



UMC and community leaders get our new Northeast Emergency Department started at the March 1 groundbreaking ceremony in a lot next to the UMC Northeast Clinic. From left, Eric Johansen, Northeast Emergency Department Director; Maria Zampini, UMC Chief Operating Officer; Joy Martinez, UMC Board of Managers; Henry Gallardo, UMC Board Chairman; County Commissioner Carl Robinson; County Judge Ricardo Samaniego; and Jacob Cintron, UMC President & CEO.

New Era Of Care Underway In Northeast Community

More than 90,000 residents of northeast El Paso will later this year have 24/7 access to emergency care as construction begins in earnest after a March 1 groundbreaking ceremony next to the UMC Northeast Clinic.

Community leaders, UMC's board, administration leaders and Associates took part in the ceremony on a sunny Friday afternoon. And now, for the first time in our region's history, El Paso County will own and operate a full-service offsite emergency department away from UMC's main campus. The new emergency department will bring more access to healthcare, closer to communities and thousands of families throughout El Paso.



The new emergency department will be a freestanding facility located across the street from the old Cohen Stadium and will be ready to serve more than 30,000 families as well as anyone seeking nearby, immediate emergency care. First responders and patients will have a much shorter trip to emergency care in a facility equipped with the latest in medical equipment as well as the most highly trained and certified physicians and staff available in our region.

A second offsite emergency department will break ground March 15 next to the UMC East Clinic located at 1521 Joe Battle.

Three Times A DAISY Celebration Takes Place With Nurses Feb. 28

If you work at UMC, chances are good that you have heard about the care our nurses provide our patients and their families. It's their compassion, empathy and willingness to do more that makes them memorable to our patients and their families.

Former patients have brought their families in need of care and requested to have the nurses that cared for them also care for their family members. That is memorable.

On Feb. 28, three UMC nurses were recognized by their patients for their high level of care during the UMC Quarterly DAISY Celebration.

Stephanie Lomuscio, CVICU. Stephanie was nominated by a patient who said "Stephanie's compassion was genuine.



From left, **Stephanie Lomuscio**, CVICU; **Maria Casas**, Ortho/Trauma; and **Estrella Macho**, Medical Unit.

She noticed that warm liquids were helping me and offered to share her own chai tea. It is hard to put into words how her care helped me feel welcomed and helped me to heal. Care here cannot be faked.

Her warm smile and being here when I needed help, helped me feel less scared. All of the care received from all of the nurses was excellent – Stephanie was a cut above.”

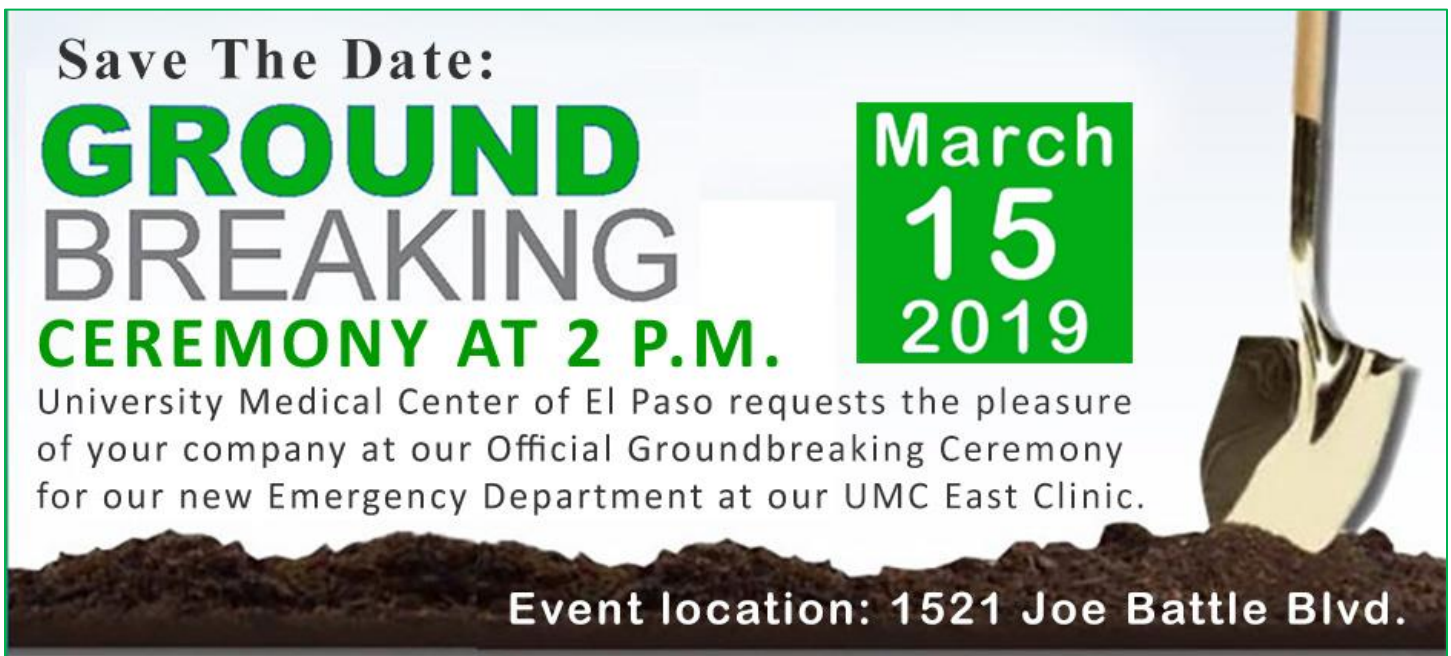
Maria Casas, Ortho/Trauma Unit. "Maria is Heaven-sent, every morning she welcomed me with a big smile. She is such a positive person and a great example of patience and compassion. Most of all, and above everything, Maria listened to me and it showed she really cared. Thank you, Maria, you're a gem not to be forgotten."

Estrella Macho, Medical Unit. "After being married to a nurse for 28 years, I know what a GREAT nurse is comprised of: companion, empathy, advocacy, intellect, and a wonderful relationship with the patient are all key; but general and deep care for others is the most important, no matter how tired, or overworked. Estrella did all she could to help me, with a smile and concern! Please let Estrella know that her going the extra mile means something to the patient."

The DAISY Award is given to extraordinary nurses in honor of the outstanding work they do! They are nominated by patients who received care at our hospital. UMC is honored to have these exceptional nurses as part of our organization! DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System, and it was established by the DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at 33 of an auto-immune disease.

Notice to All Associates: Employee and Neurosurgery Clinics Move Today

As of today, March 4, the Employee Clinic will be located next to Occupational Health on the 2nd floor of the Annex building. Also, as of today, the Neurosurgery Clinic will be located on the 4th floor of the Annex building.

A graphic for a groundbreaking ceremony. It features a green and white color scheme. On the left, the text reads "Save The Date: GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY AT 2 P.M." in green and grey. To the right, a green square contains the date "March 15 2019" in white. Below the text, there is a photograph of a silver shovel digging into dark soil. At the bottom, the event location is listed as "1521 Joe Battle Blvd." in white text on a dark background.

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**March
15
2019**

University Medical Center of El Paso requests the pleasure of your company at our Official Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new Emergency Department at our UMC East Clinic.

Event location: 1521 Joe Battle Blvd.

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The Pulse newsletter, is a product of the UMC Public Affairs office and features news briefs and updates from around our campus. It is distributed to our El Paso community. If you have an item that you would like to have considered for The Pulse, email it to [Ryan Mielke, UMC Director of Public Affairs](#).