



United Way Capital Area



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## **Volunteers Set to Make a Difference During United Way Capital Area's Day of Caring**

*1,000 Expected to Lend a Hand on Community Projects*

**AUSTIN, Texas – April 13, 2010** – More than 1,000 volunteers are expected to demonstrate how they LIVE UNITED by taking part in United Way Capital Area's Spring Day of Caring on Friday, April 23, sponsored by Freescale Semiconductor. This year Austin is just one of numerous communities nationwide celebrating National Volunteer Week (April 13-24) throughout the day by participating in volunteer projects throughout the Austin area.

Volunteers must register at the kickoff event or have pre-registered at the Hands On Central Texas website ([www.handsoncentraltexas.org](http://www.handsoncentraltexas.org)) or by calling 2-1-1 Texas. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. with a breakfast and kickoff event at the Dove Springs Recreation Center, 5801 Ainez Avenue. Registration takes place from 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m. followed by a program featuring Mayor Lee Leffingwell as the keynote speaker.

Volunteer projects begin at 10 a.m. and continue throughout the day. Volunteers will be doing everything from building homes to sorting food to beautifying community parks. Among the large projects planned for Friday are the addition of a Born Learning Trail at Parque Zaragosa Recreation Center, 2608 Gonzalez Street; and a downtown cleanup on 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Congress to Lamar Avenues.

"LIVE UNITED is more than a slogan," said Debbie Bresette, president of United Way Capital Area. "Sharing your time, your expertise and your passion makes the community a better place for all of us. That's what it really means to LIVE UNITED."

## **About Hands On Central Texas**

Hands On Central Texas, a program of United Way Capital Area, strengthens communities through meaningful volunteer action. Hands On Central Texas is a member of the Hands On Network, whose mission is to inspire, equip, and mobilize people to take action that changes the world. At the center of the network are more than 250 affiliates, called HandsOn Action Centers that serve 83% of the American population and located 12 international communities. The vast majority of Points Of Light Institute's work and activity happens through HandsOn Network's Action Centers and its expanded network of hundreds of nonprofit, community and faith-based and government organizations.

## **About United Way Capital Area**

United Way Capital Area is working hard to advance the common good by driving measurable change and empowering people to improve the quality of life for themselves and others. UWCA helps individuals and families in need and works to create long-lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. Our vision is for our community to be a place where all individuals and families achieve their human potential through education, income and healthy lives. For more information, please visit [www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org](http://www.unitedwaycapitalarea.org).

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