



**United Way of
Williamson County**

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Local United Way Supports New Pre-K Statewide Survey Results *Texans Across-the-Board Call for Pre-Kindergarten Availability for all Children*

WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Texas, May 8, 2006—Representatives of the United Way of Williamson County announced support today for results of a new statewide survey showing an overwhelming majority of Texas want pre-kindergarten (pre-k) made available for all children, thereby supporting local initiatives currently being conducted by United Way of Williamson County. Survey results were announced on a statewide level by representatives of the United Ways of Texas (UWT), the statewide association of local United Ways, which commissioned the survey with the support of The Pew Charitable Trusts.

“We are extremely pleased to join with our statewide association in announcing the results of this important survey which reaffirm what our local United Way organization and community members have known for a long time: that children in Texas who attend pre-k are better equipped to succeed in school and in life, and that Texans in our area and throughout the state are willing to support such an endeavor, even if it means increasing state revenue,” stated Jennifer A. Edwards, Chief Professional Officer. “Our children deserve the very best opportunities to reach their maximum potentials to ensure strong and healthy families and communities. Working together in a public-private partnership based on the direction provided by this survey will make that fundamental priority become a reality,” she added.

Results of the survey support local initiatives of the United Way of Williamson County and will be used to develop and support strategies to improve the lives of Williamson County children. For more information on any of the local United Way programs and services, contact Jennifer Edwards at 512.255.6799.

About United Way of Williamson County:

United Way of Williamson County is dedicated to responding to the timely needs of Williamson County by unleashing the caring power of individuals and companies, community by community, from Taylor to Hutto to Georgetown to Round Rock to Jarrell and the 183 Corridor including Cedar Park, Leander and Liberty Hill. United Way of Williamson County has more than a century of commitment to Williamson County. United Way of Williamson County is the merged entity of the former Georgetown Area United Way and United Way of Greater Williamson County. For more information about United Way of Williamson County, call 512.255.6799 or visit www.unitedway-wc.org.

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