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## **McKenna Legacy Foundation Grants Aim to Improve Community Well Being**

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX (September 20, 2010) – The McKenna Legacy Foundation recently awarded \$545,500 to 25 nonprofit organizations in the New Braunfels area whose missions are to improve the health, educational opportunities or overall well being of their community. With programs ranging from child advocacy to free and reduced fee medical care, each of the nonprofits who received awards demonstrated a strong ability execute their mission and provide valuable services to those most vulnerable. Grantees include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Brighton School, CASA of Central Texas, Children’s Advocacy Center of Comal County, Communities in Schools, Community Resource and Recreation Center of Canyon Lake, Connections Individual and Family Services, Crisis Center of Comal County, El Centro Del Barrio, Family Life Center, Harvest Food Pantry, New Braunfels Kids’ Club, New Braunfels ISD Education Foundation, New Braunfels Parks Foundation, New Braunfels Public Library Foundation, River City Advocacy, Salvation Army, San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children Bulverde Campus, St. Jude’s Ranch for Children New Braunfels Campus, Texas Ramp Project, The Gabriel Project, Volunteers in Medicine, YMCA New Braunfels, and Young Life.

According to Dr. David Way, 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 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 cycle of grant awards follows the announcement of \$850,000 in strategic grant funds committed earlier this year. With these funds, Communities in Schools will operate an After School Program for Middle School Youth at three local middle schools, and the San Antonio Food Bank is slated to open a Client-Choice Food Pantry at the beginning of 2011. These two programs respond to community needs for youth risk reduction and access to quality and healthy food.

The McKenna Legacy Foundation also awarded more than \$100,000 in Information Technology hardware, software and professional consulting services to eight local nonprofit organizations in 2010. This need was identified by many organizations as technology growth is often hindered by the expense and necessary expertise. Assistance received, such as computers, video equipment and training, will help the recipients grow their organizations and expand their capacities.

The application window for the next cycle of grants closed at the beginning of September, with the awards to be announced before the end of 2010. More information about the McKenna Legacy Foundation can be found online at [www.mckennalegacyfoundation.org](http://www.mckennalegacyfoundation.org).

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