



## 2007 United Way Spirit of Caring Award Winners

### **United Way Capital Area 2007 Volunteer of the Year: Pat Briggs** *Nominated by the Volunteer Healthcare Clinic*

The Volunteer Healthcare Clinic, a United Way partner agency, has provided quality healthcare to those in need in our community since 1966. One very special volunteer – Pat Briggs – has been assisting patients as a volunteer nurse since the doors opened. Over more than 40 decades of service, Pat has helped literally hundreds, if not thousands, of lower income people receive thorough, compassionate and professional healthcare. In recent years, Pat has worked with the Chronic Disease Management clinic, treating patients with serious conditions to achieve lives that include proper health maintenance and hope.

In nominating Pat for this award, Volunteer Coordinator Marci Roe wrote that Pat stands out for her remarkable commitment and dedication to the Volunteer Healthcare Clinic, and for her conviction that everyone deserves quality healthcare. In addition to providing this healthcare to those who have nowhere else to turn, Pat has served as unofficial clinic historian and recruited her family to volunteer. And, she has given of her heart, considerable talents, time and energy – not to mention money – to this one cause.

“We have been incredibly fortunate to have a volunteer such as Pat Briggs,” Marci says. “Pat is truly our Volunteer of the Year.”

United Way is proud to honor Pat Briggs with this award in recognition of her outstanding service and unwavering commitment in providing high quality healthcare to people in need in the Austin community.

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### **United Way Capital Area 2007 Spirit of Service Award:** *Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas*

The Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas sets a standard of excellence in showcasing how collaboration and partnership, flexibility and innovation can improve community conditions and deliver effective services to our neediest populations. Founded in 2001, the Basic Needs Coalition brings together executive directors from more than 30 public and private human services providers to address barriers to clients seeking basic needs services.

This collaboration developed the Best Single Source Project, a highly successful system improvement model for the distribution of emergency financial assistance. The Basic Needs Coalition also has led our community's efforts to provide long-term case management to hurricane survivors, and has undertaken a survey of food pantries that will guide efforts to reach areas of greatest need. And, the Basic Needs Coalition's Poverty Awareness Month campaign has been very successful in raising awareness and understanding of poverty nation-wide and right here in Central Texas.

United Way Capital Area is proud to be a community partner in this model collaboration. And we are pleased to present the inaugural Spirit of Service Award to the Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas in recognition of its outstanding collaboration and partnership, innovation in improving client services and excellence in using measurable outcomes to guide best practices.

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### **2007 United Way Community Champion: Sam Bryant**

The United Way Community Champion Award is presented to a community volunteer who champions the mission and vision of United Way Capital Area. This individual demonstrates outstanding leadership, vision and personal commitment in serving our community and improving the lives of Central Texans.

The 2007 United Way Community Champion Award is presented to a very special volunteer, community leader, and friend of United Way: Sam Bryant. Passionate, caring, committed, inclusive – these are the words friends and fellow volunteers use to describe Sam.

Sam is an active participant on the United Way Board of Directors, offering thoughtful opinion and advice. His passion is United Way's Success By 6 initiative, which focuses on helping children be happy, healthy and smart by age 6 – and ready to succeed in school. He currently serves as the chair of the Success By 6 Advisory Council, and just recently participated in the coalition's Report Card announcement at City Hall.

Sam has gone the extra mile to spread the word about Success By 6 within the business community and regional planning groups. He exhibits enormous creativity in reaching out to community supporters and connecting Success By 6 with others interested in education.

Sam began his career in human resources and moved into the high tech field, then founded his own wealth management company. With experience on numerous education-related task forces and boards, he is convinced that early childhood education is a critical piece of the education continuum.

Sam has given countless hours to advancing the mission and vision of United Way. In recognition of his outstanding commitment, service and dedication to the mission and vision, United Way Capital Area is proud to honor him as the organization's 2007 Community Champion.

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### **Spirit of Caring Award: 3M**

3M is the recipient of the 2007 Spirit of Caring Award, presented to an outstanding corporate partner that best "lives" the spirit of United Way, not just during campaign season, but throughout the year. The organization's philosophy of corporate philanthropy encourages a wide spectrum of community engagement through United Way, including employee campaign giving, leadership volunteer involvement, community service days and in-kind donations.

For more than 50 years, volunteerism has been among 3M's greatest contributions to the communities in which their employees live and work. Employees are encouraged to share their talents and skills to strengthen their communities.

Within the local Austin campaign, 3M runs 13 mini-campaigns for various divisions or work groups. Each group is encouraged to "adopt" a single United Way agency or program as the focus of its campaign, often encompassing volunteering, guest speakers or an educational element.

3M and the 3M Foundation have a long history of financial, in-kind and volunteer support, especially in education and health and human services. United Way is the cornerstone of 3M's Contributions Program. Of more than 300 companies running annual United Way campaigns, 3M has the highest percentage of employee participation and is dedicated to educating employees about community issues. Workplace volunteerism is a priority, with several senior managers serving in leadership roles.

United Way is proud to recognize 3M's corporate citizenship, commitment to volunteerism, and focus on community impact and education.

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### **Campaign Volunteer of the Year: Sharon Revisore, State Farm**

Going above and beyond is all in a day's work for Sharon Revisore. As Co-Chair of State Farm's campaign with Karla Bevers, Sharon attended numerous trainings to learn more about United Way, and educated employees and senior management

about the campaign and United Way's community impact. She recruited and led a team of 25 campaign volunteers to plan State Farm's highly successful 2006 campaign.

Sharon consistently participates in Day of Caring volunteer activities, and enjoys planning thank you and recognition activities for employees. She and her co-chair have even eaten worms to commemorate passing their campaign goal! They have already begun planning for next year's campaign.

In recognition of her outstanding leadership, dedication and commitment to education and volunteerism, United Way is pleased to honor Sharon as the 2007 Campaign Coordinator of the Year.

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**Make A Difference Award: Amy Stanley**  
*Nominated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas*

Presented to a community volunteer who truly makes a difference in the lives of others, KXAN NBC Austin is proud to present the 2007 KXAN Make A Difference Award to Amy Stanley. In her six years as a volunteer with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas, Amy has selflessly given her time to help others. Her work significantly promotes the health and safety of youth – the theme of KXAN's 2007 Make A Difference campaign.

Amy has been a Big Sister to Little Sister Brittany since August 2001 through the organization's community-based mentoring program. Beginning when Brittany was in eighth grade, Amy has been essential to her success through the challenging middle and high school, and is now helping her prepare to go to college. In addition to playing an important role in her Little Sister's life, Amy has organized the organization's largest fundraiser, Bowl for Kids' Sake, for the past three years. She's given presentations on interviewing and resume writing to groups of Little Sisters, and she has recruited others to become involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters. In 2004, Amy co-founded Helping Austin, a group that helps provide financial assistance to local non-profits, and she facilitates public outreach and awareness of community issues.

In addition to her efforts on behalf of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Amy sponsors an Albanian refugee family, is an active member of the Northeast Austin Rotary, is a member of Toastmasters International, and delivers Meals on Wheels each week. In 2004, she founded her own staffing company, and helped Hurricane Katrina victims find employment.

Congratulations, Amy!