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### Combest Center Celebrates 10 Years as FQHC

The Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center will celebrate 10 years as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) 1 to 3 p.m. February 26 at 301 40th St.

The Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center, the only school of nursing-run clinic, serves Lubbock and surrounding areas. FQHCs are community-based health care providers that receive funds from the Health Resources and Services Administration Health Center Program to provide primary care services in underserved areas.

The clinic serves more than 10,000 people a year.

Michael Evans, Ph.D., RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, FAAN, dean of the TTUHSC School of Nursing, said the Combest Center is a wellness-oriented atmosphere.

“The Combest Center cares for patients who have nowhere else to receive care except going to a hospital emergency room when everything else has failed,” Evans said. “That’s why it’s situated in an area of Lubbock that is convenient for the people who use it. We don’t just take care of people when they’re ill; we teach them how to stay well and how to take care of themselves and stay well.”

The School of Nursing event will consist of a historical view the Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center has experienced over the past 10 years. There also will be patient testimony stories of how the clinic has impacted their life.

The Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center provides access to comprehensive health services to those in need, helps reduce or eliminate health disparities among high risk populations and integrates student clinical experiences and faculty practice in effective delivery of health care services.

The center offers health care services including: primary care (clinic/urgent care services) diabetes and wellness education, prenatal care, behavioral health, senior house calls and prescription assistance. Currently, the center has three locations including the Larry Combest Community Health & Wellness Center, Combest Central Community Health Center and the Abilene Community Health Center.

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