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### **Spindletop Center receives Valero Benefit for Children grant to expand Early Childhood Intervention services in Southeast Texas**

***Open House and Dedication Event set for April 2; World Autism Awareness Day***

**BEAUMONT, TX** – Spindletop Center will host an open house and dedication event for its new Valero Lending Library space, designed for individuals and families receiving Early Childhood Intervention services, at 655 S. 8th Street, Beaumont, TX 77701 on April 2 at 10AM.

The Center is honored to dedicate this space for use as a result of the generous \$50,000 contribution from community partner, Valero Benefit for Children thanks to the Valero Texas Open golf tournament and associated events.

Held in conjunction with World Autism Awareness Day, the event will recognize the work of the Center and community partners like Valero, who strive each and every day to ensure early intervention and support is made available to all those in need. It will celebrate and recognize the impact donations such as this have for children and families who rely on resources and supports, as they continue to work as early advocates alongside their care teams.

“We are exceptionally grateful for partnerships such as those with Valero Benefit for Children and our local Valero Refinery who continue to offer grant funding opportunities for Spindletop Center to further enhance our resources and services for our clients,” said Danielle Pardue, Director of Business Development and Public Relations.

Valero’s support will allow more than 400 children and families to benefit from additional resources and support including Pathways Early Autism Intervention parent training manuals, specifically designed to aid caregivers on their journey to success. Play is essential to early childhood development because it contributes to cognitive, social, physical and emotional well-being of infants and toddlers. It increases problem solving, creativity and improves educational and developmental outcomes. In this new space, the Valero Lending Library aims to do just

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that by establishing an area with resources, educational materials, supplies and equipment to aid the client's service array.

Pardue said, "Our clients deserve the very best support options available, and it is our goal to keep seeking innovative ways to bring these to them, right here at home in Southeast Texas."

Spindletop Center is the sole Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic providing services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, mental health and substance use disorders in Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Jasper and Chambers Counties. In Fiscal Year 2024, Spindletop Center provided services to more than 17,000 adults and youth.

The Valero Lending Library for individuals in Early Childhood Intervention services is located in the newly renovated Wade Center at the Spindletop North Campus. The open house and dedication event will feature remarks from Lora Beth Waller, Spindletop Center's Director of Early Childhood Intervention and Carol Hebert, Valero Port Arthur Refinery's Public Affairs Manager.

The 2025 Valero Texas Open and Valero Benefit for Children will be held in San Antonio, Texas on April 3- 7. Funds raised are distributed to agencies across the United States, supporting the work of hundreds of charities in communities Valero operates.

For more information about Spindletop Center and its services, please visit [spindletopcenter.org](https://spindletopcenter.org).

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Spindletop Center is a non-profit healthcare organization specializing in behavioral healthcare, programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and substance use services for each stage of life. Our Center serves more than 17,000 people annually throughout Jefferson, Hardin, Orange, Jasper and Chambers counties and has campuses in Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange and Silsbee. We promote healthy living in our community through innovative and best-practice options that meet the unique needs of every family.

***The mission of the Spindletop Center is to help people help themselves by providing resources and support.***

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