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McKenna Legacy Foundation Grants Aim to Improve Community Well-Being

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX (June 23, 2011) – The McKenna Legacy Foundation recently committed \$1,582,231 to 36 local nonprofit organizations whose missions are to improve the health, educational opportunities or overall well-being for residents of New Braunfels and Comal County. With programs ranging from child advocacy to an affordable home ownership neighborhood development, each of the nonprofits that received awards demonstrated a strong ability to execute its mission and provide valuable services to those most vulnerable.

According to Michael Spain, Chairman of the McKenna Legacy Foundation Board of Trustees, the needs of the community are paramount when allocating grant funds. “We have taken strides to fully understand the needs of the underserved populations in our community, and we look for nonprofit organizations that are most able to meet those needs. McKenna will continue to partner with organizations dedicated to providing the resources necessary to make well-being affordable and accessible to everyone.”

This year’s grant cycle marks the largest responsive grant commitment since creation of the McKenna Legacy Foundation in 2008, with total community benefit from the Foundation since inception totaling \$7,075,821:

	2009	2010	2011	Total
Responsive and Strategic Grants	\$994,626	\$1,686,554	\$1,582,231	\$4,263,411
McKenna Community Programs	\$852,079	\$930,443	\$1,029,888	\$2,812,410
Total	\$1,846,705	\$2,616,997	\$2,612,119	\$7,075,821

Responsive grants begin with an open application process and may be applied for by any nonprofit that serves residents of Comal County or New Braunfels. Two strategic grants awarded in 2010 are three-year commitments by the Foundation for an After School Program for Middle School Youth through Communities in Schools and a Client Choice Food Pantry operated in Comal County by the San Antonio Food Bank. The new food pantry, The Kitchen Table, is now open six-days a week at the Marketplace Shopping Center.

The application window for the next cycle of grants will open in January 2012, with the awards to be announced the following June. More information about the McKenna Legacy Foundation can be found online at www.mckennalegacyfoundation.org.

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McKenna Legacy Foundation June 2011 Grant Awards

<u>Organization Name</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Any Baby Can of San Antonio Inc.	\$40,000
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Comal/Guadalupe Counties	\$15,000
Brauntex Performing Arts Theatre	\$50,000
Brighton School, Inc.	\$6,300
Bulverde Senior Center	\$15,000
Bulverde Spring Branch EMS	\$33,956
CASA of Central Texas, Inc.	\$25,000
Children's Advocacy Center of Comal County	\$170,000
Circle Arts Theatre	\$10,000
Comal County Senior Citizens' Foundation	\$40,000
Communities in Schools	\$180,800
Community Resource and Recreation Center (CRRC)	\$25,000
Connections Individual and Family Services, Inc.	\$40,000
Crisis Center of Comal County	\$40,000
El Centro Del Barrio (CentroMed)	\$100,000
Family Life Center of New Braunfels	\$20,000
Habitat for Humanity of Comal County	\$175,000
Habitat for Safe Seniors, Inc.	\$15,000
Harvest Food Pantry	\$5,000
Hope Hospice	\$60,000
Kids' Club	\$40,000
New Braunfels Citizens Police Academy Alumni Assoc.	\$5,000
New Braunfels Public Library Foundation	\$10,000
Options for Women	\$25,000
RavenStar Outdoor Education	\$30,000
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program	\$10,175

River City Advocacy, Inc.	\$31,000
Salvation Army Service Center	\$120,000
San Antonio Food Bank	\$20,000
San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind	\$15,000
St. Jude's Ranch for Children- Bulverde Campus	\$30,000
St. Jude's Ranch for Children- New Braunfels Campus	\$30,000
Texas Ramp Project	\$10,000
The Gabriel Project	\$30,000
The Heritage Museum of the Texas Hill Country	\$10,000
Volunteers in Medicine	\$100,000
Total	\$1,582,231