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**United Way of Williamson County Announces
the Literacy Council of Williamson County as the
2012 Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence Award Winner**

ROUND ROCK, TX - United Way of Williamson County (UWWC) has announced that it will be awarding the Literacy Council of Williamson County the 2012 Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence in Nonprofits Award on February 23, 2012 at Mel's Lone Star Lanes in Georgetown, TX, in conjunction with the Bill Engvall Celebrity Bowling Tournament. This \$10,000 award will be presented by members of the Engvall and McTigue families, including Bill Engvall, Jr., popular actor, comedian, and brother of Janet Engvall McTigue.

Established in 2009, the *Janet Engvall McTigue Advancing Excellence in Nonprofits Award* is given to a nonprofit organization in order to strengthen its business infrastructure and advance excellence within the organization. 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. This annual award continues to honor Janet's commitment to strengthening local nonprofit agencies and equipping them to better serve the most vulnerable members of our community.

"This award will provide us with a complete and virtually instant upgrade of our technology infrastructure," said Robert Pinhero, Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Williamson County. "The resulting efficiencies will enable us to increase our capacity without costly staff additions, streamline our processes and enhance our ability to serve the residents and employers of Williamson County."

The Literacy Council of Williamson County is the only nonprofit in Williamson County dedicated solely to improving adult literacy and helping high school dropouts earn a GED. The Literacy Council serves over 1,300 adults annually by providing affordable programs in basic literacy, ESL and GED preparation. There are currently learning centers in Round Rock, Georgetown, Hutto, Taylor and Cedar Park. Recently, pilot programs have been made available in Pflugerville and Bartlett.

The Literacy Council will receive the award at the start of the Bill Engvall Celebrity Bowling Tournament. Sponsorships are still available for this event. Information is available at www.unitedway-wc.org or by calling (512) 255-6799.

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