



## Power Of Pink Ushers In Breast Cancer Awareness Month

A beautiful sea of pink at UMC Sept. 27 was home for the launch of Power of Pink, the symbolic start to October, a month of Breast Cancer Awareness.



Estela Casas, KVIA ABC-7 shared part of her journey as a breast cancer survivor with the more than 200-person crowd. Current fighters and survivors of breast cancer were in attendance, along with UMC's physicians, nurses, and staff throughout the hospital.

At left, Estela Casas, breast cancer survivor, KVIA ABC-7; Karinn Chambers, MD, Breast Surgeon, Assistant Professor, Breast Surgical Oncology, Medical Director, Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso;

and Alicia Aofia, breast cancer survivor, each spoke to the crowd of 200 at the Power of Pink event Sept. 27. Pictures of 47 breast cancer survivors (background) are on display in the UMC Main Lobby.

## Cultures Celebrated During Interpreters, Translators Day

UMC's Language and Cultural Awareness Council hosted a Celebration of Cultures Sept. 26 in the UMC Cafeteria, as part of the celebration of International Interpreters and Translators Day. The event gave UMC Associates and visitors an opportunity to learn about different cultures within our community --



through education, cuisine, music and more. In doing so, they take away an awareness and appreciation for the wonder and diversity of different peoples and their culture.

“Our interpreters are not simply bilingual individuals, they have undergone specialized training in order to become Qualified Medical Interpreters (QMIs),” said UMC’s Ruben Lucero, Qualified Medical Interpreter/Translator. “With their top-notch interpreting skills and techniques, they make a vital difference to the safety, satisfaction and positive outcomes for our patients, visitors and staff. With their language skills, they effectively bridge the communication gap.”

The multi-cultural information fair included an impressive display of world flags, music, food, and craft making from local artists.

Thank you to our Medical Interpreter team for the constant improvement to the access and quality of care we provide our community.

## Messages Of Support For Hospitals Who Experienced Tragedies



Hundreds of Associates from University Medical Center of El Paso and El Paso Children’s Hospital penned messages of hope and support for hospitals that also experienced tragic mass casualty, active-shooter events.

The signing event took place on Tuesday, Sept. 24, with both banners being covered with signatures from hundreds of staff. UMC has received banners from hospitals all over the nation, primarily hospitals affected by mass shooting events. UMC also received a banner from Christchurch, New Zealand.

At left, Veronica Ortiz, Director for UMC’s Telemetry Unit, writes a message of support to associates at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa, Texas, and Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, Ohio. Both hospitals received the majority of victims during their respective communities’ mass shooting events.

## Congrats, Isabel Contreras! A ‘Friend of UTEP’

Our very own Isabel Contreras, UMC Rehab Director, has been selected as an official “Friend of the College of Health Sciences” at the University of Texas at El Paso! “You have consistently exhibited a desire to go the extra mile in helping our faculty, staff and students in any way possible,” said Dr. Shafik Dharamsi, Dean, UTEP College of Health Sciences (of Isabel). Way to go, Isabel!



Isabel Contreras



**2019 Annual UMC Wellness  
Mammogram Program**

Open to any Associate and/or dependants covered by Preferred Administrators, over age 40 and have had their last mammogram prior to Nov. 1, 2018 (Please call to confirm eligibility)

Call to register: 521-2255  
(Make sure you mention Wellness Mammogram)

Program runs through Oct. 31

**Wellness Mammogram Registration Event**  
Friday, Oct. 4  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
UMC Cafeteria!

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