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The primary purpose of this document is to provide the Southwestern University learning community, and members of our greater community, with information about local agencies and organizations that address key systemic issues in Central Texas. This document may also be used by community members seeking services from the organizations herein.

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Assistance for Families

211

211 is a program from United Way that connects those needing social, human, and financial services to area providers. Individuals call 211, state the need or area of interest, and the operator will provide applicable contact information.

Annunciation Maternity Home

Georgetown (512) 864-7755

www.thematernityhome.org

Annunciation is a home for pregnant women and teens offering comprehensive support to its residents, including medical care, continuing education, transportation, job assistance, and more.

American Red Cross

Austin (512) 928-4271 Fax (512) 928-2816

www.centex.redcross.org

The Red Cross offers disaster services, health and safety training, organizes blood drives, and much more. Volunteers are needed to assist in all service areas.

The Arc of the Capital Area

Austin (512) 476-7044 Fax (512) 476-9054

www.arcofthecapitalarea.org

The Arc of the Capital Area is a non-profit organization in Austin that provides services to children with disabilities and their families. The Arc of the Capital Area, formally the Association of Retarded Citizens, works with families of children with varying types of disabilities (primarily developmental). The Arc provides support groups, respite care, and programs through the juvenile justice system.

The Arc of Texas

Austin (512) 454-6694

www.thearcoftexas.org

The Arc of Texas is the umbrella organization for the Arc of the Capital Area. The main goals of the Arc Of Texas are focused on changing government policies on mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The organization also works to educate the general public about mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

The Austin Project

Austin (512) 637-0900

www.theaustinproject.org

The Austin Project is a catalyst for systemic change to

strengthen educational and social service delivery systems. Focus areas include youth and family, academic improvement, and early literacy.

AVANCE

Austin (512) 326-9335

www.avance.org

AVANCE is a non-profit organization that focuses on parent education, early childhood development, brain development, literacy, and school readiness. The parent education program operates in housing projects, community centers, and schools to make attending easier on the parents.

Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center

Round Rock (512) 255-1720

www.bluebonnetmhmr.org

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Georgetown (512) 864-3008

www.georgetownproject.com

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Capital Area Food Bank

Austin (512) 282-2111 Fax (512) 282-6606

www.austinfoodbank.org

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest food bank in Central Texas. The Capital Area Food Bank works with other organizations in the area to ensure that food pantries are well stocked.

The Caring Place

Georgetown (512) 869-4735

www.caringplacegeorgetown.com

The Caring Place provides a variety of emergency services to families. The organization gives vouchers for food and clothing which can be redeemed at The Caring Place's thrift store. In addition, they provide funding for needed household items or home repairs. In some cases, they provide emergency assistance for those who cannot afford to pay their monthly bills or medical costs.

Caritas of Austin

Austin (512) 479-4610 ext. 121

www.caritasofaustin.org

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Family Outreach of Williamson County

Round Rock (512) 388-8900 or 1-800-967-6519

Family Outreach is a volunteer organization that works to prevent child abuse. This organization educates families on life skills and finds additional resources for families within the community that may benefit them.

The Georgetown Project

Georgetown (512) 864-7799

www.georgetownproject.com

The Georgetown Project is a non-profit organization that drives initiatives designed to improve the lives of Georgetown's children, youth, and families. The organization spearheads programs such as Bridges to Growth, the After School Action Program, STARS (a drug and alcohol prevention program for middle school students and their families), Kid City, and the Community Interaction Partnership.

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

Austin (512) 637-7100

Georgetown (512)

Round Rock (512) 472-6521

www.austingoodwill.org

Goodwill provides job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The organization helps people to become self-sufficient. They sell clothing and other items in their stores in order to fund job training and placement programs.

Green Corn Project

Austin (512) 249-3171

www.greencornproject.org

The Green Corn Project is a non-profit organization that helps community residents to grow food. They provide education and the skills to grow organic food gardens to foster self reliance.

Intervention Services

Georgetown (512) 763-0478

www.interventionservices.org

Intervention Services provides a broad range of high quality mental health services to families, schools, and communities in Central Texas. The agency serves approximately 2000 students and families and 25 schools each year.

Latina Mami

Austin (512) 494-7758

www.latinamami.org

Latina Mami is a nonprofit support organization for Chicana and Latina mothers and families that provides valuable resources and education. It's all female governing board has worked hard to create programs like Mami Closet, which provides maternity clothes and baby equipment, Latina Mami Newspaper and Website, Kids' Cultural Activities, and Babysitting Cooperative.

LifeSteps

Round Rock (512) 246-9880

www.lifestepsCouncil.org

LifeSteps offers assistance to those in drug and alcohol recovery, as well as educative materials and resources on drug addiction and alcoholism. The organization offers intervention services, prevention classes, and assessments for those who may be abusing drugs and alcohol.

The Linus Connection

Georgetown (512) 266-9305

www.linusconnection.org

The Linus Connection is a group that creates handmade blankets for children who have been neglected or abused. Blankets are also given to children who are ill or are considered to be at-risk in the Georgetown area. Most of the blankets go to children who are between 7 and 12 years of age.

Mother's Milk Bank at Austin

Austin (512) 494-0800 Fax: (512) 494-0880

www.mmbaustin.org

2 Mother's Milk Bank at Austin provides human milk to infants

in neonatal intensive care units to improve their health and lower the care costs of premature and ill babies. The organization also educates the medical and general community on the benefits of human milk for infants.

Planned Parenthood

Austin (512) 275-0171

www.plannedparenthood.org/

Planned Parenthood helps people make informed, private decisions about sexuality, reproductive options, and parenthood through education. It provides counseling, healthcare, and birth control services.

Pregnancy Help Center Of Williamson County

Georgetown 512-868-0153

www.wheatridge.org

The Pregnancy Help Center gives information about abortion and other options surrounding the needs of pregnant mothers. They also help patrons find services in the community that can be of assistance to them for abortion needs and child care classes as well as needed resources such as clothing for the baby.

Round Rock Area Serving Center

Round Rock (512) 244-2431

The Round Rock Area Serving Center's services include a food pantry, and financial assistance for utilities, rent, prescriptions, transportation, temporary lodging, and gasoline to people living in Round Rock, Hutto, and Wells Branch.

The Salvation Army

Austin (512) 447-2272

www.salvationarmysouth.org

The mission of The Salvation Army is to meet human needs without discrimination, motivated by love for God, and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Salvation Army's Austin-based center offers emergency relief, shelter and other social services, a gathering place for worship and fellowship, and an adult rehabilitative program.

Spirit Reins

Liberty Hill (512) 515-0845

www.spiritreins.org

Spirit Reins offers two therapy programs with the use of horses. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs works with troubled youth. The Horses and Youth United program works with children that may be living in poverty, be involved in a gang, or have substance abuse problems.

The Storehouse

Austin (512) 989-9989

www.thestorehouseofaustin.org

The Storehouse of Austin offers food, clothing, and encouragement to people in need in order to end the cycle of poverty. From their two stores, they have fed in excess of 1,000 people a month.

Texas Watch

Austin (512) 381-1111

www.texaswatch.org

Texas Watch is a non-partisan advocacy organization working to improve consumer and insurance protections for Texas families.

United Way of the Capital Area

Austin (512) 472-6267

www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org

The United Way of the Capital Area is a large organization that works with many other smaller organizations throughout Central Texas to provide services to families. The United Way can help families find shelter, food, counseling services or medical services as needed. If you are in need of services call 211 and the operator will assist you in finding appropriate help.

United Way of Greater Williamson County

Round Rock (512) 255-6799

www.unitedway-gwc.org

The United Way of Greater Williamson County works with many other organizations throughout Williamson County and Georgetown to provide services for families. The United Way can help families find shelter, food, counseling services or medical services. If you are in need of services call 211 and the operator will assist you in finding appropriate help.

Williamson County Children's Advocacy Center

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www.wilcocac.org

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Whole Woman's Health

Austin (512) 250-1005 or 800-282-1005

www.wholewomanshealth.com

Whole Woman's Health is an abortion provider that offers full range services for women. They offer gynecological services, counseling, and general wellness resources.

Women's Health and Family Planning

Association of Texas

Austin (512) 448-4857

www.whfpt.org

Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas works to promote voluntary family planning services for all Texas women, preserve reproductive freedom, responsible sexuality education, and advocate for high quality, affordable, and accessible reproductive health care. They provide leadership and information to the public and their membership.

City Government

Georgetown Animal Shelter

Georgetown (512) 930-3592

www.petfinder.org/shelters/TX34

Georgetown Animal Shelter is involved in numerous off-site adoption events helping animals find good homes.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation

Georgetown (512) 930-3595

www.georgetown.org

Georgetown Parks and Recreation offers many youth programs to increase community involvement among children and teens. They provide a wide range of activities to choose from including camps, sports, and challenge courses to emphasize team building.

Georgetown Public Library

Georgetown (512) 930-3551

www.georgetowntexas.org

Georgetown Public Library offers a wide variety of services to enhance education for all ages. The library offers story times, craft projects, and puppet shows that attract children of all ages and make education fun.

Williamson County Humane Society

Leander (512) 260-3602

www.hswc.net

The Williamson County Humane Society works to promote responsibility in pet ownership through education of health and safety. This organization works to find animals good homes.

Crisis Interventions

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reliance. They offer life skills, money management, and ESL classes.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

Austin (512) 459-2272

www.casatravis.org

CASA provides help to abused and neglected children. This organization works to ensure that every child in Travis County lives in a safe, healthy, and nurturing environment.

Family Outreach of Williamson County

Round Rock (512) 388-8900 or 1-800-967-6519

Family Outreach is an organization that works to prevent child abuse. This organization serves as an advocate for families. They work to help them with role modeling and life skills. Family Outreach also helps families find additional resources within the community that may benefit them.

Helping Hand Home for Children

Austin (512) 459-3353

www.helpinghandhome.org

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Round Rock (512) 246-9880

www.lifestepsCouncil.org

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Lifeworks

Austin (512) 735-2200

www.lifeworksweb.org

Lifeworks provides crisis intervention and counseling

services. They work with homeless and run-away youth. They provide counseling to give youth a better understanding of how to succeed in society and encourage them toward positive behaviors. They provide a 24 hour walk-in shelter, GED classes and life skills training, and other services.

Lisa's Hope Chest

Austin (512) 457-0999

www.lisashopechest.org

Lisa's Hope Chest is a nonprofit organization provides free used professional clothing to men and women in need, specifically to those in a transition phase in their lives. This organization also provides life skills training with programs like W.E.-A.N.G.E.L.S. (Women Experiencing Achieving New Goals & Envisioning Life's Successes) and S.T.E.P. Forward (Strategies to Economic Progress).

Manos de Cristo

Austin (512) 477-7454

www.manosdecristo.org

Manos de Cristo is a nonprofit organization that helps people in need by teaching skills and providing resources that will help them gain self-sufficiency. This organization provides a cheap dental clinic program to low-income residents, a basic needs program, and an education program that offers ESL classes four days a week.

Ronald McDonald House

Austin (512) 472-9844

www.rmhc.com

Ronald McDonald Houses provide a variety of services to families with a child in the hospital for a long period of time. The Houses are generally located near the hospitals so that families can be close to their children. Families generally pay \$5-20 per day, but families that cannot afford to pay can stay for free.

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SafePlace

Austin (512) 267-SAFE

www.austin-safeplace.org

SafePlace offers a continuum of services for victims of domestic violence. SafePlace clients receive shelter,

advocacy, crisis services, and long-term support. SafePlace also sponsors awareness and prevention programs. Volunteers can work directly or indirectly with clients and their families.

STARRY (Services To At-Risk Runaway Youth)

Round Rock (512) 388- 8290

www.tbch.org/starry.asp

The STARRY shelter cares for twenty children at a time between birth and age 17. The shelter provides a home for children who have run away from home. They also provide temporary shelter for those children that have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The shelter also helps children find services that will help them once they have left the shelter.

Texas Baptist Children's Home

Round Rock (512) 255-3668

www.tbch.org

This program provides residential care to abused children ages 6 to 17. TBCH offers individual, group, and family counseling, and emphasizes reconciliation. Volunteer opportunities include providing recreational activities for children, yard work, maintaining vehicles for single moms, food delivery, organizing food and clothing, and collecting items needed items for the children.

Victim's Assistance Program - Williamson County Sheriff's Office

Georgetown (512) 943-1373

wcportals.wilco.org/sheriff

This program is a division of the Williamson County Sheriff's Office. The Victim Services Team is a group of volunteers that are trained in crisis intervention to survivors, witnesses, and families in Williamson County who have been traumatized by the experience of death, serious injury, violent crime, or natural disaster.

Victim's Services - Georgetown Police Department

Georgetown (512) 930-3521

www.georgetown.org/cityservices.php

This Victim's Services Team serves the same purpose as the Victim's Services Team for Williamson County. This program, however, falls under the jurisdiction of the Georgetown Police Department and serves residents within the city limits only.

Williamson County Crisis Center

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www.wccc.info

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women, children, and men whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. Such services include a 24 hour hotline, an emergency shelter, transitional housing, counseling and support groups, educational services, legal advocacy, and more.

Williamson County Family Outreach

Georgetown (512) 388-8811 or 1-800-967-6519

The Family Outreach program is a volunteer-based agency in partnership with Child Protective Services to serve families at-risk for child abuse/neglect. The agency offers family mentoring and parent education programs.

Disabilities-Related Resources

Any Baby Can

Austin (512) 454-3743 or 1-800- 672-0238

www.abcaus.org

Any Baby Can provides intervention services to children with disabilities and their families. They serve children with both physical and learning disabilities, and provide counseling and parenting classes as well as needed items like diapers or other things that a family may not be able to afford.

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ARCIL (A Resource Center for Independent Living)

Round Rock (512) 828-4624 Austin (512) 832-6349

www.arcil.com

ARCIL provides independent living assistance to those with disabilities living in the Austin and Georgetown areas. The ARCIL website lists appropriate job openings, and the organization holds classes such as aerobics and computer training as well.

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Child Find

Georgetown (512) 943-5000 x 6043

Child Find is an organization that helps to identify children with disabilities in the Georgetown Independent School District.

Easter Seals-Central Texas

Austin (512) 478-2581

<http://centraltx.easterseals.com>

Easter Seals creates solutions for children and adults with disabilities and those who care for them. Volunteers can help at events and camps, or in the office.

ECI Pride (Early Childhood Intervention)

Round Rock (512) 244-8359

www.dars.state.tx.us

The ECI Pride program supports children with disabilities age 0-3 and their families in Williamson County. Volunteers are welcome to assist in providing services to clients, including support, information, and training.

Infant Parent Program-Early Childhood Intervention (Austin/Travis County MHMR)

Austin (512) 447-4141

www.atcmhmr.com/service/CMH/eciinfantParent.htm

ECI's mission is to give families with children under 3 years with developmental delays the resources and support they need to reach their goals. They offer family education and support, audiology and vision services, nursing and nutrition services, physical/occupational therapy, and developmental services.

Marnie Paul Arts Center

Austin (512) 342-0490

www.marniepaul.org

The Marnie Paul Center provides various kinds of art therapy for those with disabilities, including Music and Dance Therapy.

R.O.C.K. (Ride On Center for Kids)

Georgetown (512) 930-7625

www.rockride.org

ROCK is a non-profit organization that provides therapy through horseback riding for individuals with both physical and learning disabilities. ROCK serves people ages 2-78. Classes run for 6 weeks and payment is flexible.

Rosedale School

Austin (512) 414-2073

www.volunteersolutions.org/ut/org/217391.html

Rosedale School is a campus of the Austin ISD serving the needs of students ages 3-22 with multiple severe and profound disabilities.

Special Olympics GISD

Georgetown 943-5000 x4718

Special Olympics is an annual event for children with disabilities. It provides a chance for children with disabilities to participate in fun competitions.

Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Austin (512) 454-8631 or 1-800-872-5273

www.tsbvi.edu

The Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired provides full time education for ages 3 to 22. The school offers services for all types of visual impairments in a residential setting. Students receive instruction on site, and also attend classes at local schools. The school also offers sports and other recreational activities for students.

Texas School for the Deaf

Austin (512) 462-5353

www.tsd.state.tx.us

The School for the Deaf offers full time education for ages 5-22. The school also offers Early Childhood programs and works with children who have other disabilities in addition to being deaf. The school provides social opportunities and recreational sports. In addition, the children that attend school here have access to medical care through the school.

Williamson County Helpline

(512) 248-3252 or 1-800-890-6296

The Williamson County Helpline a service of the Williamson County & Cities Health District Social Services Division. It is answered 24 hours a day, and helps identify medical, shelter or other services within the county. The majority of calls to the Helpline are healthcare-related.

Domestic Violence

Arte Sana

www.arte-sana.com

Arte Sana (art heals) is a nonprofit agency for Latino/a survivors of gender and racial violence that promotes healing and empowerment through the arts and community education. Experienced translators (primarily English to

Spanish) are needed as volunteers.

Center for Child Protection

Austin (512) 472-1164 fax (512) 472-1167

www.centerforchildprotection.org

The Center for Child Protection is a non-profit agency that provides a homelike, child-centered environment where children who have reported abuse and their protective caregivers can go for evaluation, crisis intervention, evidence gathering, and counseling.

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SAHELI (Support Advocate Heal Empower Listen Inform)

Austin (512) 703-8745

www.saheli-austin.org

SAHELI is a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to Asian families dealing with domestic violence and abuse, and works to empower Asian victims and survivors. Call 512-356-1565 for information on volunteer opportunities.

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Austin (512) 474-7190

www.taasa.org

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault is a non-profit agency promoting sexual assault awareness throughout the state of Texas. TAASA is committed to ending sexual violence in Texas through education, prevention, and advocacy.

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Texas Council on Family Violence

Austin (512) 794-1133

www.tcfv.org

The TCFV works to end violence against women through partnerships, advocacy, and direct services for women, children, and men.

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Early Childhood Resources

Bridges to Growth

Georgetown (512) 864-3008

www.georgetownproject.com

Bridges to Growth is a community resource center for parents and childcare providers. It houses a library of books on parenting, a toy- and book-lending library for children, a workroom with a laminator, die-cutting machine, and photo copier for public use, and hosts parenting and childcare provider classes.

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www.georgetowntex.org

Georgetown Public Library offers a wide variety of services to enhance education for all ages. The library offers story times, craft projects, and puppet shows that attracts children of all ages and makes education fun.

Head Start

Georgetown (512) 864-9733

Head Start provides child care services and enrichment programs to children that have been identified as coming from a low-income family. Head Start serves children from birth to age five and provides some assistance to pregnant mothers. The program helps to ensure the proper development of children.

Education-Related Resources

After School Action Program (ASAP)

Georgetown (512) 943-5000, x6925

www.georgetownasap.org

The After School Action Program provides a safe, enriching place for Georgetown Independent School District middle school students after school. The ASAP programs provide a variety of activities for the students including tutorials, computers, arts and crafts, music, and sports. All GISD middle school students are eligible for the program.

Austin Partners in Education (PIE)

Austin (512) 637-0900

www.austinpartners.org

Austin PIE creates and fosters effective community-school partnerships that support and enrich student learning and success.

The Austin Project

Austin (512) 637-0900

www.theaustinproject.org

The Austin Project is a catalyst for systemic change to strengthen educational and social service delivery systems. Focus areas include youth and family, academic improvement, and early literacy.

Austin Voices for Education & Youth

Austin (512) 450-1880

www.austinvoices.org

Supports positive youth development and public education by mobilizing communities to strengthen schools and expand opportunities for Austin youth.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters

Austin (512) 472-KIDS or 1-877-233-5353

www.bbbscentraltx.org

The Big Brothers/Big Sisters program allows children to be paired with a mentor for an extended period of time. The program also provides tutoring to these children. In addition, the potential for scholarship money for college is available

once the student participates in the program and graduates from high school.

Bridges to Growth

Georgetown (512) 864-3008
www.georgetownproject.com

Bridges to Growth is a community resource center for parents and childcare providers. It houses a library of books on parenting, a toy- and book-lending library for children, a workroom with a laminator, die-cutting machine, and photo copier for public use, and hosts parenting and childcare provider classes.

Communities in Schools of Central Texas

Austin (512) 462-1771
www.cisaustin.org

Communities in Schools (CIS) is a dropout prevention program. CIS creates a network of volunteers, social services, businesses, and community resources that work together to break down barriers to help students succeed.

Community Interaction Partnership (CIP)

Georgetown (512) 864-7799
www.georgetownproject.com

CIP is a community outreach program through which Southwestern University students connect to school- and community-based programs for children and youth, grades K-12, in Georgetown. While the primary objective of CIP is to provide tutoring help to students, Southwestern University students also have opportunities to mentor students as well. Southwestern students work at sites such as the Georgetown Public Library, GISD middle schools via the After School Action Program, Richarte High School, and Georgetown High School.

Duck University

Taylor (512) 352-6845
www.taylorducks.org/duckuniversity

Duck University provides academic enrichment activities for at-risk students from kindergarten through eighth grade at Taylor ISD.

The Entrepreneurs Foundation and Idea Network

Austin (512) 482-8894
www.givetoaustin.org

The Entrepreneurs Foundation and Idea Network strengthens the local technology sector through the vehicle of finance, leadership projects, and instant impact to create new resources and improve Central Texas.

Extended School Enrichment (ESE)

Georgetown (512) 943-5087
www.georgetownisd.org/programs/care/ese.htm

Extended School Enrichment is an after-school program for elementary school students, K-5. The program provides after school care to children to ensure that they are in a safe environment until parents are available to pick them up, and provides a variety of enrichment activities, as well as tutorial services, to all students. The program runs the entire school year and throughout the summer. Children can attend ESE on school holidays as well. Fees are based on the number of children and are paid on a monthly basis. ESE sites are on all GISD elementary school campuses.

GENaustin (Girl Empowerment Network)

Austin (512) 414-0472
www.genaustin.org

GENaustin is a volunteer-run organization committed to helping girls grow into healthy, confident women. The agency targets middle-school aged girls, and organizes public presentations by experts in adolescent girl development issues, girl-oriented events, workshops, and other programs for girls, parents, and educators.

Georgetown Public Library

Georgetown (512) 930-3551
www.georgetowntex.org

Georgetown Public Library offers a wide variety of services to enhance education for all ages. The library offers story times, craft projects, and puppet shows that attracts children of all ages and makes education fun.

Getsemani Community Center

Georgetown (512) 863-3515

Getsemani Community Center is a non-profit organization created to provide an interfaith community of people working together to celebrate Hispanic culture. It provides educational enrichment for students of all ages, and serves as a forum for neighbors to have a voice, to interact with each other, and for empowering residents to work out solutions through access to community resources.

Girlstart

Austin (512) 916-4775
www.girlstart.org

Girlstart is a non-profit organization created to empower girls to excel in math, science, and technology. The agency offers a variety of educational formats designed for middle school girls through afterschool programs, summer programs, and summer camps. Volunteers are needed as

teachers, mentors, and tutors.

Greenlights

Austin (512) 477-5955

www.greenlights.org

Greenlights supports and strengthens nonprofits in education through consulting, education, networking, and resources. This organization has many donors that help sustain nonprofits during hard times and times of growth.

Helping Hand Tutoring

Georgetown (512) 943-5175

www.georgetownpie.org

Helping Hand Tutoring provides free tutoring to GISD students, grades 1-8, in all subject areas.

Latina Mami

Austin (512) 494-7758

www.latinamami.org

Latina Mami is a nonprofit support organization for Chicana and Latina mothers and families that provides valuable resources and education. It's all female governing board has worked hard to create programs like Mami Closet, which provides maternity clothes and baby equipment, Latina Mami Newspaper and Website, Kids' Cultural Activities, and Babysitting Cooperative.

Literacy Coalition of Central Texas

Austin (512) 223-7975

www.willread.org

The Coalition provides English as a Second Language programming, Adult Basic Education, computer literacy, health literacy, prison literacy, and workplace literacy.

Literacy Council of Williamson County

Round Rock (512) 244-8445

www.main.org/lcowc/literacy.htm

The Literacy Council provides resources and programs for individuals to achieve literacy. Volunteer tutors are always needed and welcome.

Manos de Cristo

Austin (512) 477-7454

www.manosdecristo.org

Manos de Cristo is a nonprofit organization that helps people in need by teaching skills and providing resources that will help them gain self-sufficiency. This organization provides a cheap dental clinic program to low-income residents, a basic needs program, and an education program that offers ESL classes four days a week.

Migrant Education Program

Georgetown (512) 943-5000, x7334

www.georgetownisd.org/programs/fedprograms/migrant.htm

The Migrant Education Program is targeted to GISD students who are children of migrant workers in grades 6-12. These students receive support with academics, scheduling, and finding resources and opportunities that will enhance their education.

Operation Achievement

Georgetown (512) 863-1219

www.southwestern.edu/academic/oa/

Operation Achievement is a partnership between Southwestern University and GISD schools. Southwestern students mentor middle school students (grades 6-8). The student and the mentor work together to develop a plan to ensure the academic success of the student and then carry out this plan together. The middle school student meets once a week with their mentor.

Pipstart

www.pipstart.org

Pipstart is a faith-based youth program teaching life skills, character, and academics. The organization focuses on teamwork, creativity and problem-solving, and using math, science, and engineering as a tool.

Project Mentor

Georgetown (512) 943-5175

www.georgetownpie.org

Project Mentor matches school-aged children with an adult mentor within the Georgetown community. The mentors might help children with their homework, help them with self-esteem issues, or talk with them about their goals for the future. Students meet with their mentors for 30 minutes per week.

Rosedale School

Austin (512) 414-2073

www.volunteersolutions.org/ut/org/217391.html

Rosedale School is a campus of the Austin ISD serving the needs of students ages 3-22 with multiple severe and profound disabilities.

SAIL (Student Assistance and Intervention Liaison)

Georgetown (512) 943-5000, x7508

www.georgetownisd.org/programs/outreach/index.htm

SAIL is a referral- and solution-based process that helps students who are experiencing problems at school. This

may include academic, attendance, or behavioral problems, or other issues that can interfere with learning, such as peer conflicts, trauma, or family distress. When appropriate, students are connected to existing on-campus services and/or community resources that will help the student overcome problems.

Skillpoint Alliance

Austin (512) 323-6773

www.skillpointalliance.org

Skillpoint Alliance's mission is to build partnerships among industry, education, and the community. Programs are designed to promote college and career success, while meeting employers' needs for qualified workers. The agency targets its programs primarily to youth and young adults.

Upward Bound

Georgetown (512) 863-1177

www.southwestern.edu/academic/ub

Upward Bound is housed at Southwestern University and serves 9th-12th grade students in Williamson County. Secondary school students are eligible for Upward Bound services if their families meet specific income requirements, and if both parents did not attend college. Once enrolled in the program, students get academic and advising support from staff that facilitates students' acceptance into the college of their choice.

VICTORY Tutorial Program

Austin (512) 974-7317

VICTORY coordinates one-on-one volunteer tutoring for students grades 1-12 who need extra help with their school work. The program operates out of several public libraries in Austin, and is an initiative made possible by AISD and the City of Austin. Volunteer tutors are always welcome and needed.

Willie Hall Community Center Tutoring

Georgetown (512) 869-1033

Willie Hall Community Center offers a safe haven for young children in the surrounding neighborhood, and provides tutoring and homework help to students after school in grades 1-8.

Youth Taking Charge

Wimberley (512) 423-5638

www.youthtakingcharge.org

Youth Taking Charge's mission is to prevent situational poverty from becoming generational poverty by building healthy communities. The organization targets middle

school age youth and needs qualified mentors and camp counselors.

Environmental Organizations

Center for Maximum Potential Building Systems

Austin (512) 928-4786

www.cmpbs.org

The Center is a non-profit education, demonstration, and research organization that works toward the application of appropriate technologies and sustainable design practices to meet the needs of a broad range of users.

CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas

Austin (512) 916-6057

www.cleanairforce.org

The mission of the CLEAN AIR Force is to coordinate and conduct air quality planning and education activities in Central Texas focused on motivating citizens of this region to take actions to reduce air pollution and maintain healthy air; and to advise responsible government entities on air quality issues.

Community Gardens-Williamson County & Cities Health District

Georgetown (512) 930-4387

www.wcgardens.org

This program sponsors several local community gardens at schools, neighborhood centers, and transforms empty lots into green, living spaces. Gardens provide the opportunity for physical activity, access to fresh fruits and vegetables, social interaction, and neighborhood beautification.

Envision Central Texas

Austin (512) 916-6037

www.envisioncentraltexas.org

Envision Central Texas encourages and facilitates public dialogue about strategies and goals for Central Texas in ensuring the best possible quality of life for its citizens. Initiatives include transportation and land use, housing and jobs balance, economic development coordination, and social equity.

Green Corn Project

Austin (512) 249-3171

www.greencornproject.org

The Green Corn Project is a non-profit organization that helps community residents to grow food. They provide

education and the skills to grow organic food gardens to foster self reliance.

Keep Austin Beautiful

Austin (512) 391-0617
www.keepaustinbeautiful.org

The mission of Keep Austin Beautiful is “to empower the citizens of Greater Austin to take personal responsibility for enhancing their community’s environment.” The organization sponsors a wide range of volunteer projects.

Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center

Austin (512) 292-4100
www.wildflower.org

The Wildflower Center’s mission is to educate people about the environmental necessity, economic value, and natural beauty of native plants. Volunteers tend gardens, assist with research, maintain the website, and more.

Liveable City

Austin (512) 445-2245
www.liveablecity.org

Liveable City is an inclusive network of individuals working together to create a community consensus to promote policies that address the long term social, environmental, and economic needs of the people of Austin.

PODER (People Organized in Defense of the Earth and her Resources)

Austin (512) 472-9921
www.poder-texas.org

PODER’s mission is redefining environmental issues as social and economic justice issues and collectively addressing these concerns as basic human rights. As a response to the industrialization and gentrification of East Austin residential neighborhoods, PODER seeks to empower communities through education, advocacy, and action.

Save Barton Creek Association

Austin (512) 480-0055
www.savebartoncreek.org

Save Barton Creek Association protects and conserves the 6 watersheds of the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer (Barton, Bear, Little Bear, Onion, Slaughter, and Williamson).

Save Our Springs Alliance

Austin (512) 477-2320
www.sosalliance.org

Save Our Springs Alliance works to protect the Edwards

Aquifer, its springs and contributing springs, and the natural cultural heritage of its Hill Country watersheds, with special emphasis on the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer.

Sustainable Food Center

Austin (512) 236-0074
www.sustainablefoodcenter.org

The Center’s mission is to improve access to local, healthy, and affordable food to all Central Texans. The agency promotes “food security” – food derived from non-emergency sources and produced through sustainable practices.

Texas Cooperative Extension

Georgetown (512) 943-3300
williamson-tx.tamu.edu

Texas Cooperative Extension is a grassroots organization that offers educational programs intended to develop the community and create a better future for Texas. They offer programs in agriculture and natural sciences, family sciences, youth development, and community development.

Texas General Land Office-Adopt a Beach Program

Austin 1-877-892-6278
www.glo.state.tx.us/adopt-a-beach

The Adopt a Beach Program endeavors to raise awareness about pollution of Texas beaches, educate the community on the source of the pollution, and generate public support to clean up coastal waters.

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve

Austin (512) 327-7622
www.wildbasin.org

Wild Basin Wilderness Preserve works toward the preservation and maintenance of the preserve by encouraging and supporting scientific research, developing and evaluating interpretive environmental education programs that serve the needs of the general public. The organization welcomes volunteers to assist in all levels of operation.

Fine Arts Organizations/Museums

Austin Children’s Museum

Austin (512) 472-2499
www.austinkids.org

This museum inspires young children and adults to experience the joy of constructive play. They offer a number of activities for children for educational purposes.

Austin Civic Orchestra

Austin (512) 301-7370

www.austincivicorchestra.org

Austin Civic Orchestra's mission is to give adults and children in the greater Austin area access to high quality musical and educational experiences at an affordable cost, and to provide a quality music experience for volunteer musicians through a community orchestra and related ensembles.

Austin Film Society

Austin (512) 322-0145

www.austinfilm.org

The Austin Film Society offers exhibitions, artist services, and community outreach and education. It both honors classic and independent film with screenings in public venues all over Austin, and supports filmmakers.

Austin Museum Partnership

www.austinmuseums.org

The Partnership is made up of over 30 Austin-area museums. Its purpose is to promote collaborations for the mutual benefit of the public and the museums.

Austin Music Foundation

Austin (512) 323-0787

www.austinmusicfoundation.org

The mission of the Austin Music Foundation is to unite, ignite, and revolutionize this region's local music community.

Georgetown Heritage Society

Georgetown (512) 869-8597

www.visitgeorgetown.org/history.heritage.php

Georgetown Heritage Society works to preserve the city's history, plan new activities, and revive old activities.

La Pena

Austin (512) 477-6007

www.lapena-austin.org

La Pena is an interdisciplinary cultural and educational organization dedicated to the enhancement of art in all its forms. La Pena's mission is to support artistic development, to provide exposure to emerging local visual artists, musicians, poets, and other performing artists, and to offer Austin residents the full spectrum of traditional and contemporary Latino art.

Marnie Paul Arts Center

Austin (512) 342-0490

www.marniepaul.org

The Marnie Paul Center provides various kinds of art 14

therapy for those with disabilities, including Music and Dance Therapy.

Palace Theatre

Georgetown (512) 869-7469

www.thegeorgetownpalace.org

The Palace Theatre is a local non-profit that provides live and cinematic entertainment for the community, and a venue for any musicians and actors to perform.

Williamson County Art Guild

Georgetown (512) 868-3966

www.wcartguild.com

The Williamson County Art Guild is a non profit organization that provides display opportunities for artists, scholarships to high school and college students, and opportunities to increase artistic ability with no requirements on skill level.

Williamson County Historical Museum

Georgetown (512) 943-1670

www.wchm-tx.org

This non-profit museum chronicles the history of Williamson County. Volunteers are needed to help with special events and research.

HIV/AIDS Resources**AIDS Services of Austin**

Austin (512) 458-AIDS

www.asaustin.org

AIDS Services of Austin works to meet the needs of its clients with HIV/AIDS, and to search for appropriate ways to serve populations newly emerging in the epidemic. This organization heavily relies upon volunteer help, and offer internships as well.

Interfaith Care Alliance

Austin (512) 459-5883

www.interfaithcarealliance.org

This organization provides compassionate, practical, and emotional support for people living with AIDS and other serious illnesses and their loved ones. The Alliance works within all faith traditions to build a community where all people facing a difficult illness will receive loving care and support.

Project Transitions

Austin (512) 454-8646

www.projecttransitions.org

Project Transitions is dedicated to serving people with HIV

and AIDS by providing hospice, housing, and support in a compassionate and caring environment. Volunteers at Project Transitions can work within the hospice, thrift store, or fundraising programs, or at the organization's administrative office.

The Wright House Wellness Center

Austin (512) 236-8901
www.thewrighthouse.org

The Wright House serves the needs of members of the Latino and African American communities whose lives have been impacted by HIV/AIDS by offering peer-based and culturally sensitive services.

Housing/Homelessness

Austin Resource Center for the Homeless (ARCH)

Austin (512) 305-4100
www.frontsteps.org

ARCH is a daytime resource center and an overnight men's shelter. Housing Front Steps' programs, it is the point of entry to services for many homeless people. Residents have access to dinner, showers, bathrooms, and case management.

Front Steps

Austin (512) 305-4100
www.frontsteps.org

Front Steps seeks to end homelessness by providing shelter, affordable housing, and community education. This agency manages the ARCH, or Austin Resource Center for the Homeless. Services include basic needs, information and referral, identification procurement, case management, and job training. Volunteers are welcome to assist the staff in a variety of operational activities.

Georgetown Housing Authority

Georgetown (512) 863-5565
www.texashousing.org/txlihis/homeless/Georgetown-Hsing-Auth.lasso

Georgetown Housing Authority oversees several housing projects in the greater Georgetown area, and offers special programs to support the residents. Call or check the website for a guide to affordable housing in Williamson County.

Habitat for Humanity of Austin

Austin (512) 472-8788
www.austinhabitat.org

Austin Habitat for Humanity builds affordable, quality houses

with families in need to eliminate poverty housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Georgetown

Georgetown (512) 863-4344
www.habitatgeorgetown.org

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry working in partnership with low-income families to improve their living conditions.

Habitat ReStore

Georgetown (512) 869-2070
www.restoregt.org

Habitat ReStore collects and sells reusable construction material, fixtures, and other household items to the public, benefitting Habitat for Humanity.

Lifeworks

Austin (512) 441-8336
www.lifeworksweb.org

Lifeworks provides crisis intervention and counseling services. They work with homeless and run-away youth. They provide counseling to give youth a better understanding of how to succeed in society and encourage them toward positive behaviors. They provide a 24 hour a day walk-in shelter, GED classes and life skills training, and other services.

STARRY (Services To At-Risk Runaway Youth)

Round Rock (512) 388-8290 or 1-800-440-9789
www.tbch.org

The STARRY shelter cares for twenty children at a time between birth and age 17. The shelter provides a home for children who have run away from home. It is also a temporary shelter for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. The shelter also helps children find services that will help them once they leave.

Medical and Healthcare Services

Annunciation Maternity Home

Georgetown (512) 864-7755
www.thematernityhome.org

Annunciation is a home for pregnant women and teens offering comprehensive support to its residents, including medical care, continuing education, transportation, job assistance, and more.

AseraCare (formerly LoneStar Hospice)

Round Rock (800) 332-3982

www.aserahospiceaustin.com

AseraCare support and care to terminally ill clients and their families. Volunteers give one-on-one attention to patients.

Bethany Hospice

Georgetown (866) 703-9762

Bethany Hospice provides care to terminally ill patients and their families. Volunteers can assist patients and their families through direct patient care, administrative support, and/or special projects.

Lone Star Circle of Care (formerly Georgetown Community Clinic)

Georgetown (512) 863-9208 Fax (512) 864-7238

The Georgetown Community Clinic provides affordable healthcare services to patients who may or may not be insured.

M.E.D.I.C.O. (Medical, Eye, and Dental International Care Organization)

Georgetown (512) 930-1893

www.medico.org

MEDICO is a non-profit organization that provides health care services to people in Latin America. They send free medical supplies on their missions and fund special projects to improve the quality of health and life in Latin America.

Mother’s Milk Bank at Austin

Austin (512) 494-0800

www.mmbaustin.org

Mother’s Milk Bank at Austin provides human milk to infants in neonatal intensive care units to improve their health and lower the care costs of premature and ill babies. The organization also educates the medical and general community on the benefits of human milk for infants.

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas

Austin (512) 462-1661

www.prochoicetexas.org

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas promotes public health policies that guarantee every woman access to the full range of reproductive healthcare including responsible sexuality education, contraceptive methods, adequate pre- and post-natal care, and legal abortion.

People’s Community Clinic

Austin (512) 478-8942

www.pcclinic.org

People’s Community Clinic is a non-profit, primary

healthcare facility whose purpose is to provide high quality medical, counseling, and health education services at reasonable costs to individuals and families in the Austin area. The Clinic promotes community involvement in the provision of health care and emphasizes health maintenance and disease prevention in all treatment programs.

Planet Cancer

Austin

www.planetcancer.org

Planet Cancer is a non-profit organization that supports young adults with cancer and cancer survivors. It gives young adults a voice and chance to raise awareness about their overlooked needs.

Planned Parenthood

Austin (512) 275-0171

www.plannedparenthood.org/pp2/tcr

Planned Parenthood helps people make informed, private decisions about sexuality, reproductive options, and parenthood through education. It provides counseling, healthcare, and birth control services.

Pregnancy Help Center Of Williamson County

Georgetown (512) 868-0153

www.wheatridge.org/grants/May_2000

The Pregnancy Help Center gives information about abortion and other options surrounding the needs of pregnant mothers. They also help patrons find services in the community that can be of assistance to them for abortion needs and child care classes as well as needed resources such as clothing for the baby.

Project Transition

Austin (512) 454-8646

www.projecttransitions.org

Project Transitions is dedicated to serving people with HIV and AIDS by providing hospice, housing, and support in a compassionate and caring environment. Volunteers at Project Transitions can work within the hospice, thrift store, or fundraising programs, or at the organization’s administrative office.

Ronald McDonald House

Austin (512) 472-9844

www.rmhc.com

Ronald McDonald Houses provide a variety of services to families that have a child in the hospital for a long period of time. The Houses are generally located near the hospitals so that families can be close to their children. Families

generally pay \$5-20 per day, but families that cannot afford these costs can stay for free.

Whole Woman's Health

Austin (512) 250-1005 or 800-282-1005

www.wholewomanshealth.com

Whole Woman's Health is an abortion provider that offers full range services for women. They offer gynecological services, counseling, and general wellness resources.

Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas

Austin (512) 448-4857

www.whfpt.org

Women's Health and Family Planning Association of Texas works to promote voluntary family planning services for all Texas women, preserve reproductive freedom, responsible sexuality education, and advocate for high quality, affordable, and accessible reproductive health care. They provide leadership and information to the public and their membership.

Mental Health Resources

Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center

Austin (512) 447-4141

Single Point of Entry (SPOE) (512) 472-4357

www.atcmhmr.com

The Austin Travis County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center serves as a starting point for those who have mental illnesses, mental retardation or developmental delays. The organization makes referrals to other agencies in the area to provide medical services, home placements or job placements. The Center also provides jobs for those with mental retardation or mental illnesses.

Bluebonnet Trails Community MHMR Center

Round Rock (512) 255-1720

www.bluebonnetmhmr.org

Bluebonnet Trails provides a wide range of mental health and mental retardation services for Williamson County. They offer a 24-hour help line, services for patients, respite care and educational opportunities for families. In addition, they provide job training and employment assistance for those with disabilities that are looking for jobs.

Children's Partnership

Austin (512) 804-3175

www.childrenspartnership.com

The Children's Partnership is based out of Travis County but helps children throughout Central Texas. The Partnership helps to provide mental health services for children. They help find funding for families if none is available. The Partnership works with a variety of other agencies to ensure that all cultures are reached by their services.

Easter Seals-Central Texas

Austin (512) 478-2581

<http://centraltx.easterseals.com>

Easter Seals creates solutions for children and adults with disabilities and those who care for them. Volunteers can help at events and camps, or in the office.

ECI Pride (Early Childhood Intervention)

Round Rock (512) 244-8359

www.dars.state.tx.us

The ECI Pride program supports children with disabilities age 0-3 and their families in Williamson County. Volunteers are welcome to assist in providing services to clients, including support, information, and training.

Infant Parent Program-Early Childhood Intervention (Austin/Travis County MHMR)

Austin (512) 447-4141

www.atcmhmr.com/service/CMH/eciinfantParent.htm

ECI's mission is to give families with children under 3 years with developmental delays the resources and support they need to reach their goals. They offer family education and support, audiology and vision services, nursing and nutrition services, physical/occupational therapy, and developmental services.

Intervention Services

Georgetown (512) 763-0478

www.interventionservices.org

Intervention Services provides a broad range of high quality mental health services to families, schools, and communities in Central Texas. The agency serves approximately 2000 students and families and 25 schools each year.

NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally Ill) Austin

Austin (512) 420-9810

NAMI HelpLine 1-800-950-6264

texas.nami.org

and their families. However, their main goal is educate the general public on mental illnesses and their effects. They also provide classes for families that have someone living with a mental illness.

Spirit Reins

(512) 515-0845

www.spiritreins.org/

Spirit Reins offers two therapy programs with the use of horses. Equine Assisted Psychotherapy programs works with troubled youth. The Horses and Youth United program works with children that may be living in poverty, be involved in a gang, or have substance abuse problems.

Political/Activist/Social Justice Organizations

ACLU (American Civil Liberties Union)

Austin (512) 478-7309

www.aclu.org

The ACLU is committed to preserving and defending individual rights and liberties. The ACLU particularly focuses on segments of the population that have traditionally been denied rights, including Native Americans, people of color, women, prisoners, people with disabilities, gay men and lesbians, and the poor.

AAUL (Austin Area Urban League)

Austin (512) 478-7176

www.aaul.org

An affiliate of the National Urban League, the AAUL advocates programming to remove barriers to education, economic, and social success for all of Austin's citizens.

ALLGO (Austin Latino/Latina Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Organization)

Austin (512) 472-2001

www.allgo.org

Through, cultural arts, health, and advocacy programming, ALLGO envisions a just and equitable society that celebrates and nurtures people of color queer cultures. ALLGO sponsors transgender, men's, "womyn's", and civic participation community organizing initiatives.

Center for Public Policy Priorities

Austin (512) 320-0222

www.cppp.org

The Center for Public Policy Priorities is a nonpartisan, nonprofit research organization committed to improving public policies and private practices to better the economic

and social conditions of low- and moderate-income Texans. The Center pursues this mission through independent research, policy analysis and development, public education, advocacy, and technical assistance.

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www.cleanairforce.org

The mission of the CLEAN AIR Force is to coordinate and conduct air quality planning and education activities in Central Texas focused on motivating citizens of this region to take actions to reduce air pollution and maintain healthy air; and to advise responsible government entities on air quality issues.

The Fair Defense Project

www.fairdefense.org

Austin (512) 441-5223

The Fair Defense Project is a collaborative effort of the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and the ACLU of Texas to ensure that Texans are not forced to give up their right to an attorney, and to ensure that every Texan who requests an attorney receives competent representation when accused of a crime.

Georgetown Animal Outreach (GAO)

www.georgetownanimaloutreach.org

GAO mission is to support and enhance the services provided by the Georgetown Animal Shelter and other local organizations dedicated to the welfare of animals.

Jane's Due Process

Austin 1-866-www-jane

www.janesdueprocess.org

Jane's Due Process is a non-profit organization that serves as an information advocacy center dedicated to promoting fair and equal access for Texas teenagers seeking legal services in order to make a reproductive choice.

League of Women Voters of Texas

Austin (512) 472-1100

www.lwvtexas.org

The League of Women Voters of Texas is a non-partisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government and influencing public policy through education and advocacy.

LGRL: The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas

Austin (512) 474-5475

www.lgrrl.org

18 The Lesbian and Gay Rights Lobby of Texas attacks

discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity through lobbying, education, and research of state governmental agencies.

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www.liveablecity.org

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NARAL Pro-Choice Texas

Austin (512) 462-1661

www.prochoicetexas.org

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas promotes public health policies that guarantee every woman access to the full range of reproductive healthcare including responsible sexuality education, contraceptive methods, adequate pre- and post-natal care, and legal abortion.

People for the American Way

Austin (512) 476-7329

www.pfaw.org

People for the American Way educates society on freedom, individuality, and the importance of human rights through media including radio, printed materials, television, public lectures, and discussions.

PODER (People Organized in Defense of the Earth and her Resources)

Austin (512) 472-9921

www.poder-texas.org

PODER's mission is redefining environmental issues as social and economic justice issues and collectively addressing these concerns as basic human rights. As a response to the industrialization and gentrification of East Austin residential neighborhoods, PODER seeks to empower communities through education, advocacy, and action.

Religious Coalition of Reproductive Choice

Austin (512) 694-1075

www.rcrctexas.org

Religious Coalition of Reproductive Choice is an interfaith group that brings the moral power of various religious committees together to ensure reproductive choice through education, advocacy, and community programs. They seek to give clear voice to reproductive issues of people of color, those living in poverty, and other underdeserved populations in Texas.

Sustainable Food Center

Austin (512) 236-0074

www.sustainablefoodcenter.org

Sustainable Food Center works to create a food secure community by improving access to local, healthy, and affordable food for children and adults in Central Texas.

Texas Criminal Justice Coalition

Austin (512) 441-8123

www.criminaljusticecoalition.org

The TCJC brings together concerned individuals and organizations to advocate for a fairer, more effective system of criminal justice in our state. Our mission is to build a strong and united movement for criminal justice reform according to the principles of human and civil rights, effective management, accountability, and public safety.

Texans for Peace

Austin (512) 736-8385

www.texansforpeace.org

Texans for Peace is a resource for information about peace and justice organizations and events in Texas. It provides curriculum and teacher training materials for schools, and develops resources to grow peace and justice organizations in Texas.

Texas Fair Trade Coalition (TFTC)

Austin

www.texasfairtrade.org

TFTC is a nonpartisan coalition of diverse organizations and individuals that promotes democratic control over fiscal and social policies, social justice, workers' rights, liveable wages, and sustainable development in trade policy, in Texas and worldwide.

Texas Freedom Network

Austin (512) 322-0545

www.tfn.org

Texas Freedom Network addresses issues concerning religious freedom and human rights. It fights private school vouchers, textbook censorship, and faith based deregulation.

Texas Moratorium Network (TMN)

Austin (512) 302-6715

www.texasmoratorium.org

TMN's primary purpose is to lobby the Texas legislature and local government entities for a moratorium on executions. It engages in several educational and outreach projects and works closely with other groups devoted to human rights and criminal justice reform.

Texas NOW

Austin

www.now.org

NOW works to eliminate discrimination and harassment in the workplace, schools, the justice system, and all other sectors of society through protests, elections, and legal victories.

Third Coast Activist Resource Center

Austin

www.thirdcoastactivist.org

The Center was created to help people in the Austin area in their efforts at sustainable organizing. Its main goals are to distribute educational resources and organize community events about U.S. policy around the world, and to strengthen the local activist network that is part of a national and international movement for global justice.

Ventana Del Soul

Austin (512) 707-7447

ventanadelsoul.org

Ventana Del Soul provides cultural, community, and outreach programs that improve the foundation of the community.

Williamson County Court Watch (WCCW)

Georgetown (512) 863-1496

Williamson County Court Watch provides support to victims of battery and violence inflicted by a spouse or partner. This organization observes court hearings and creates records of the nature in which these cases are adjudicated to ensure fairness and protection of the victims from further harm.

Religious Organizations

Austin Bridge Builders Alliance (ABBA)

Austin (512) 680-5007

www.abbaaustin.net

ABBA connects the diverse interests of marketplace, church, and community to serve the needs of Austin.

Habitat for Humanity of Austin

Austin (512) 472-8788

www.austinhabitat.org

Austin Habitat for Humanity builds affordable, quality houses with families in need to eliminate poverty housing.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Georgetown

Georgetown (512) 863-4344

www.habitatgeorgetown.org

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, Christian housing ministry working in partnership with low-income families to improve their living conditions.

Interfaith Care Alliance

Austin (512) 459-5883

www.interfaithcarealliance.org

This organization provides compassionate, practical, and emotional support for people living with AIDS and other serious illnesses and their loved ones. The Alliance works within all faith traditions to build a community where all people facing a difficult illness will receive loving care and support.

Jewish Community Association of Austin

Austin (512) 345-8924

www.jcaaonline.org

The JCAA was designed to enhance the quality of Jewish life in the greater Austin area and around the world, through charitable, educational, social service, cultural, religious, and recreational endeavors.

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The Salvation Army

Austin (512) 447-2272

www.salvationarmysouth.org

The mission of The Salvation Army is to meet human needs without discrimination, motivated by love for God, and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Salvation Army's Austin-based center offers emergency relief, shelter and other social services, a gathering place for worship and fellowship, and an adult rehabilitative program.

The Storehouse

Austin (512) 989-9989

www.thestorehouseofaustin.org

The Storehouse of Austin offers food, clothing, and encouragement to people in need in order to end the cycle

of poverty. From their two stores, they have fed in excess of 1,000 people a month.

Resources for Seniors

Faith in Action Georgetown (Caregivers)

Georgetown (512) 868-9544

Faith in Action is comprised of over 100 volunteers who provide basic transportation services to Georgetown's older population. Such services include visits to the doctor, grocery store, and beauty parlor.

Getsemani Community Center

Georgetown (512) 863-3515

www.getsemani.org

Getsemani Community Center is a non-profit organization created to provide an interfaith community of people working together to celebrate Hispanic culture. It provides educational enrichment for students of all ages, and serves as a forum for neighbors to have a voice, to interact, and for empowering residents to work out solutions through access to community resources. The Center also has special programs for seniors.

Handcrafts Unlimited

Georgetown (512) 869-1812

Handcrafts Unlimited is a non-profit organization that provides a venue for artists and craftsmen over age 50 to display their work.

Meals on Wheels

Georgetown (512) 763-1400

www.wbco.net

This program provides hot lunches 5 days/week at senior and neighborhood centers for people over 50 years of age in Marble Falls, Burnet, Bertram, Leander/Cedar Park, Georgetown, Round Rock, and Taylor.

Park Place Campus of Care

Georgetown (512) 868-6276

www.trisunhealthcare.com

Park Place works to address its residents' physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Volunteers are welcome to lead or join in the activities provided to the residents.

Stonehaven Senior Center

Georgetown (512) 863-5141

Stonehaven Senior Center is a gathering place for seniors. The Center organizes a broad spectrum of activities for seniors.

Wesleyan Volunteer Organization

Georgetown (512) 863-9511

www.wesleyanhomes.org

Wesleyan Volunteers support residents at Wesleyan Retirement Center and Wesleyan Nursing Center.

Youth Organizations

After School Action Program (ASAP)

Georgetown (512) 943-5000, x6925

www.georgetownasap.org

The After School Action Program provides a safe, enriching place for Georgetown Independent School District middle school students after school. The ASAP programs provide a variety of activities for the students including tutorials, computers, arts and crafts, music, and sports. All GISD middle school students are eligible for the program.

Austin Partners in Education (PIE)

Austin (512) 637-0900

www.austinpartners.org

Austin PIE creates and fosters effective community-school partnerships that support and enrich student learning and success.

Austin Voices for Education & Youth

Austin (512) 450-1880

www.austinvoices.org

Supports positive youth development and public education by mobilizing communities to strengthen schools and expand opportunities for Austin youth.

Boys & Girls Club – Stonehaven Unit

Georgetown (512) 868-3700

The Stonehaven Unit of the Boys & Girls Club of America primarily serves neighborhood youth, giving them a safe place after-school and during the summer to play, to study, and to develop relationships with peers and adults. The Club's programming is designed to create developmental assets for youth.

City of Austin Health & Human Services

Austin (512) 972-5224

www.ci.austin.tx.us/health/youth_svcs.htm

Youth initiatives include Austin Youth Development Program (AYDP), 78744 Youth of Promise Initiative, and YouthBuild USA.

Communities in Schools of Central Texas

Austin (512) 462-1771

www.cisaustin.org

Communities in Schools (CIS) is a dropout prevention program. CIS creates a network of volunteers, social services, businesses, and community resources that work together to break down barriers to help students succeed.

Community Interaction Partnership (CIP)

Georgetown (512) 864-7799

www.georgetownproject.com

CIP is a community outreach program through which Southwestern University students connect to school- and community-based programs for children and youth, grades K-12, in Georgetown. While the primary objective of CIP is to provide tutoring help to students, Southwestern University students also have opportunities to mentor students as well. Southwestern students work at sites such as the Georgetown Public Library, GISD middle schools via the After School Action Program, Richarte High School, and Georgetown High School.

Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY)

Austin (512) 451-4592

CARY is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping youth prevent violence, drug abuse, and delinquency through public information, training, and management of youth violence prevention programs.

GENaustin (Girl Empowerment Network)

Austin (512) 414-0472

www.genaustin.org

GENaustin is a volunteer-run organization committed to helping girls grow into healthy, confident women. The agency targets middle-school aged girls, and organizes public presentations by experts in adolescent girl development issues, girl-oriented events, workshops, and other programs for girls, parents, and educators.

Georgetown Parks and Recreation

Georgetown (512) 930-3595

www.georgetown.org

Georgetown Parks and Recreation offers many youth programs to increase community involvement among children and teens. They provide a wide range of activities to choose from including camps, sports, and challenge courses to emphasize team building.

Georgetown Youth Action Council

Georgetown (512) 864-7799

www.georgetownproject.com

The Youth Action Council is made up of students in the Georgetown Area who want to be involved in their community, who are looking for ways to give voice to youth issues, and to serve as advocates for other youth.

Georgetown Youth Advisory Board

www.georgetown.org/boards

The Youth Advisory Board advises Georgetown City Council on youth-related issues.

Girlstart

Austin (512) 916-4775

www.girlstart.org

Girlstart is a non-profit organization created to empower girls to excel in math, science, and technology. The agency offers a variety of educational formats designed for middle school girls through afterschool programs, summer programs, and summer camps. Volunteers are needed as teachers, mentors, and tutors.

Housing Authority of the City of Austin (HACA) – Youth Services Group

Austin (512) 477-4488

www.hacanet.org

The Youth Service group of the HACA focuses efforts on dropout prevention. HACA has developed after-school tutoring programs on site within HACA communities, in-school case management services for students, and incentive and scholarship programs.

OutYouth

Austin (512) 419-1233

www.outyouth.org

Out Youth supports and provides services to gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning youth ages 12-19 in Central Texas. This organization offers peer support groups, counseling, educational programs, social activities, and community outreach.

Skillpoint Alliance

Austin (512) 323-6773

www.skillpointalliance.org

Skillpoint Alliance's mission is to build partnerships among industry, education, and the community. Programs are designed to promote college and career success, while meeting employers' needs for qualified workers. The agency targets its programs primarily to youth and young adults.

Texas Youth Commission (TYC)

Austin (512) 424-6130

www.tyc.state.tx.us/

TYC provides care, rehabilitation, and re-establishment into society of serious juvenile offenders, ages 10-16.

Travis County After School Network (TCAN)

Austin (512) 854-9006

www.tcafterschool.org

TCAN is a collaboration between private and non-profit organizations committed to supporting providers that serve school-age children during their after-school time.

YouthLaunch

Austin (512) 342-0424 or (800) 875-1862

www.youthlaunch.org

YouthLaunch provides service opportunities for young people to promote empowerment and positive youth development.

Youth Taking Charge

Wimberley (512) 423-5638

www.youthtakingcharge.org

Youth Taking Charge's mission is to prevent situational poverty from becoming generational poverty by building healthy communities. The organization targets middle school age youth and needs qualified mentors and camp counselors.

State and National Organizations

Americorps*VISTA

www.americorps.org

Americorps VISTA is a federally-funded program with an anti-poverty mission. VISTAs are placed at non-profit agencies within communities to address systemic poverty-related issues for 1-2 years, and build capacity within the community.

Appalachia Service Project

(423) 854-8800

www.asphome.org

ASP is a Christian organization, open to all people, that addresses housing needs in Central Appalachia.

The Arc of Texas

Austin (512) 454-6694 Fax (512) 454-4956

www.thearcoftexas.org

The Arc of Texas is the umbrella organization for the Arc of the Capital Area. The main goals of the Arc Of Texas are

focused on changing government policies on mental retardation and developmental disabilities. The organization also works to educate the general public about mental retardation and developmental disabilities.

Bike and Build

New York (917) 213-3491

www.bikeandbuild.org

Bike and build is "pedaling to end poverty housing." They bicycle across the nation to raise funding for affordable housing, and in the process, they "foster the spirit of service and empower young adults."

Disability Resources

www.disabilityresources.org/TEXAS.html

This web-based resource provides information on all types of services available to those with disabilities. It is a national resource that lists helpful information for all of the U.S.

Immigration Equality

www.lgirtf.org

Immigration Equality is a national grassroots organization that works to end discrimination in US immigration law against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and HIV-positive people, and to help obtain asylum for those persecuted in their home country based on their sexual orientation, transgender identity, or HIV-status.

Sportsvision 20/20

www.sportsvision2020.org/

Sports Vision provides sports activities for those who are blind or visually impaired. They offer baseball, martial arts and bowling. They also offer a variety of outdoor sports including water skiing and snow skiing. In addition they offer a space camp every summer.

Talking Book Program

1-800-252-9605

www.tsl.state.tx.us/tbp/

The Talking Book Program is a state-wide service that provides books on tape, in large print, or in Braille. The program helps those that have visual, physical or reading disabilities across Texas. The library has over 80,000 books available as well as subscriptions to over 80 magazines for both children and adults. The service is free and the material is sent through the mail and returned when no longer needed.

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault

Austin (512) 474-7190

www.taasa.org

Texas Association Against Sexual Assault is a non-profit agency promoting sexual assault awareness throughout the state of Texas. TAASA is committed to ending sexual violence in Texas through education, prevention, and advocacy.

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services

1-800-628-5115

www.dars.state.tx.us

The Texas Dept. of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services works with persons with disabilities to provide various therapies. The Commission works to help those with disabilities live independently. They also provide vocational training and physical rehabilitation for those with injuries.

Teach for America

www.teachforamerica.org

Teach for America works to eliminate educational inequality in the United States. This organization requires a two year commitment from individuals interested in teaching in low-income rural and urban communities.

University of Michigan Summer Enrichment Program in Health Administration

(734) 936-3296

www.sph.umich.edu/hmp/sep_html.

Hospitals and other community-based organizations concerned with healthcare in the Detroit-Flint-Ann Arbor area offer paid summer internships to undergraduates interested in health administration and policy.

Online Resources

www.idealists.org

Action Without Borders - volunteer opportunities database

www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org/volunteer

United Way Capital Area Volunteer Center - local opportunities database

www.volunteermatch.org

Round Rock Volunteer Resource Center - local opportunities database

www.youthnoise.org

Virtual conference hall for young activists.