



**United Way of
Williamson County**

NEWS RELEASE

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Twenty Local Programs to Receive United Way of Williamson County Funding

United Way of Williamson County (UWWC) Board of Directors has announced the 2011-2012 Community Investment Grants awarded to twenty nonprofit programs serving the residents of Williamson County. Each of the funded programs is aimed at creating an impact in a specific area such as increasing graduation rates, increasing the number of families receiving health care, providing access to prevention programs or helping families achieve financial stability.

In a six-month process that began in December 2010, UWWC received 33 grant requests equaling close to \$1 million. Over the course of the next several months a group of community volunteers spent more than 700 hours reviewing the applications to determine which programs demonstrated the closest alignment to UWWC's impact goals in the areas of education, income/financial stability and health. "We truly wish we were able to fully fund all the requests," said LeAnn Powers, Chief Professional Officer at UWWC. "The nonprofit organizations in our community are doing an incredible job, however we have some very ambitious goals so we have to be extremely strategic in allocating funds."

Tom Shockley, chair of the UWWC Board of Directors noted, "It is our responsibility to those who invest in UWWC to ensure that the donor's monies are supporting programs that make the most impact in our community. The volunteers that served on our review panel used a thoughtful and careful process to determine the programs that would best meet the goals we have set. This process is one of the main reasons why donors believe in our mission."

As is apparent from the list of agencies below, UWWC is committed to investing in diverse programming that is effective and making an impact in the community. In addition to the grants, UWWC partners with nonprofits across the county in coalition work, focused collaborations, advocacy and volunteerism to make our community a better place to live. During fiscal year 2011-2012 a total of \$464,000 will be granted to these programs. Grants range in size from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

INCOME/FINANCIAL STABILITY

Capital IDEA

Career Paths for Williamson County

Literacy Council of Williamson County

Project Moving Up

Williamson County Financial Stability Coalition

Free Tax Preparation Sites

EDUCATION

Annunciation Maternity Home

AMH New Beginnings

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Williamson County

Georgetown Partners in Education

Project Mentor

Interagency Support Council of East Williamson County, Inc.

East Williamson County School Based Mental Health Program

LifeSteps

Neighborhood Conference Committee (NCC)

Round Rock ISD Partners In Education Foundation

STARS Mentoring Program

HEALTH

Family Eldercare

In-Home Services

Hope Alliance

Preventative Counseling for Survivors of Family & Sexual Violence

Samaritan Health Ministries

Health Care for the Uninsured in Williamson County

The Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care

Good Samaritan Counseling Program

Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

Counseling Services for Abused Children in Williamson County

Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities

Meals-on-Wheels

Wilco Wellness Alliance/Friends of Public Health

Exercise is Medicine

SPECIAL FUNDING FOR FOOD PANTRIES

Hill Country Community Ministries, Cedar Park/Leander

Round Rock Area Serving Center, Round Rock

Shepherd's Heart Food Pantry, Taylor

The Caring Place, Georgetown

About United Way of Williamson County: *United Way of Williamson County is a volunteer driven, community-based, nonprofit organization with a goal to focus and unite the community to create significant lasting change that positively impacts people's lives, specifically in the areas of education, income and health. To learn more about the LIVE UNITED goals and mission of United Way of Williamson County visit www.unitedway-wc.org or call 512.255.6799.*