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## "A Day of Remembrance" Fifth Anniversary

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EL PASO, TX — El Paso County, along with the El Paso United Family Resiliency Center (FRC), invite the public to honor the fifth anniversary of the August 3<sup>rd</sup> tragedy with "A Day of Remembrance" Ceremony. The event will take place on **Saturday**, **August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.** at the El Paso County Healing Garden, located inside Ascarate Park at 6900 Delta Dr.

A "Day of Remembrance" Ceremony is an event of unity and healing as we honor the 23 innocent lives taken by a senseless act of violence. This year's ceremony will include the unveiling of a mural, a traditional luminarias lighting, the reveal of an eternal flame, a reading of the names and lighting of the beams.

The evening event will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with an unveiling ceremony of the Healing Garden Mural done by artists Blanca Estrada, Albert "Tino" Ortega and Cesar Inostroza. This mural was an added phase of the El Paso County Healing Garden to continue to promote healing, bi-nationality and positivity.

After the unveiling of the mural, El Paso United FRC will lead visitors with a Luminaria Exhibit and Instrumental Music by EP Pro Musica inside the Healing Garden. Visitors will have the opportunity to experience the County's reveal of an eternal flame, generously donated by ONE Gas Foundation, the Texas Gas Service's parent company.

As the evening comes to a close, a ceremony honoring the 23 lives will take place beginning at 8:30 p.m. inside the Healing Garden. Each name will then be honored with a lighted beam, until 23 beams fill the evening sky.

In addition to the Remembrance Ceremony and the Mural Unveiling, the County along with the City of El Paso, United FRC and several other community partners will host several tributes throughout the community. A full list of events can be found at <a href="https://www.EPstrong.org/august-3.php">www.EPstrong.org/august-3.php</a>.

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