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## **United Way of Williamson County Announces Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care as the 2011 Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence Award Winner**

United Way of Williamson County (UWWC) will present the 2011 Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence Award to Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care (Samaritan Center) on February 17, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at the Klett Performing Arts Center at Georgetown High School.

The award will be presented by the Engvall family, including Bill Engvall, Jr., popular actor, comedian, and brother of Janet Engvall McTigue. The award presentation will take place prior to the start of the *Bill Engvall: Live in Georgetown* comedy show honoring Janet Engvall McTigue and benefiting United Way of Williamson County.

In 2009 UWWC presented the first *Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence in Nonprofits Award*. This annual \$10,000 award was established to honor Janet's commitment to strengthening nonprofit agencies and to serving the most vulnerable members of our community. Janet was Executive Director of Georgetown Area United Way from 2002-2005, a practicing attorney in Texas, and 2004 Democratic candidate for Williamson County Attorney. She died in 2007.

The 2011 winner, Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care, provides counseling resources in the Central Texas community for individuals and families with limited income, older adults, and military families with unique needs. Nearly 40 percent of their current clientele have no health insurance and receive fee assistance to obtain access to mental health care in Williamson County. Their award monies will be used to improve communication and technology systems in order to improve the delivery of services to their clients.

Patty Conner, Chief Executive Officer of Hope Alliance, the first Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence in Nonprofits Award winner, said of their 2009 award, "Locating funds to support capacity-building efforts is very difficult, and for that reason, UWWC's leadership in this area is greatly appreciated. We received this award at a time when Hope Alliance was at a crossroads in its organizational development. The award provided the funds we needed for a comprehensive board development effort that enabled us to adjust our board's form and function, and strategically approach the evolving needs of the organization." WBC Opportunities was the 2010 Award winner.

A limited number of general admission tickets to the February 17<sup>th</sup> show are still available for \$25 and can be purchased online at [www.unitedway-wc.org](http://www.unitedway-wc.org) or by calling 512.255.6799.

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