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## Painting The Town

### More Than 60 Associates Make Homes Brighter

More than 60 UMC Associates joined Project Bravo and other El Paso organizations Saturday (Sept. 16) to paint the homes of families in need in El Paso's lower valley. The day started sunny and beautiful and just got better as the teams gave their homes a new, fresh look.

This year's UMC team was organized by Monica Gamboa, UMC Social Work Supervisor, "It was a great success!" she said. "Everyone who signed-up to



Above and below, two of the three teams who helped give a fresh look and a new coat of paint to homes in our community.



Joel Hendryx, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, scrapes old paint from a window frame before hitting it with a fresh coat.



paint, showed up and didn't leave before the job was done." Gamboa rallied Associates from many departments to "get their paint on." This is the 31st year Project Bravo has held the Paint-A-Thon and UMC Associates have made the event an annual time to support our community.

"I know everyone gets so wrapped up in their daily commitments," Gamboa added. "I think it is fantastic



Teamwork was the word of the day to get this home painted.



Raul Jara, Director of Respiratory Care, "rolls" with the flow of fresh paint on Saturday's Paint-A-Thon.

that people can still find time by stepping away from their daily routine to help our community. It really was a blast! We had great music and some people brought family members to help. Many of the family members were high school students who also completed their community volunteer commitment through participating in the Paint-A-Thon."

## Three New DAISY Award winners, one former DAISY, recognized



UMC's quarterly DAISY Award Winners: (from left to right) Congratulations to DAISY Award winner Michelle Cain, RN, BSN, who works in the Medical/Oncology Unit; DAISY Award Winner Maria Olivia Johnson, RN, BSN, who works in the Telemetry unit; Gloria Salazar, RN, BSN, Trauma Manager and former DAISY Award winner, recognized as one of El Paso's top nurses helping our community; and DAISY Award winner Karen Padilla, RN, BSN, who works in the Intensive Care Unit. DAISY is an acronym for Diseases Attacking the Immune System.

The DAISY Award was established by the DAISY Foundation in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died at 33 of ITP, an auto-immune disease.

## UMC Nurse Gets Local Spotlight Educating Community

Jeremiah (Jerry) Davis -far right-, Oncology Nurse, was a guest on KVIA's ABC7 News Xtra show on Sunday night. The show was focused on breast cancer and treatment options and experiences. During the broadcast, Jerry talked about the many services, options and programs at UMC that assist patients during their journey fighting breast cancer. To watch the program in its entirety, [go to www.KVIA.com](http://www.KVIA.com).



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