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UNITED WAY & HANDS ON CENTRAL TEXAS JOINS UNITED WE SERVE
Austin Nonprofits Joins President in Call to Service for Summer Projects

Austin, Texas – United Way Capital Area (UWCA) and their community engagement arm Hands on Central Texas (HOCT) are taking part in United We Serve, a national effort launched by President Obama to engage more Americans in serving their communities this summer.

“We are bringing partners together to help with the campaign (e.g. OneStar Foundation, Communities in Schools, Keep Austin Beautiful, United Cerebral Palsy, College Forward, etc)” said Armando Rayo, Director of HOCT. Activities include volunteer projects, volunteer leader trainings, innovation workshops, 1 Hour For Kids information sessions and ends with UWCA’s Day of Caring on September 11th. For more information, go to <http://www.handsoncentraltexas.org/>

“In these tough economic times, we need volunteers more than ever,” he continued. “All nonprofits are facing increasing demands for services, and volunteers can help us fill this growing need. We are pleased to participate in United We Serve and thank the President for making this call to service this summer and beyond.”

United We Serve kicked off on June 22 and runs through September 11, which will be marked for the first time as a national day of service and remembrance. The initiative focuses on four key areas: education, health, energy and the environment; and community renewal. It is being led by the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency that improves lives and strengthens communities through volunteering and service.

“This summer, I’m calling on all of you to make volunteerism and community service part of your daily life and the life of this nation,” said President Obama in the video. “Economic recovery is as much about what you’re doing in your communities as what we’re doing in Washington – and it’s going to take all of us, working together.”

“Everyone has something to give, and summer is a great time to get involved,” said Debbie Bresette, UWCA Interim President and CPO. “By serving this summer, we hope more Central Texans will make an ongoing commitment to volunteering throughout the year.”

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. HandsOn Network. Generated by Points of Light Institute.

About United Way Capital Area

United Way Capital Area (UWCA) is working to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks of a better life, education, financial stability and health. 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 in Central Texas is a caring community where the opportunity to fulfill human potential is always within reach.

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