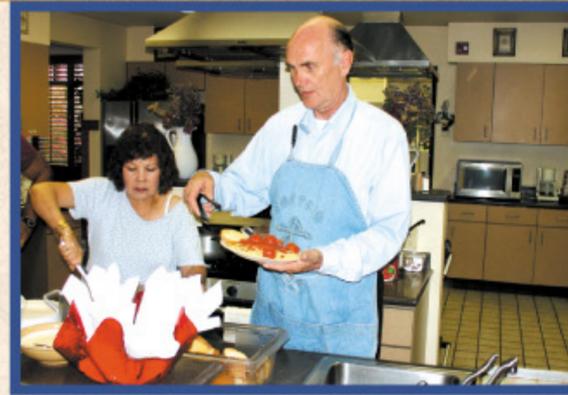


Mayor's 100 Teens



Feed the Homeless Dinner

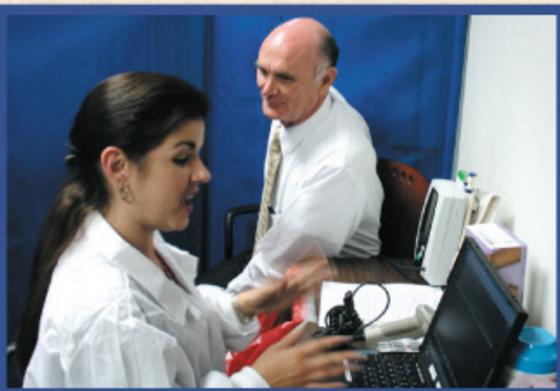
Message from the Mayor

Looking back on 2006, one must admit it certainly challenged the City of El Paso. I am proud to say we were up to the challenge. Storm 2006 dominated the news and proved once again that our community is prepared for a disaster. Our emergency response teams and public works departments combined their efforts with support from federal, state and other local government entities to assure that no lives were lost and that our citizens would recover as expeditiously as possible. This natural disaster brought out the best of every El Pasoan.

As I stated last year, economic development is my yardstick of El Paso's progress. Our partnerships with the Regional Economic Development Corporation, the Chambers of Commerce and Upper Rio Grande at Work attributed to our success at adding more than 5,900 jobs to our economy and growing our tax base by an estimated \$10.5 million. Our economic engine will soon be fueled by the expansion of Fort Bliss, as we receive more than 19,000 troops and 24,000 family members over the next four years, with an overall impact close to \$4 billion in new construction. In preparation, both the military and civilian communities have been addressing infrastructure needs such as transportation, housing and education. The City is hard at work, helping to improve our image and quality of life in order to assure that basic needs and improvements are met and that there is a larger picture being considered for our City's long-term prosperity. The stars are in alignment, El Paso ... it's our time to shine.

Sincerely,

John F. Cook
Mayor



Mayor's Blood Drive



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