compassion resolution one year ago, Rebecca D. Brune, President & COO of San Antonio Area Foundation, encouraged further engagement, "Engage in compassionate dialogue, then take action through volunteerism and philanthropy. At the screenings, we'll even introduce you to organizations who will help you get involved."

Santikos Entertainment serves as the perfect host for this film and event, as the movie theater chain is invested in building a stronger San Antonio. Through the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, annual variable dividends from theaters go right back to San Antonio nonprofits and neighborhoods.

"This collaboration demonstrates how San Antonio can collectively work toward the community vision we created together and produce better outcomes for our own neighbors. As the SA2020 vision states, 'We are all responsible for our collective well-being,'" said Molly Cox, President & CEO of SA2020.



About Santikos

Santikos Enterprises, founded in 1911 is an entertainment and real estate social enterprise, is overseen by the San Antonio Area Foundation as part of a charitable fund under management. Proceeds from Santikos Enterprises fund the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the Area Foundation, providing grants to qualified nonprofits in eight Texas counties. John L. Santikos, an entrepreneur and real estate developer best known for his movie theatre chain, gifted his business and estate to the community, becoming the first theatre company in the country to operate as a social enterprise.

San Antonio-based Santikos Entertainment currently operates eight movie theatres with over 100 screens and more than 16,000 seats and plans to add an additional theatre in 2019. Santikos Entertainment is best known for providing localized and unique entertainment experiences including large-format screens, cutting-edge audio and visual technology, and ground-breaking amenities for the cinema industry, such as bowling and full-service bars, and in-theatre dining. Learn more about Santikos Entertainment at santikos.com.

About KLRN

KLRN is the Emmy-Award winning Public Television station for South Central Texas broadcasting to a 30-county radius. The mission of KLRN is to open a world of lifelong learning through trustworthy and enriching programs on-air, online and in our community. Each week, local programs are produced to highlight the arts and culture scene on ARTS and the science and technology. KLRN cultivates programs that support the station's mission and commitment to education. It is this "beyond television" strategy that forms KLRN's educational outreach model — to prepare children for kindergarten and academic success; to positively impact the quality of care; and to share resources that will enhance classroom instruction. klrn.org

About SA2020

SA2020 was launched in 2010 as a strategic planning process for San Antonio. In 2012, SA2020 became a nonprofit organization whose mission is to drive progress toward a shared vision for a thriving San Antonio. SA2020 reports on community indicators, informs and activates the public, and aligns efforts toward the community's goals. Visit sa2020.org for more information.

About San Antonio Area Foundation

The San Antonio Area Foundation has served as the sole, designated community foundation for the San Antonio area for over half a century, growing to become one of the Top 20 foundations in the nation based on asset size. The Area Foundation helps donors achieve their charitable goals, managing more than 500 charitable funds approaching \$1 billion in assets. Coordinating efforts with numerous area nonprofits, the Area Foundation serves as a collaborative leader, connecting donors to address key community issues and investing in our future. Since 1964, over \$400 million for scholarships and grants have been awarded to enhance the quality of life in our region. Learn more about your community foundation at saafdn.org.

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