

## Community Investment Grant Results 2008-2009

### Impact Area: Education

#### **INITIATIVE/PROGRAM: SUCCESS BY 6**

**GOAL:** By 2015, 70% of Central Texas children enter kindergarten school-ready.

**RESULTS:** In 2008-2009, United Way Capital Area (UWCA) was instrumental in guiding and funding educational services to more than 9,700 children or parents.

Specific examples include:

- UWCA created the community's first early childhood investment map to track community investments and their effectiveness.
- 87 child care centers serving low-income families received help to improve their quality standards. Of these, nearly 67% now meet quality standards of the state, compared to 18% in 2006.
- Working with more than 50 partners, UWCA holds regular early childhood planning meetings to identify emerging needs and develop a collective response.
- 516 low-income children received at home services from child development professionals.
- 662 children, parents and preschool teachers increased their knowledge of social and emotional development in children.
- The Success By 6 program serves as co-lead for the E3 Alliance School Readiness task force which develops common indicators to assess a child's readiness for school.
- 8,391 families with newborns were screened in the hospital for maternal depression, given breast feeding support and information on early childhood community resources.

#### **THANKS to all our Community Partners:**

Any Baby Can Child and Family  
Resource Center  
Austin Child Guidance Center  
Austin Independent School District  
AVANCE  
Business leaders  
City of Austin  
Communities In Schools  
Community Action Network (CAN)  
E3 Alliance  
Early childhood service providers  
Ebenezer Child Development Center

Faith Presbyterian Child Development  
Center  
Mainspring Schools  
Open Door Preschool/East  
SafePlace – The Stockton Hicks Family  
Tree Child Development Center  
Success By 6 Leadership Council  
Travis County  
Trinity Child Development Center  
University of Texas academic community  
Women's Leadership Council  
Workforce Solutions Board  
YWCA

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### INITIATIVE/PROGRAM: YOUTH

#### GOALS:

- 1) 8<sup>th</sup> graders will achieve a 60% or higher outcome on state assessments, both passing and commended by 2016
- 2) Central Texas graduation rates will reach 95% or higher by 2020.

**RESULTS:** In 2008-2009, United Way Capital Area (UWCA) funded and participated in providing educational services for 6,000 middle school students.

Specific examples include:

- 71% of students in UWCA funded programs increased their aspirations to attend college.
- 700 youth were able to avoid negative peer influences.
- More than 1,000 youth engaged in a volunteer or leadership opportunity and plan to continue involvement in the future.
- More than 800 students improved their leadership skills.
- UWCA developed and led the 1 Hour For Kids Collaboration of eight nonprofit partners to identify and implement high quality programs and increase the number of mentors and tutors for middle school students as a strategy to increase graduation rates.
- 686 youth were positively connected to at least one supportive adult through a mentor program.
- UWCA leads the Youth Program Quality Initiative that assesses the quality of after school youth programs and offers professional development opportunities for staff. In 2008-2009, 30 programs were assessed and 79 professionals attended at least one professional development course.
- As a co-sponsor of the Ready by 21 Coalition, UWCA co-led the development of Community Level Outcomes and Indicators for Children and Youth.

#### THANKS to all our Community Partners:

Austin Chamber of Commerce  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas  
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Capital Area  
Breakthrough  
CASA of Travis County  
Central Texas Afterschool Network  
Communities In Schools  
Con Mi MADRE  
E3 Alliance

Girl Scouts of Central Texas  
LifeWorks  
Manor Independent School District  
Project Mentor  
Ready by 21 Coalition  
River City Youth Foundation  
The Seedling Foundation  
YouthLaunch

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### Impact Area: Financial Stability

#### **INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS: EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**GOALS:** Families living at or below the Family Budget Estimator are able to increase and maximize their income, as well as build savings and assets.

**RESULTS:** More than 37,000 Central Texans received services through United Way Capital Area (UWCA) funded programs in 2008-2009.

Specific examples include:

- 2-1-1 answered 14,430 calls dispensing Information on the Community Tax Center program. Ultimately, 17,103 people took advantage of a free income tax preparation program for low-income individuals and families, funded by UWCA and operated by Foundation Communities. Participants saved more than \$2 million in fees and netted more than \$43 million in refunds and credits.
- UWCA's in-kind support for the 2-1-1 program totaled \$70,000.
- To support the Earned Income Tax Credit outreach efforts, UWCA raised more than \$47,500 from national corporate foundations.
- To increase their skills and become more employable, more than 250 participants increased their education by at least one grade level, received a GED Certificate or finished a certification or college degree program.
- More than 300 people were hired.
- 760 people received emergency financial assistance.
- Help was given to more than 2,000 people to locate housing.
- Nearly 250 former foster care youth are now in vocational or job training programs or attending school.

#### **THANKS to all our Community Partners:**

Austin Habitat for Humanity

BiGAUSTIN

Capital IDEA

Foundation Communities

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas

LifeWorks

Passages Program – Collaborating Agencies: Salvation Army, Caritas, Foundation for the Homeless, LifeWorks, Foundation Communities and SafePlace

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### Impact Area: Health

#### **INITIATIVES/PROGRAMS: OLDER ADULTS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PRIMARY CARE**

#### **GOALS:**

- 1) Older adults have optimal physical and mental health, are engaged in the community and live in a safe and stable environment.
- 2) Low-income individuals, minority youth/young adults and those previously in the criminal justice system have access to mental health/substance abuse services to cope and improve their situation or integrate into the community.
- 3) Low-income adults and specialty populations achieve and maintain optimal oral health
- 4) Low-income, at-risk individuals are able to effectively manage their chronic disease or terminal illness

**RESULTS:** Through United Way Capital Area (UWCA) funded programs, more than 15,000 clients received services.

Specific examples include:

- Older adults received 4,180 nutritional meals and 846 had their basic living needs met or exceeded.
- 1,371 older adults are now engaged in community activities.
- 730 individuals with a history of violence reported a reduction or elimination.
- 235 people are now abstaining from drugs and alcohol.
- 2,664 received care that increased their quality of life.
- 1,500 people received critical vaccine information on H1N1 through the 2-1-1 Help line.
- 828 patients received annual oral health prevention treatment.
- 129 chronic disease patients saw their daily living needs either met or exceeded.
- 124 patients decreased their use of emergency room services from the prior year.
- 20,000 individuals received referrals from 2-1-1 to access low cost health care through the Travis County Medical Assistance Program.
- More than 30,000 people needing health care or mental health assistance received referrals from 2-1-1 to community programs.
- 3,241 patients improved or maintained their physical or mental well-being and 2,664 received care that increased their quality of life.

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AIDS Services of Austin  
Any Baby Can Child and Family  
Resource Center  
Austin Child Guidance Center  
Austin Groups for the Elderly  
Austin Recovery  
Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry &  
Support Center  
Family Eldercare

LifeWorks  
Manos de Cristo  
Meals on Wheels and More  
Project Transitions  
SafePlace  
The Care Communities (formerly Interfaith  
Care Alliance)  
Volunteer Healthcare Clinic  
Williamson-Burnet County Opportunities