

The Bandera PROPHECY

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Pandemic forces cancellation of 2020 Cork & Fork

With the health and safety of the community at top of mind, the Arthur Nagel Community Clinic has made the decision to cancel the 2020 Cork & Fork. The wildly popular November event has set dramatic milestones in attendance and fundraising over the past two years. In 2019 the event netted a record \$35,000 which was used to provide healthcare for hundreds of Bandera County's uninsured families.

"As a gathering place for our community around Veterans Day, Cork & Fork has become legendary for its celebration of patriotism and pride in the Hill Country way of life," Nagel Clinic Board President Barbara Shepard said. "The Nagel Clinic is first and foremost committed to ensuring the health and safety of our community as well as volunteers and staff who work for months to produce this wonderful event. Due to risks associated with COVID-19, we must cancel Cork & Fork this year and look forward to bringing it back in November of 2021."

Calling off Cork & Fork is unprecedented. It hasn't been cancelled since it became an annual event six years ago. But with the expected rise in cases during the coming cold and flu season, the typical indoor crowd of 400-plus might face an undue risk.

"We may not be able to celebrate in traditional ways this year, but Cork & Fork spirit cannot be contained!" Clinic Executive Director Chuck Lutke said. "We want to encourage our community to put on their boots and Cork & Fork safely from their homes while continuing to support the Clinic's mission of helping our friends and families in need."

Rally for the Clinic is the theme of the new campaign to bridge the gap in funding resulting from the absence of this year's Cork & Fork. The Clinic is asking those who have attended in the past to consider contributing the cost of their tickets (\$50 per person), table of eight, or

sponsorship to the Rally for the Clinic and enjoy the benefits of giving, including priority seating for next year.

Contributions of any amount are needed from the community. A full list of Rally donor benefits may be found at the Clinic website at NagelClinic.org.

About the Arthur Nagel Community Clinic

Founded in 2008 by Texas Hill Country businessman Arthur W. Nagel and other concerned, community-minded friends, Arthur Nagel Community Clinic remains the only 501(c)(3) nonprofit service provider of low-cost primary and preventive healthcare for low-income residents ages 12 and older living in Bandera County. Over the past eleven years, the Clinic has invested more than \$7 million in helping Bandera County's neediest families, treating 2,700 unduplicated patients with 18,900 separate medical and health education services. In addition to their financial value, these caring efforts provide emotional and societal benefits that cannot be measured in numbers. The Clinic's mission is: *To improve Bandera County health by providing medical care to eligible residents and promoting health education.*

To learn more or to donate to the Nagel Clinic, call 830-796-3448 or visit www.nagelclinic.org.