

# PRESS RELEASE

## Yantis Congregate Meal Center Grand Opening

### *Senior Meal Center Now Open*

**Yantis, TX, June 11, 2009:** The East Texas Council of Governments will celebrate a new extension of its Senior Nutrition Program, the opening of the Yantis Congregate Meal Center, on June 16. The Honorable Judge Bryan Jeanes, Mayor Jerry Miller and ETCOG's Executive Director, David Cleveland, will lead the official ribbon cutting ceremony at 11:00 am.

The center, located at 100 City Circle, offers seniors hot, nutritious meals Monday through Friday. Upon its March 2nd opening, the center was estimated to serve 30 seniors. To date, the center has 150 participants and averages 65 meals per day.

### **Congregate Meals**

The Yantis Congregate Meal Center serves noon meals to seniors 60 years and older, Monday through Friday. The meals are served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. daily. The center opens for activities such as arts, crafts and games at 10:00 a.m. and closes at 2:00 p.m. The long range goal for the center is to provide a central point for support services to seniors in the Yantis community such as prescription drug enrollment, in home services, Ombudsman and benefits counseling.

### **Grand Opening Activities**

The Yantis Congregate Meal Center will celebrate its official opening with a ribbon cutting and refreshments from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The event will be held at 100 City Circle, Yantis, Texas. The festivities are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact ETCOG's Director of Aging, Claude Andrews, at (903) 984-8641 x214.

### **About ETCOG**

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