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**Christus Santa Rosa CEO Makes First Pitch for Texas State Baseball and Women’s Health**

**SAN MARCOS, Texas, April 22, 2024** – CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System has been making a pitch locally to raise funds for advanced equipment to help Central Texas women. At the April 9 Texas State Baseball game, their CEO took pitching in a different direction.

A person holding a baseball

Description automatically generatedGrant Wicklund, CEO of [CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System](https://www.christushealth.org/connect/ministries/santa-rosa), threw out the first pitch at the annual rivalry baseball game between Texas State University and the University of Texas, played in San Marcos.

Wicklund’s ceremonial pitch was in recognition of the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa San Marcos Foundation’s Stars of Texas Gala, May 2, benefitting Central Texas women. The fundraiser will help raise funds for a Trident Specimen Radiography System.

Wicklund was invited to throw out the first pitch by Greater Texas Credit Union to help raise awareness for the gala and services CHRISTUS provides the San Marcos community.

“CHRISTUS Health System is as vital to San Marcos as Texas State,” said Howard Baker, President and CEO of Greater Texas Credit Union. “We are using our partnership with both institutions to highlight the significant work these two do to make San Marcos such a great community.”

A group of men wearing baseball caps

Description automatically generatedJohn Navarrette, a Texas State distinguished alumnus and board member of the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa San Marcos Foundation, was also in attendance at the game with Wicklund and several others from the health care organization, including Scott Yarbrough, Board Member, Jerilyn Miller, Foundation Executive Director, and Genifer Rucker, President, Christus Santa Rosa New Braunfels.

The CHRISTUS fundraising gala will feature entertainment by Straight Tequila Night and an auction. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in San Marcos at 6 p.m. on May 2. Tickets can be purchased [online](https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=zKTnTV). Greater Texas is a silver sponsor of the event.

**About Greater Texas**

[Greater Texas](http://www.gtfcu.org) Credit Union, founded in 1952, is a financial cooperative that emphasizes community stewardship, charitable giving, and employee volunteerism through its Greater Good initiative. Together with its subsidiary, Aggieland Credit Union – which serves the Brazos Valley – the credit union offers a wide variety of consumer-oriented banking services to its 85,000 members across the state of Texas. Greater Texas has locations in Austin, Houston, San Antonio, Bryan-College Station, Edinburg, and the Dallas-Ft. Worth market with assets of nearly $1 billion.

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Photo captions:

Picture 1: The CEO of CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Health System, Grant Wicklund, threw out the first pitch at the opening series of the Texas State Bobcats and the Texas Longhorns on April 9.

Picture 2: John Navarrette, Texas State distinguished alumnus and board member of the CHRISTUS Santa Rosa San Marcos Foundation, joined Grant Wicklund and Howard Baker from Greater Texas Credit Union and Mike Pirolo with TXST Sport Properties General Manager at the Texas State game against the Texas Longhorns.