



**United Way of  
Williamson County**

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### **United Way of Williamson County Day of Caring Creates Impact in Williamson County**

**WILLIAMSON COUNTY, Texas**, April 26, 2010 – Gloomy weather did not deter more than 110 volunteers from participating in United Way of Williamson County's Day of Caring on the morning of Saturday, April 17, 2010. United Way of Williamson County, The Volunteer Center and several nonprofit agencies worked together to gather volunteers and projects across the County making an incredible impact for the people they serve. "We are committed to advancing the common good and creating opportunities for a better tomorrow in Williamson County. The collective effort of more than a hundred people offering their time to volunteer in our community truly demonstrates what it means to LIVE UNITED - reaching out a hand to one which ultimately influences the condition of all." said LeAnn Powers, Chief Professional Officer of United Way of Williamson County.

In total, five volunteer projects had the assistance of volunteers of all ages and abilities. In Georgetown volunteers joined students from Tippit Middle School's Communities in Schools program and the After School Action Program to create a cluster of gardens in the courtyard area behind the school. For several weeks, prior to the volunteer day, the students learned about Texas gardens, designed a plan for gardens, and thanks to the Semester of Service grant from the Rotary club of Georgetown to encourage students to serve in the community, the students put together a budget for the project's costs as well. "This project was the result of so many people working together to help create a wonderful learning experience for our students," said Joanna Becker, Communities in Schools Program Manager at Tippit. "They are so proud of their hard work and are proudly accepting the responsibility of caring for these gardens. This entire project only happened because of the financial and volunteer support of our community."

The projects in Round Rock included park cleanup at the Brushy Creek Park, blanket making for the children at Hope Alliance and the Williamson County Children's Advocacy and garden prep at the Round Rock Area Serving Center community gardens. The Cedar Park Library benefited from fourteen volunteers of all ages cutting, stapling, clipping, and sorting materials for the library's Summer Reading Program. Putting together the materials for the Library's program would normally take weeks for the library staff to accomplish, so having the Day of Caring volunteers was an exciting opportunity for the Cedar Park community.

United Way of Williamson County believes that by mobilizing people in our community to give, advocate and volunteer we can build a hopeful future for everyone in the county. By bringing together the hearts, hands and minds of our region we can make Williamson County the best place in the country for people to live and prosper. For more information about volunteering or about United Way of Williamson County, visit [www.unitedway-wc.org](http://www.unitedway-wc.org) or call 512.255.6799

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