



**MAYOR JULIÁN CASTRO**  
CO-CHAIR, HEALTHY FUTURES OF TEXAS  
2011 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Dear Friends and Community Leaders,

Teen pregnancy has been deemed a public health "Winnable Battle" by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Yet teen pregnancy in Bexar County continues at rates that are far too high. In 2013, the 3,854 babies born in 2008 to Bexar County teens will fill 175 Kindergarten classes. These children are more likely to be poor, to be abused or neglected, and to have difficulty in school. Our teen births result in tax costs of over \$83 million each year. And San Antonio is #5 in the country for multiple births to teens.

We can't afford to ignore these numbers. This teen pregnancy epidemic undermines the very foundation of San Antonio and impedes the progress we are working so hard to achieve in education, in health care, and in economic development.

Reducing teen pregnancy is vital to the future of our city, which is why we have made it a key indicator in our SA2020 effort, and why my wife Erica and I have signed on to co-chair the Healthy Futures of Texas 2011 campaign.

We know what works. We just need to do it. Healthy Futures has proven strategies to prevent teen pregnancy through innovative educational programs for teens and adults. But Healthy Futures needs more resources before it can "move the needle" and reduce teen and unplanned pregnancies in San Antonio. This will require a concerted effort from all of us, but it is an effort that we must make.

Every day brings more budget cuts from Washington and Austin, and these cuts have serious implications for San Antonio. Now more than ever, we need you to work with Healthy Futures so that we can achieve the goal of lowering San Antonio's teen birth rate by 15% by 2020.

To achieve this goal, I am asking you to be a sponsor of the Healthy Futures of Texas luncheon in November! Join me in making a difference in the lives of the young people in our community.

I look forward to standing with you to reduce teen pregnancy and shape a better future for all of San Antonio.

See you at lunch on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julian Castro'.

Julián Castro  
Mayor of San Antonio