<http://www.real-austin-texas.com/austin-nonprofit.html>

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#### [A Legacy of Giving](http://www.alegacyofgiving.org/)

The mission of A Legacy of Giving is to empower children through philanthropy education and youth philanthropy programs to become more engaged in improving their communities and world.

#### [ACLU Foundation of Texas](http://www.aclutx.org/)

The ACLU is our nation's guardian of liberty. We work daily in courts and communities to protect and defend the rights and liberties defined in the Bill of Rights, U.S Constitution and state and federal law.

#### [Advocacy Outreach](http://www.advocacyoutreach.org)

Advocacy Outreach was founded 20 years ago in Elgin, Texas to fight poverty and homelessness in Central Texas. The organization operates a FREE thrift store where people can “shop” for gently used clothing and household goods. Fans are distributed in summer and heaters in winter to those in need. A day resource center is equipped with kitchen, shower, computer lab, fax, phones, copier and reading room. Tenants at risk of losing their housing receive financial assistance to pay overdue rent or utility bills. Family literacy programs educates parents who are learning to speak English or aiming for a GED diploma while their pre-school-aged children attend an Early Childhood Development Center—parents also learn how to teach their children as they strive to meet their own educational goals. Summer camps for homeless children and holiday “adopt-a-family” programs meet specialized needs. Staff members are always available to help walk-in clients resolve problems.

#### [Advocates for Children of Trauma](http://www.hopeforhealingtrauma.com)

Advocates for Children of Trauma raises public awareness of the scope and serious impact of child trauma as well as on the safety and healthy development of children and families.

#### [allgo](http://www.allgo.org)

Allgo works towards its vision through cultural arts, health, and advocacy programming by supporting artists and artistic expression within our diverse communities; promoting health within a wellness model; mobilizing and building coalitions among groups marginalized by race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation/sexual identity to enact change.

#### [allgo dba Austin Latino(a) Lesbian Gay Organization](http://allgo.org)

allgo envisions a just and equitable society that celebrates and nurtures vibrant people of color queer cultures. allgo works toward its vision through cultural arts, health and advocacy programming by: supporting artists and artistic expression within our diverse communities; promoting health within a wellness model; and, mobilizing and building coalitions among groups marginalized by race/ethnicity, gender/gender identity, sexual orientation/sexual identity to enact change. allgo works to create and sustain a network of queer people of color activists, groups, organizations and allies, which through nourishment of relationships, grassroots organizing and artistic expression can radically transform systems and policies toward a collective liberation. Our programming consists of four programming strands: 1) Multi-Issue Action Areas (focusing on Anti-Violence; Reproductive Justice/ Sexual Freedom and Worker/Immigrant and Refugee Rights); 2) Network of Queer POC activists, groups, organizations, and allies including the statewide Queer People of Color Summit; 3) Cultural Arts; and 4) Wellness.

#### [American Botanical Council](http://abc.herbalgram.org/)

American Botanical Council (ABC) is a nonprofit, member-supported organization whose mission is to provide education using science-based and traditional information to promote responsible use of herbal medicine — serving the public, researchers, educators, healthcare professionals, industry, and media.

#### [American Cancer Society, High Plains Division Inc.](http://www.cancer.org/)

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

#### [American Diabetes Association](http://www.diabetes.org/austin)

The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

#### [American Gateways](http://www.americangateways.org/)

American Gateways provides immigration legal services and education to secure justice for new Americans and enrich Central Texas communities. We serve immigrant survivors of domestic violence or human trafficking, immigrants seeking asylum, people who are detained in area immigrant detention facilities, and immigrants seeking to reunify their families and naturalize as citizens.

#### [American Genre Film Archive](http://www.americangenrefilm.com/)

The American Genre Film Archive (AGFA) was formed in 2009 by an international band of genre enthusiasts. It’s now the largest archive of its kind in the world, mainly focusing on the “exploitation era” of independent genre cinema–the 1960’s through the 1980’s. With about 1500 35 mm prints, it reflects the rebel spirit of genre filmmaking itself. With an active loaning program, AGFA films are screened at cinemas and festivals world-wide.

#### [American Heart Association](http://www.heart.org/HEARTORG/Affiliate/Austin/Texas/Home_UCM_SWA009_AffiliatePage.jsp)

The mission of the American Heart Association is to reduce death and disability from cardiovascular disease and stroke.

#### [American Lung Association of the Central States](http://www.texaslung.org/)

The mission of the American Lung Association is to fight lung disease and promote lung health through research, education, community programs and advocacy. Our local focus is asthma education for children, their caregivers and physicians, COPD education for patients and health professionals, tobacco cessation, and clean air advocacy.

#### [American Repertory Ensemble](http://americanrep.org)

The mission of American Repertory Ensemble is to create, innovate, curate and facilitate life through innovative performance. American Repertory Ensemble seeks to enrich audiences by expanding perceived boundaries of dance, music and media arts and by generating opportunities for cultural and artistic exchanges through creative, educational and performance forums.

#### [American YouthWorks](http://www.americanyouthworks.org/)

American YouthWorks, an empowerment organization, that transforms young people into self-sufficient adults through education, job training and community service. AYW operates a charter high school, offers job training programs and has created a strong support network offering counseling, health care, and career placement services.

#### [Ann Richards School Foundation](http://www.annrichardsschool.org/)

The Ann Richards School for Young Women Leaders is a public college preparatory school for girls grades 6-12, founded to give young women from economically disadvantaged backgrounds the skills and confidence necessary to pursue college educations and careers.

#### [Anti-Defamation League](http://regions.adl.org/southwest/)

Our mission is to stop, by appeals to reason and conscience, and if necessary, by appeals to law, the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all.

#### [Art Alliance Austin](http://www.artallianceaustin.org)

Art Alliance Austin is a catalyst for art. We exist to enrich and endow Central Texas’ cultural landscape as well as to promote the participation in visual art through the production of our suite of annual events – which culminate in Art Week Austin.

#### [Arts From the Heart](http://artsfromtheheart.org/)

Providing an avenue for the youth of Wimberley, Texas to participate in cultural art experiences, enhancing awareness and appreciation of the arts, being a catalyst for community enrichment through the cultural arts. Arts From the Heart is celebrating our 13th year of providing valuable cultural art experiences to Wimberley Youth. Through the years were have seen hundreds of students look at varieties of subjects with broadened perspectives, develop their creative thinking abilities, and gain appreciation for the arts. Arts From the Heart has never charged students tuition or fees to participate in our programs. We rely solely on donations to sustain our efforts. We continue our tradition of not charging for our services so that all children, regardless of their family’s circumstances, can participate.

#### [ASPCA](http://www.aspca.org/)

"to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States.”

#### [Attendance Records](http://attendancerecords.org)

Attendance Records is dedicated to bringing creativity back into schools by connecting teachers and students with local writers, artists, and musicians. By providing students with the opportunity to design, write and produce their own album, students will build confidence skills that will result in discovering what makes them unique. Each school year, we provide a free, safe environment where students are encouraged to find their own voice through the arts. Students will design cover art, write lyrics, poetry, short stories, and produce their very own album. Two local bands per semester will work with students in the classroom to help turn ideas into actual song lyrics. The band will then take student written lyrics and record an original album for free.

#### [Atticus Circle](http://www.atticuscircle.org/)

Atticus Circle educates and mobilizes fair-minded straight people to advance equal rights for LGBT partners, parents, and their children. It is time for all children, regardless of their parents’ sexual orientation, to enjoy the same rights and protections afforded with a marriage license.

#### [Audio Preservation Fund](http://www.audiopreservationfund.org)

The Audio Preservation Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit music organization which connects people with the history of music. We accomplish our mission by expanding public sound recording collections of public libraries, archives, and museums across the nation. Two of our Austin beneficiaries are the Texas Music Museum and the University of Texas. We rely on donations of music which would otherwise be thrown away or lost in someone's garage. Our activities include donations to and cataloging for the archives, as well as providing opportunities in music history education. We are headquartered in Austin and work closely with the Austin music community to document and preserve the local music history currently being made.

#### [Austin Area Garden Council, Inc.](http://www.zilkergarden.org/)

As the support organization for Zilker Botanical Garden, the AAGC promotes the education of citizens of all ages in the art of gardening. This includes conservation of flowers, trees, and the protection of wildlife. The AAGC’s programming includes school tours of Zilker Botanical Garden, as well as public seminars on diverse gardening and preservation subjects.

#### [Austin Area Urban League](http://www.aaul.org)

To assist African Americans and all other under-served Austin area residents in the achievement of societal and economic equality by focusing on educational improvement, employment readiness, health and wellness, and the preservation of affordable housing.

#### [Austin Browncoats](http://www.austinbrowncoats.com/)

We work to end violence and discrimination in all sectors of society. We place special focus on working alongside young women and children because, given the opportunity and proper education, young women and children can help create a better world for all beings.

#### [Austin Cabaret Theatre](http://www.austincabaret.org)

Austin Cabaret Theatre is the only professionally producing year-round cabaret in Austin. We are also the only year-round dinner cabaret showroom in the state of Texas! Austin Cabaret Theatre strives to present professional cabaret artists and educational outreach opportunities in an intimate setting, now at our new home, The Long Center for the Performing Arts.

#### [Austin CEO Foundation](http://www.ceoaustin.org/)

Children should have an opportunity to get a great education regardless of their financial situation. Grants of $1000 per year for three years for at-risk students provide a school choice not normally available. Families contribute to the tuition. Parents are now invested with a strong commitment to their child's education.

#### [Austin Chamber Music Center](http://austinchambermusic.org)

The Austin Chamber Music Center is dedicated to serving Central Texas by expanding knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of chamber music through the highest quality performance and instruction.

#### [Austin Children’s Museum](http://www.austinkids.org/)

Austin Children's Museum creates innovative learning experiences for children and families that equip and inspire the next generation of creative problem solvers.

#### [Austin Community Design and Development Center](http://www.acddc.org/)

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for all by providing sustainable design, planning and development services to low and moderate income individuals, families and neighborhoods and the organizations that serve them.

#### [Austin Creative Alliance](http://www.austincreativealliance.org/)

The mission of the Greater Austin Creative Alliance is to advance, connect and celebrate Austin’s creative life in order to strengthen our creative economy and benefit the well-being of our community.

#### [Austin Discovery School](http://www.austindiscoveryschool.org/)

Austin Discovery School is a creative learning environment open to all students and their families, providing an individualized, hands-on curriculum that develops confident, environmentally aware, critical thinkers. Our program features organic gardening, lifetime fitness activities, along with emphasis on social/emotional learning and community service.

#### [Austin Dog Rescue](http://www.austindog.org)

Austin Dog Rescue saves dogs from high-kill shelters in Austin and surrounding areas. These are dogs that were either picked up as strays and impounded or were surrendered to the shelter and were slated for euthanasia. We believe there is a wonderful home waiting for each dog our Rescue Team saves

#### [Austin Film Festival](http://www.austinfilmfestival.com/)

The Austin Film Festival, Inc., is dedicated to furthering the art, craft, and business of screenwriting and filmmaking by providing unique, year-round cultural events and services, enhancing public awareness and participation, and encouraging dynamic and long-lasting community partnerships.

#### [Austin Film Society](http://austinfilm.org)

The Austin Film Society promotes the appreciation of film and supports creative filmmaking through screenings, giving grants and providing access and education about film to youth and the public. Through Austin Studios, opened in 2000 in partnership with the City of Austin, AFS helps attract film development and production to Austin and Texas.

#### [Austin Free-Net](http://www.austinfree.net/)

Austin Free-Net provides technology training and access for the community, fostering skills that enable people to succeed in a digital age. Our computer labs and classes are open to all; our focus is on underserved communities. The knowledge we offer helps people obtain jobs, improve their lives, and participate as active citizens.

#### [Austin Girls Choir](http://www.girlschoir.com/)

Austin Girls’ Choir provides a fantastic opportunity for musically talented girls aged 8 to 18 to perform a wide range of music in Austin and beyond.

#### [Austin Green Art](http://www.austingreenart.org)

Austin Green Art envisions, inspires and manifests the Sustainability Revolution. We believe environmental destruction is driven by cultural programming. AGA provides hands on engagement with collaborative design involving ALL members of the community engaging the complex issues of our times.

#### [Austin History Center Association](http://www.ahca.net)

The mission of the Austin History Center Association is to support the Austin History Center, the local history archives of the Austin Public Library and its work to collect, preserve, and make available to the public materials documenting the history of Austin and Travis County.

#### [Austin Independent Business Alliance](http://www.ibuyaustin.com/)

AIBA promotes locally owned businesses by providing them with marketing, educational, and networking opportunities. We also inform Austinites about the economic, cultural and environmental benefits of shopping locally.

#### [Austin Jazz Workshop](http://www.austinjazzworkshop.com)

The Austin Jazz Workshop's mission is to perform for and mentor students in central Texas public schools in order to encourage their participation in band, orchestra, and choir programs, and to enhance quality of life through live performances employing area musicians and collaborations with nonprofit organizations in central Texas.

#### [Austin Junior Chamber (Jaycees)](http://www.atxjc.us)

The mission of the Austin Jaycees is to create a better world by empowering young people. We are a people-development organization that seeks to create positive change in ourselves, our organization and our community. We offer world-class fellowship, community service and leadership training opportunities.

#### [Austin LifeCare](http://www.austinlifecare.com/)

Austin LifeCare is a faith based non-profit organization dedicated to providing compassionate and trustworthy service to the Austin community by offering positive solutions to the challenges surrounding unplanned pregnancies through prevention education and practical and emotional support.

#### [Austin LifeGuard](http://www.austinlifeguard.com/)

The purpose of Austin LifeGuard Character and Sexuality Education is to empower teens in the Austin area with accurate information and practical tools to help them make healthy decisions, build strong relationships, and fully experience the benefits of saving sex for marriage.

#### [Austin Lyric Opera](http://www.austinlyricopera.org)

Provides operatic performances and educational experiences at the highest level of expression which enrich the quality of life for the Central Texas community.

#### [Austin Parks Foundation](http://www.austinparks.org/)

Austin Parks Foundation is committed to creating and sustaining beautiful and active parks throughout Austin. We seek to fill the gap between what needs to be done and what our parks department can afford to do. Since 1992, Austin Parks Foundation has initiated and facilitated physical improvements, new programming, and greater community involvement for Austin's parks.

#### [Austin Pets Alive!](http://www.austinpetsalive.org)

Austin Pets Alive! is staffed entirely by volunteers. In a unique partnership with Austin’s municipal animal shelter, APA! is helping to stop the killing of adoptable dogs, cats, puppies, and kittens. We also promote spaying/neutering and subsidize these and other veterinary services in underserved communities.

#### [Austin Pops](http://www.austinpops.org)

Austin Pops brings stellar central Texas musicians to the stage for live performances featuring local singers, songwriters, composers and young artists. Our mission is to further the understanding of traditional orchestral instruments through performances, recordings and other media presentations of popular music and through educational outreach to the community.

#### Austin Project / Experiments in Jazz Aesthetics (TAPEJA)

Nationally acclaimed artists facilitate creative writing workshops for women from Austin and UT, primarily women of color, where jazz-inspired methodologies guide women to make substantial life changes. By sharing their newly found, authentic voices in public performances and community forums, TAPEJA participants offer a model of freedom and social change.

#### [Austin Recovery](http://www.austinrecovery.org/)

Provide effective, affordable & compassionate chemical dependency treatment to the poor and working families of Central Texas.

#### [Austin Stars Performing Arts Association:ASPAA](http://www.austinstars.org/)

ASPAA exists to find and supply financial and administrative assistance and educational support for music-based performing arts groups in and around Austin, TX. ASPAA Currently supports Espada Indoor Percussion, ATX Winterguards, and Sixth Street Regiment Drum and Bugle Corps. We sponsor the annual Texas Drum Corps Preview.

#### [Austin Summer Musical for Children](http://www.summermusical.com)

To provide live musical theatre for children 3-10 and their families regardless of their ability to pay.

#### [Austin Tenants’ Council](http://www.housing-rights.org/)

Operating under the philosophy that everyone has a right to safe, decent, fair, and affordable housing, the Austin Tenants' Council fulfills thousands of requests each year for help with housing problems. ATC programs address many areas of need: housing discrimination; landlord/tenant education and information; and housing repair and rehabilitation.

#### [Austin Travis County Integral Care](http://atcmhmr.com)

Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC), formerly known as the Austin Travis County Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, serves as the Local Authority for Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities in Travis County, administering an annual budget of $45 million of local, state and federal funding to over 80 distinct funding sources at 44 physical facilities. In the last year, ATCIC served more than 18,500 individuals and families in Travis County, offering numerous services and programs year-round. ATCIC also operates a 24/7 Crisis Hotline, for anyone experiencing a psychiatric crisis--512-472-HELP (4357).

#### [Austin Voices for Education & Youth](http://www.austinvoices.org)

Austin Voices for Education and Youth mobilizes the community to strengthen schools and expand opportunities for Austin’s youth. We work alongside community members, young people, parents, and educators to improve our schools and neighborhoods.

#### [Austin Waldorf School](http://www.austinwaldorf.org/)

Our values include a life-long love of learning, creative thinking, self-confidence, a sympathetic interest in the world, and an abiding sense of moral purpose. By creating a school environment that balances academic, artistic, and practical disciplines, Austin Waldorf School cultivates the faculties that allow our students to develop these qualities.

#### [Austin Zoo](http://www.austinzoo.org)

The mission of Austin Zoo is to assist animals in need through rescue, rehabilitation and education. Austin Zoo is a rescue zoo with over 90% of our animal residents having been rescued from unfortunate circumstances. Residents range from former circus animals, monkeys who have spent their entire lives in laboratory research center, to exotic birds and animals kept inappropriately as pets. We provide sanctuary for these animals so they may live out their days in relative happiness and comfort. We also exist to educate the public on nature conservation and animal welfare.

#### [Badgerdog Literary Publishing](http://www.badgerdog.org)

Badgerdog was created to publish and to teach. Accordingly, our mission is two-fold: to publish work that furthers our cultures, collective vision and to equip at-risk children with the language skills necessary to create literary art from their joy and their jeopardy.

#### [Ballet Austin](http://www.balletaustin.org)

Ballet Austin boasts a rich history spanning five decades, acclaimed productions, and one of the nation’s largest classical ballet academies. As choreographed by artistic director Stephen Mills from the new Butler Dance Education Center and Community School in downtown Austin, Ballet Austin actively engages the community, dancers, and audiences alike.

#### [Bat Conservation International](http://www.batcon.org)

Bat Conservation International (BCI) is devoted to conservation, education, and research initiatives involving bats and the ecosystems they serve. BCI’s mission is to teach people the value of bats, to protect and conserve critical bat habitats, and to advance scientific knowledge through research.

#### [BCL of Texas/Business and Community Lenders](http://www.bcloftexas.org/)

BCL of Texas helps underserved entrepreneurs through counseling, business TA, and business development with the goal of growing the local economic base and creation of jobs for the State of Texas.

#### [Barnabas Connection](http://www.wimberleyumc.org/barnabas.htm)

The Barnabas Connection provides direct assistance to low-income families, education to community leaders on the issues of poverty, and advocates for sustainable resources. The program functions primarily through a volunteer-staffed phone line. Volunteers provide contact information to helpful community organizations and become a companion and advocate that help the caller through the process of applying for and getting the assistance they need. Phone volunteers provide forms and applications for community services and often assist the client in completing the application. Barnabas hosts an annual Back to School Fiesta providing free backpacks, school supplies and Payless Shoes gift cards to children in need in the Wimberley School District with multiple community and ecumenical partners. The Fiesta includes immunizations and helpful resources. Barnabas also administers the Wimberley Ministerial Alliance financial assistance fund. In 2009, Barnabas began advocating with Pedernales Electric for policies less punitive to families with low-incomes or disabilities.

#### [Blue Dog Rescue](http://www.bluedogrescue.com)

Dedicated to the placement of homeless dogs from local shelters into permanent, loving homes, we rescue all-breeds (and "mutts"). We have rehomed over 1,400 dogs in 8 years and partner with Meals on Wheels to deliver dog/cat food to their clients. We are an all-volunteer organization committed to spaying and neutering all companion animals.

#### [Bluebonnet Equine Humane Society](http://www.bluebonnetequine.org)

Our mission is to improve the lives of equines by educating and helping owners, assisting law enforcement agencies, rehabilitating abused and neglected equines, and placing them into safe, permanent homes.

#### [Bluebonnet Trails MHMR](http://www.bluebonnet.org)

Our mission is to ensure the provision of accessible, efficient and effective services that support the dignity and independence of those we serve - adults with serious mental illness; children and adolescents with serious mental illness or emotional disorders, autism or pervasive developmental disorders; persons with intellectual disabilities and infants and toddlers with developmental delays.

#### [Brain Injury Association of Texas](http://www.biatx.org)

The BIATX is the leading association in Texas providing information, advocacy, and professional education regarding brain injury. Our membership is made up of people with brain injuries, family members and professionals. The BIATX provides many significant services to those in need, including: Information and Referral Sources Connecting to Local Support Groups Education for Survivors and Families Prevention Strategies Public Policy Issues Coalition Building Media Outreach Educational Opportunities

#### [Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas](http://www.bcrc.org/)

As breast cancer survivors, we offer hope, answer questions, and provide hands-on support to Texas women who hear the life-altering words, “You have breast cancer.” We help women of any age, culture, education, profession, and financial status navigate from diagnosis through recovery, and all services are free of charge.

#### [Camp Diamond W](http://www.campdiamondw.org)

We provide Horse riding and therapy services to all children. We emphasize services to children with special needs and work with children with physical, emotional, behavioral and developmental issues. Each child is assisted individually. Horses provide an outlet for stressors, as well as encourage a bonding relationship for children with relationship issues.

#### Capital Area Counseling

Striving to provide affordable, accessible, high-quality mental health services to all central Texans who desire them. To provide an unparalled training environment for pre- and post-graduate therapists from all of the helping professions.

#### [Capital Area Crime Stoppers](http://www.austincrimestoppers.org)

Our Mission is to assist local law enforcement in the fight against crime in our community.

#### [Capital Area Social and Activity Coordinators Association, Inc.](http://casaca.org/)

CASACA has operated since 1972 and consists of healthcare professionials and volunteers to include: recreation therapists, activity directors, social workers, admission/marketing directors, and many others. We represent senior centers, assisted and independent living, long term care, and other facilities within the continuum of care.

#### [Capital City Village](http://www.capitalcityvillage.org)

Capital City Village is a nonprofit, membership organization that helps seniors stay in their homes longer. We do this using the three "V's": Volunteers, Vetted providers, and a Variety of activities. Members who need just a little bit of help in their homes or need a social activity to inspire them can stay living longer in their homes as they age. Capital City Village is part of a larger, international movement with villages sprouting all around the globe. At last count, there were 150 villages worldwide.

#### [Capital IDEA](http://www.capitalidea.org/)

Capital IDEA lifts working families out of poverty by sponsoring educational services that lead to life-long financial independence. Capital IDEA funds qualified participants' tuition, books and childcare and works with them to find employment with good salaries, benefits and opportunity for career growth.

#### [Capitol School of Austin](http://www.capitolschool.com/)

The mission of Capitol school of Austin is to provide an enriched learning environment where children with language based learning disabilities can reach their full potential. Classes range from preschool (age 3) through 3rd grade. All classes have a low student to teacher ratio and are taught by speech pathologists.

#### [Caring Family Network](http://www.cfntexas.org)

Caring Family Network strengthens and supports families who care for vulnerable children.

#### [Casa Marianella](http://www.casamarianella.org)

Casa Marianella creates a community of respect and solidarity with Spanish speaking immigrants and international refugees by providing hospitality and promoting self-sufficiency. Casa Marianella serves homeless men, women, and children and believes in providing personal attention, treating clients with kindness and respect, and using a strength-based approach to case management.

#### [Center of Restoration & Transformation](http://www.restorationtransformation.org/)

We are a low-cost (sliding scale fee) counseling center...our purpose is to offer biblically-based services that are affordable. We offer group classes (various subjects) to help people find direction, encouragement, peace, & healing. We also offer individual & couples counseling. Please visit our website for more details.

#### [Central Texas Dachshund Rescue](http://www.ctdr.org)

We rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome dachshunds in need of a second chance of life.

#### [Central Texas FIRST LEGO League](http://www.centraltexasfll.org/)

FLL is an international program that introduces children to the fun experience of solving real-world problems by applying math, science, and technology. Guided by adult mentors and their own imaginations, FLL participants solve real-world engineering challenges, develop important life skills, and learn to make positive contributions to society.

#### [Central Texas SPCA](http://www.CentralTexasSPCA.org)

The Central Texas SPCA, a privately funded, no-kill shelter, finds forever families for homeless dogs and cats. Our personal attention and unique, homelike environment insure pets awaiting adoption are physically and emotionally healthy

#### [Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project](http://www.centex-indicators.org/)

The Central Texas Sustainability Indicators Project promotes sustainability by providing data and analysis of the inter-connected nature of social equity, environment, economy, and engagement in our region.

#### [Championship Hearts Foundation](http://www.championshipheartsfoundation.org)

Championship Hearts Foundation sponsors the Young Athlete Heart Screening Program. The purpose of this program is to check for Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy (HCM), a serious genetic heart condition that affects roughly one in 500 people. We offer this simple, painless, screening free of charge to Texas student athletes between the ages of 14-18.

#### [channelAustin](http://www.channelaustin.org)

channelAustin promotes the creative power and First Amendment right to free speech for the Austin community who wish to access digital media. Freedom of expression should be available to the community regardless of disability or ability, on a fair and equitable basis that is non-discriminatory, non-commercial, non-exclusive, and content neutral.

#### [Chorus Austin](http://www.chorusaustin.org)

Chorus Austin is the nonprofit umbrella organization that manages the business functions and artistic productions of the Chorus Austin Consort, Austin Vocal Arts Ensemble, and the award-winning Austin Civic Chorus. We offer 6 different concert programs each season for our patrons to enjoy, and a variety of volunteer and outreach opportunities as well.

#### [CHULA](http://www.chulaleague.org)

CHULA works to ensure that the arts and public ourdoor spaces play a valued role in the educational, economic and cultural well being of Cherrywood Neighborhood in Austin, Texas and adjacent East Austin Neighborhoods. We are proud founders and sponsors of the well-acclaimed Cherrywood Art Fair (now in its ninth year) and Big Artist, Little Artist, a program that pairs Austin artists with underpriviliged future artists for mentoring and teaching.

#### [Cine Las Americas](http://www.cinelasamericas.org)

The mission of Cine Las Americas is to promote cross-cultural understanding and growth by educating, entertaining and challenging the diverse Central Texas community through film and media arts. Cine Las Americas offers theatrical screenings of films made by or about Latinos or indigenous peoples of the Americas. Films from Spain and Portugal are also included, creating a truly Pan-American cinematic experience.

#### [Cipher-Austin Hip Hop Project](http://www.thecipheratx.org/)

Our mission is to ensure that Austin youth have a safe, supportive, dynamic and challenging community in which to discover their powerful voices - through written, spoken word and hip hop - to express their views, strengthen self esteem, and engage them in opportunities that allow them to address the issues that affect them.

#### [Citizen Schools](http://www.citizenschools.org/texas/)

Citizen Schools was founded in 1995 to bring new solutions to the challenge of young adult education. Now a growing national network of after-school education programs for students in middle school, our programs complement classroom learning by engaging students in hands-on learning projects led by adult volunteers and supported by a staff of professional educators.

#### [Clarksville Community Development](http://www.historicclarksville.org/)

The CCDC works to preserve the history of historic Clarksville and to maintain the ethnic and economic diversity of the neighborhood through its affordable housing program.

#### [CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas](http://www.cleanairforce.org/)

The CLEAN AIR Force of Central Texas is the leading nonprofit organization dedicated to safeguarding and improving air quality in Central Texas. Founded in 1993, the CLEAN AIR Force Board consists of 39 members united in the common goal of finding workable solutions for improving our region's air quality.

#### [Cleantech Open](http://www.cleantechopen.com)

The mission of the Cleantech Open is to find, fund and foster entrepreneurs with big ideas that address today’s most urgent energy, environmental and economic challenges. Cleantech Open is a volunteer run organization. We mentor, provide business plan assistance, educate about Clean tech industry, entrepreneurship and expose clean tech startups to investors. Our participating companies are focused on air, water, waste, renewable energy, green building, energy efficiency, transportation and smart grid.

#### [Cocker Spaniel Rescue of Austin](http://www.austincockerrescue.org)

Cocker Spaniel Rescue of Austin is a 501(c)(3)all-volunteer nonprofit organization working to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome cocker spaniels in central Texas (and sometimes beyond).

#### [Colin’s Hope](http://www.colinshope.org/)

Colin's Hope is an all-volunteer organization that creates and supports programs that aid in preventing children from drowning. Colin's Hope of saving children from drowning is being achieved through increased water safety awareness and improved standards throughout the community.

#### [College Forward](http://www.collegeforward.org/)

College Forward provides college preparatory services to motivated, economically disadvantaged students, in order to facilitate their transition to college and make the process exciting and rewarding. We currently serve over 500 students across five school districts and believe that access to higher education is the right of every young Texan.

#### [Comfort the Children International](http://www.ctcinternational.org/)

Providing hope through relationships and using a holistic approach to community development, CTC is empowering our world.

#### [Community Action Network](http://www.caction.org/)

To achieve sustainable social, health, educational and economic outcomes through engaging the community in a planning and implementation process that coordinates and optimizes public, private and individual actions and resources.

#### [Community Shares of Texas](http://www.communitysharestx.org/)

Our mission is to connect working Texans with causes they care about through Workplace Giving. Our members are empowering average people and those who are marginalized in our community by removing barriers to success. We partner with businesses to tackle the tough challenges - housing, healthcare, discrimination, etc.

#### [Con Mi Madre](http://www.conmimadre.org)

Con Mi MADRE is a college preparatory program that provides Hispanic female students and their mothers with the educational and social support needed to encourage academic and personal success. 6th-12th grade girls and their mothers benefit from conferences, campus meetings, college visits, tutoring, mentoring, counseling, financial assistance, and parental workshops.

#### [Cornerstone Financial Education](https://www.csfedu.org/)

Cornerstone Financial Services, is dedicated to empowering consumers by providing quality financial education focusing on the sound use of credit and effective debt management by means of credit counseling, housing counseling, foreclosure counseling, and personal budgeting regardless of a person's age, gender, race, religion, or financial background.

#### [Council on At-Risk Youth](http://www.councilonatriskyouth.org)

Mission is "helping youth promote safe schools and safe communities". CARY’s Youth Violence Prevention Program is targeted to disciplinary students with assault, aggression and abuse incidents. Program consists of 12 month case management with our PeaceRox Program with Aggression Replacement Training. CARY also provides the Olweus Bully Prevention Program to teachers and students at three middle schools and the new Behavior Coaching Mentor Program for 100 youth transitioning from 8th grade to 9th grade at LBJ & Reagan High Schools.

#### [Creative Action](http://www.theatreactionproject.org)

Theatre Action Project is an interactive, educational theatre company serving the schools and communities of greater Austin. Our mission is to create and promote socially relevant, interactive theatre and educational programming that ignites community dialogue, self-discovery, and social change.

#### [Crime Victims First](http://www.crimevictimsfirst.org)

Crime Victims First is an online victims' rights resource center. Our mission is to promote and protect victims' rights, prevent rights violations, and to improve the treatment of victims through education, advocacy, and enforcement. We provide free access to information, services, and programs designed to increase awareness about victims' rights, to ensure rights are afforded, and when rights are violated providing access to our free online complaint system.

#### [Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America](http://www.ccfa.org)

The Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) is a non-profit, volunteer-driven organization whose mission is to cure Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, and to improve the quality of life of children and adults affected by these diseases. Since our founding over four decades ago, CCFA has remained at the forefront of research in Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis. Today, we fund cutting-edge studies at major medical institutions, nurture investigators at the early stages of their careers, and finance underdeveloped areas of research. One of our programs is called Team Challenge, an endurance training and fundraising program. With Team Challenge you'll train with professional coaches and like-minded teammates for a rewarding and exciting 13.1 mile endurance event at one of our great destination races while raising vital funds for research into these diseases. Funds raised help make new treatments possible and fuel the search for cures.

#### [Crowe's Nest Farm](http://www.crowesnestfarm.org)

Crowe’s Nest Farm is dedicated to fostering public appreciation, knoweledge, and wise stewardship of the agricultural and wildlife resources of Texas. The 100-acre farm is located in Manor, Texas and provides Austin-area school children and the general public with inovative programs through hands-on, life science learning. More than 250 animals can be found on this working farm along with more than 30 theme gardens, a working milk barn, a Faeriewood Trail, a Farm Products Building, Butterfly House and more which help to educate and entertain while providing refuge for native Texas animals which have been injured, orphaned, or are non-releasable.

#### [Dance Umbrella](http://www.danceumbrella.com)

We promote and encourage the knowledge, appreciation, practice and performance of dance. With the goal of expanding audiences and support for contemporary dance, DU brings the power, culture and history of dance into the entire community and implements programs that cultivate meaningful exchanges between artists and the public.

#### [Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Central Texas Chapter](http://www.cff.org/chapters/centraltexas)

The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for cystic fibrosis. We fund more CF research than any other organization, and nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support. We are a nonprofit donor-supported organization dedicated to attacking cystic fibrosis from every angle. Our focus is to support the development of new drugs to fight the disease, improve the quality of life for those with CF, and ultimately to find a cure.

#### [DiverseArts Culture Works](http://www.diversearts.org)

DiverseArts presents high-quality multidisciplinary, multicultural arts programs in Austin. We operate a visual arts gallery and performance venue; present spoken word, jazz and blues performances, and produce culture-based community festivals. Current work focuses on the African American Cultural Heritage District and preserving the cultural heritage of the East End Community.

#### [E 3 Alliance](http://www.e3alliance.org/)

The E3 Alliance is a regional collaborative to create a research-based “blueprint” to align our education systems to better fulfill the potential of every citizen. We are the region’s P-16 Council, breaking down barriers and building alignment across disconnected institutions to strengthen student success—and ultimately, the competitiveness of the region.

#### [EarthShare of Texas](http://www.earthshare-texas.org/)

The mission of Earth Share of Texas is to support our participating environmental and conservation organizations and their program work by representing them in payroll contribution programs at public and private worksites throughout Texas.

#### [Easter Seals Central Texas](http://centraltx.easterseals.com/)

Easter Seals Central Texas provides exceptional services so people with disabilities and their families can fully participate in their communities. Our five main programs include: Comprehensive outpatient rehabilitation, Community and Housing Services, Early Childhood Intervention, Employment Services and Paid Job Training.

#### [Ecology Action of Texas](http://www.ecology-action.org/)

Ecology Action of Texas is on a mission to educate and empower people to create a more livable world by reducing waste, reusing materials and recycling whenever possible. Our programs include four drop-off recycling centers, landfill diversion programs, telephone referrals, educational tours, speakers and programs, event recycling, apartment, business and office recycling set-up.

#### [El Buen Samaritano Episcopal Mission](http://www.elbuen.org/)

To transform lives by engaging the strengths of working-poor Hispanic families to promote their successful participation in society.

#### [Elgin Humane Society](http://www.elginhumanesociety.com)

We are dedicated to the prevention of cruelty to animals, the relief of suffering among animals, and the extension of humane education. We promote humne care and treatment for all animals in the Elgin area, seek to assist the return of lost animals to their owners and find suitable homes for animals without owners

#### [Emerson Academy](http://www.emerson-academy.com)

Emerson Academy is a non-profit child development center serving Round Rock, Pflugerville, Hutto, and the surrounding communities. Emerson provides an inclusive learning environment where ALL children can learn and grow together. From our highly trained staff to our literacy-based and developmentally-appropriate curicculum, Emerson Academy gives exceptional educational opportunities so that every child may succeed.

#### [EMPACT Africa](http://www.empactafrica.org)

Our mission is to empower church leaders to act against the stigma and discrimination of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa.

#### [English at Work](http://englishatwork.org/)

English at Work's mission is to provide English language instruction to limited-English-proficient individuals at the workplace. Our vision is to use language proficiency to empower people to achieve self-sufficiency and contribute to their community.

#### [Environment Texas Research and Policy Center](http://www.environmenttexas.org/center)

Environment Texas Research and Policy Center is dedicated to protecting Texas' air, water and open spaces. We investigate problems, craft solutions, educate the public and decision-makers, and help Texans make their voices heard in local, state and national debates over the quality of our environment and our lives.

#### [Epilepsy Foundation of Central & South Texas](http://www.epilepsyfoundation.org/efcst/)

The Epilepsy Foundation will ensure that people with seizures are able to participate in all life experiences; and will prevent, control and cure epilepsy through services, education, advocacy and research.

#### [Equality Texas](http://www.equalitytexas.org)

Equality Texas Foundation conducts research and educates Texans about policies and their effect on Texans of all sexual orientations and gender identities/expressions. We also coordinate efforts of LGBT and allied organizations across the state to achieve goals and objectives. Our programs serve to educate and empower Texans on equality issues.

#### [Faith in Action - North Central Caregivers of Austin](http://www.driveasenior.org)

North Central Caregivers, as a member of Faith in Action Caregivers, provides free community support services to persons over the age of 60 living independently in north central Austin. Our most requested service is transportation to medical appointments and the grocery store. All of our direct services are performed by trained volunteers. Our clients are able to age in their own homes by using our services: tranportation, home repairs, yard work, case management, home visits, information and referral and reassurance calls.

#### [Faith in Action Caregivers - Georgetown](http://www.faithinactioncaregivers.org/georgetown_texas.php)

Faith in Action Caregivers-Georgetown is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping Georgetown residents 65 years and older maintain an independent lifestyle. Our volunteers provide transportation services free of charge to area seniors for medical appointments, grocery shopping, and other important errands.

#### [Faith in Action Caregivers - South Austin](http://southaustincaregivers.com)

We believe in the dignity and worth of every individual, especially our senior adults. To enable a quality of life, Faith in Action Caregivers - South Austin provides support services that empower senior adults to maintain their independence in their own community. Services provided include personalized transportation, minor home repairs, and resource referrals. All services are provided at no charge.

#### [Faith in Action Caregivers - Southwest Austin](http://driveasenior.org)

We connect volunteers and seniors in our community to help seniors stay independent as long as possible. The majority of our requests are for 1-way or round-trip transportation. We make it easy for trained volunteers to help their senior neighbors. Our online schedule shows all the weekly senior requests and volunteers choose the day and time they want to help.

#### [Faith in Action Caregivers-West Austin](http://www.driveasenior.org/locations/west-austin)

In operation since 1985, our mission continues to be the enhancement of independence of older adults. This is accomplished by providing volunteer-based services, which include: transportation to medical appointments and other health related services, grocery shopping and to the bank as essential needs. Additionally, volunteers take the elderly clients to destinations adding to quality of life such as the beauty shop, senior center or to a friend's house for a visit. Social contact is important to combat loneliness for the older adult clients, so volunteers serve as friendly visitors in the home or by making reassuring phone calls. Volunteers also do minor home repair and maintenance to provide a safe home environment.

#### [Faith in Action Senior Access](http://www.fiasenioraccess.org)

Faith in Action Caregivers offers services to help older adults in maintaining and improving their quality of life. With the assistance of volunteer caregivers, clients can maximize their ability to meet their own needs and to continue to live independently.

#### [Family Crisis Center - Bastrop](http://www.family-crisis-center.org/)

Our mission is to partner with the community to provide safe refuge and comprehensive services responsive to the individual needs of women, children and men who are experiencing family violence, sexual assault and child abuse by providing a range of services from prevention, crisis intervention, shelter, counseling and violence intervention services.

#### [Femme Film Texas](http://www.femmefilmtexas.org/)

Femme Film Texas teaches filmmaking and digital technology to young women and girls, with an emphasis on reaching underserved populations. During in-school programs and summer camps, girls create and exhibit original video projects.

#### [Foundation Communities](http://www.foundcom.org/)

Foundation Communities creates housing where families succeed. We provide quality affordable homes for 2,000 families and services that educate, support, and improve the financial standing of the working poor right where they live. Earning 80 percent of our budget, we invest in services that provide a hand up to stability.

#### [Frameworks Community Development Corporation Inc.](http://www.frameworkscdc.org)

Frameworks Community Development Corporation, Inc. is a non-profit HUD approved Housing Counseling Agency using a comprehensive strategy to meet the affordable homeownership needs of hard working families. HOMEOWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY. An intensive Home Buyer Education and Counseling program makes Homeownership possible for families who have not had that opportunity. Families are challenged to gain sophisticated skills to become thoroughly prepared for long term homeownership. SAVING FAMILY HOMES. As the economic crisis and job losses have put family homes in jeopardy Frameworks intervenes through Foreclosure Prevention Counseling to help families save their homes. RESCUING NEIGHBORHOODS. Communities impacted by vacant foreclosed homes are stabilized as Frameworks acquires and rehabilitates foreclosed homes, and turns them into affordable homeownership. KNOWLEDGE FIGHTS POVERTY. Skills gained through Financial Literacy Education programs allow families to gain control of resources, manage credit and address debt issues. Effectively managing money means resources can be stretched.

#### [Front Steps/ARCH](http://www.frontsteps.org/)

Based on the belief that all people deserve the dignity of a safe place to call home. Front Steps provides people who are experiencing homelessness with a pathway home by offering case management, support and shelter services, sustainable housing options and community education.

#### [Fusebox Festival](http://www.fuseboxfestival.com)

The Fusebox Festival presents contemporary art and performance that spans form and geography. The festival acts as a catalyst for new ideas, new artistic models, new languages and approaches to help us better fully engage with the issues and questions that define and inspire us as artists and audiences.

#### [GAHCC Education Foundation](http://www.gahcc.org/)

The Foundation promotes the value of education and advocates to eliminate the achievement gap. Through its collective partnerships, the Foundation leverages business resources and cultural insights to address the educational needs within the Greater Austin community.

#### [German-Texan Heritage Society](http://germantexans.org/)

GTHS promotes awareness and preservation of the German cultural heritage of Texas through German language classes, speakers, genealogical seminars, a research library and tours of the historic German Free School. We host four annual cultural events; publish books on German-Texan history and genealogy, a quarterly Journal and a bi-monthly newsletter.

#### [Girl Scouts of Central Texas](http://www.gsctx.org)

Girl Scouts is, as it always has been, the organization best positioned to offer girls the tools they need to be successful leaders now and throughout their lives. Through Girl Scouts, participants discover themselves, connect with others, and take action to make the world a better place.

#### [Girls Incorporated of Greater Austin](http://www.girlsinc.org)

Girls Inc.’s mission is to inspire girls ages 9-18 to be STRONG, SMART, and BOLD, while encouraging them to take risks and master physical, intellectual, and emotional challenges. Girls Inc. of Greater Austin’s programs consist of Girls Inc. Sporting Chance, Economic Literacy, Vision Board Creations, Body Images, Health and Nutrition.

#### [Girls on the Run](http://www.gotraustin.org)

Our mission is "to educate and prepare girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living." Girls on the Run (GOTR) is a prevention program that uses the power of running to help preteen girls in 3rd through 5th grade develop self-respect and value a healthy lifestyle.

#### [Gold Ribbon Rescue](http://www.grr-tx.com)

Gold Ribbon Rescue, Inc. (GRR) was founded in 1998 to meet three objectives. We are a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization as recognized by the IRS. GRR's main function is to provide a network for sheltering, rehabilitation and placing Golden Retrievers in permanent homes in Central Texas. GRR’s second function is to provide public education about responsible dog ownership and, in particular, about the Golden Retriever breed. Third, GRR provides a forum for Golden Retriever fanciers to meet.

#### [goodwheelchairs.org](http://www.goodwheelchairs.org)

We take donations of used mobility equipment and redistribute the refurbished products to populations who need them.

#### [Grace After Fire](http://www.graceafterfire.org/)

a place for women veterans, and their loved ones, to connect with one another and with our professional partners, to find resources, to learn and to get involved.

#### Greater Austin CARES

We are a group of faith-based respite programs for people with dementia and their families. Each program is a ministry of its host organization, and serves both memory-impaired individuals and their caregivers. Respite participants enjoy socially-enriching and fun activities while their caregivers take a break from caregiving responsibilities.

#### [Greater Austin Life-Changing Ministries](http://www.GALife.ORG)

Greater Austin Life-Changing Ministries is a unique ministry directly involved in an outreach to Nursing/Alzheimer/Assisted-living homes that includes 25 monthly group meetings with 400+ residents. Important statistic: 60% of Nursing home residents never receive visitors. We strive to rekindle hope with songs, hugs, and to remind residents of their importance in life.

#### [Green Corn Project](http://www.greencornproject.org/)

The Green Corn Project (GCP) is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1998, that educates and assists Central Texans in growing organic food gardens. GCP serves people with limited access to nutritious, affordable food by partnering with them to build their own gardens at homes, schools, and community centers.

#### [Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas](http://www.gpacentraltexas.org)

Greyhound Pets of America-Central Texas’ mission is to find forever homes for greyhounds which fail to qualify or no longer qualify for the racetrack, to acquaint the public with the desirability of greyhounds as pets, and to inform the public of the availability of these dogs for adoption

#### [Griffin School](http://www.griffinschool.org/)

The Griffin School is a college preparatory high school empowering a community of learners through a focus on the arts.

#### [Grounded in Music](http://www.groundedinmusic.org)

Our mission: Leverage the power of music to transform young lives by creating self-confidence, opportunity and hope. We do this by bringing professional musicians into the Boys and Girls clubs in East and South Austin to provide music education and mentorship. We also run a music production class in our South Austin studio, and work with artists and organizations to provide concerts, field trips, scholarships and musical experiences for our kids.

#### [H.A.N.D. (Helping the Aging, Needy, and Disabled Inc.)](http://www.handaustin.org)

The mission of H.A.N.D. is to enhance dignity and independence for the elderly and people with disabilities by providing compassionate, quality care. We provide in-home, non-medical care such as bathing, dressing, toileting, cooking, shopping and housekeeping. Our vision is a community in which all people are empowered to live as independently as possible.

#### [Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County](http://www.williamsonhabitat.org)

HFHWC is a non-profit Christian ministry providing affordable home ownership opportunities in Williamson County. By partnering with families in need, along with community volunteers and donors, HFHWC builds affordable homes for very low-income families in Williamson County – offering them a hand up, not a handout. Habitat for Humanity of Williamson County also has a ReStore which sells new and used building materials to the public at substantially reduced prices. Shoppers find lumber, plumbing fixtures, lighting, paint, windows, doors, cabinets, tile, blinds, shutters, appliances and more -- all in an 8,000 sq. ft. warehouse. Proceeds from the ReStore help build more Habitat homes for low-income families in Williamson County. The ReStore also fosters recycling and diverts tons of useable materials from the landfill. Last year, the ReStore diverted nearly 900 tons of usable materials from the Williamson County landfill.

#### [Handicapped Equestrian Learning Program (H.E.L.P.) Center of Austin](http://www.helpcenterofaustin.org)

The Center is a non-profit therapeutic riding program. The mission of HELP is to give children with disabilities the therapeutic freedom of being on a horse.

#### [Hays-Caldwell Women’s Center](http://www.hcwc.org/)

The Hays-Caldwell Women's Center believes that all abuse diminishes or prohibits the full expression of life and growth that is every person's right. The Hays-Caldwell Women's Center serves victims of family violence, sexual assault/abuse and child abuse. All services are free and confidential.

#### [Health Air / Keep Austin Mobile](http://www.keepaustinmobile.com/)

Our goal at Keep Austin Mobile is to provide safe, reliable and friendly transportation for people in Austin, Texas and the surrounding areas. We offer our free service to people needing a ride to work, medical appointments, school, or recreational activities.

#### [Heart of Texas Lab Rescue, Inc.](http://hotlabrescue.org/)

The Heart of Texas Lab Rescue is a non-profit, all-volunteer organization based in Austin, Texas. Our mission is to rescue Labrador Retrievers from shelters, pounds, abandonment , and other situations, and place them in loving, caring homes. The HOT Lab Rescue serves Austin, San Antonio, and surrounding areas.

#### [Hill Country Hill Tribers](http://www.hilltribers.org)

Hill Country Hill Tribers provides marketable skills to artisans in Austin’s refugee population. By weaving and sewing in their homes, refugee women are able to contribute to their families’ financial stability while caring for their children. HCHT also offers English language skills and basic educational opportunities to the artisans.

#### [Hoop Zone](http://www.hoop-zone.net)

Hoop Zone provides life skills and life value to kids in central texas through the game of Basketball.

#### [Hope4Heroes](http://www.hope4heroes.org/)

Hope4Heroes was founded by Veterans to support Veterans and families in the following program areas for 2011: Awareness events in local communities, Scholarships for kids and spouses of fallen and wounded heroes, Jobs and small business training programs for veterans and families, and partner relationships with companies hiring veterans and families or franchise a business programs empowering our veterans and families. 2011 is the year of jobs and small business for veterans and families of all generations. Our legends events raise awareness in communities!

#### [Hostelling International-Austin](http://www.hiaustin.org)

Our mission is "To help all, especially the young, gain a greater understanding of the world and its people through hostelling." Hostelling International-Austin provides safe and affordable lodging to over 12,000 travelers per year. In addition, we offer free travel classes to the Austin community (such as Women Traveling Solo and World Travel 101) and youth education programs to promote intercultural awareness and dialogue.

#### [Hound Rescue](http://www.houndrescue.com)

Hound Rescue started in Austin, Texas in 1998. We are a small group of individuals who foster dogs in our homes. Hound Rescue also provides placement assistance to both shelters and others who need to find homes for hounds who for whatever reason have become stray.

#### [Humane Society of Williamson County](http://www.hswc.net)

A no-kill animal shelter focused on community services and programs that will help ensure no adoptable pet is euthanized simply because he/she is homeless. Our mission is to provide innovative programs and services to eliminate pet overpopulation and improve the lives of pets and people in Williamson County.

#### [Hungry for God Home for Young Men](http://www.hungryforgodhome.org)

Redirecting the lives of fatherless young men, ages 17-24. We provide for basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, plus Life Skills Training, Completion of Education and Employment. Whether battling with homelessness, addiction or being an ex-offender, we want to help young men to become fathers and men of responsibility.

#### [Indigenous Cultures Institute](http://www.IndigenousCultures.org)

We promote and preserve the culture of an indigenous population, collectively known as Coahuiltecans – in Texas and northern Mexico. We present educational programs on the identity and ancestral legacy of these Native Americans who have millions of descendants― currently labeled Mexican American, Latino, or Hispanic―still living in Texas and the U.S. Many of these descendants continue to practice their indigenous ceremonies, pray in their Native languages, and hold true to the values of their ancestors. We also strive to maintain our covenant with sacred sites. We partner with local community organizations and support groups outside of our area that are dedicated to preserving the natural environment of sites that indigenous people consider sacred. Our programs include Nakum Press, Coahuiltecan Language Program, Library and Archives, the Nakum online journal, Performances and Events, Sacred Sites Programs, Speakers and Lectures, the Xinachtli Project, and Youth Programs.

#### [JONAH Ministry](http://www.jonahministry.org)

JONAH’s mission is to create lasting hope through the Arts and Music. We wish to develop cultural events and programs in line with this mission. JONAH’s efforts will address societal issues such as domestic violence, women’s health concerns, and certain mental health issues of men, women, and children.

#### [Junior Achievement of Central Texas](http://www.jacentex.org/site/)

To educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics in order to improve the quality of their lives.

#### [Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation](http://www.jdrf.org/)

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF) is the world's largest charitable funder and advocate of type 1 diabetes research. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research.

#### [Keep It Healthy](http://www.keepithealthy.org/)

Our mission is to prevent diabetes and reduce obesity in Hispanic families by teaching healthy lifestyle through community-based intervention programs in the underserved communities of North Austin and Round Rock. Our Program focuses on weight loss and healthy lifestyle by providing, exercise and cooking classes, nutrition and behavior change consultations.

#### [Kent Cummins Magic Camp](http://www.magiccamp.com/)

The Kent Cummins Magic Camp raises self-esteem and builds self-confidence in elementary and middle school children through programs using the fascination and fun of juggling, puppetry, and MAGIC!

#### [Khabele School](http://www.khabele.org/)

The mission of Khabele Education is “to cultivate learning communities in which each and every student, parent and team member realizes their profound beauty, falls in love with learning, and lives with courage and authenticity.” In a culture of acceptance and empowerment, students learn to develop their natural potential.

#### [Knowbility](http://www.knowbility.org/)

Knowbility's mission is to ensure barrier-free I.T. — supporting the independence of people with disabilities by promoting the use and improving the availability of accessible information technology. Our programs raise awareness of need for technology access; train in accessible technology design practices; consult on IT access mandates, and employ technology workers with disabilities.

#### [KOOP Radio](http://www.koop.org)

KOOP is community radio, giving voice to the underserved in Austin, Texas with unique programming from volunteers. Most of our funding comes from our listeners.

#### [Kids Vision for Life - Central Texas](http://www.kidsvisionctx.org)

Studies show that at least one in five students has an uncorrected vision problem (Freebee, 2004) and one study indicated that 85% of academically or behaviorally at-risk students had vision problems that were either previously undetected or untreated (Johnson, Blair & Zaba, 2000). In Austin ISD alone, an average of 70% of students who fail the school-provided vision screening never report seeing an eye doctor within the school year. Through a mobile vision clinic, Kids Vision for Life - Central Texas (KVFL) will provide free comprehensive vision services to students in 12 area school districts. Students will be able to complete an eye exam and receive high-quality name brand prescription lenses all during the regular school day at no cost to their parents. In addition, E3 Alliance and Seton Healthcare Family will conduct a three-year study to determine the impact of vision correction on academic performance and behavior.

#### [La Fenice](http://www.lafeniceaustin.org)

La Fenice is committed to advancing public enjoyment of Commedia dell'Arte through performance, scholarship, and education.

#### [Lady Bird’s Legacy Wildflower Campaign](http://www.statesman.com/special/topics/Lady_Bird_and_her_legacy/)

The Austin American-Statesman's Lady Bird's Legacy Campaign, created in 2008, buys wildflower seeds to plant along highways and in communities throughout Central Texas. It also gives seed packets to thousands of fourth-graders each year to create their own gardens. Help keep alive Mrs. Johnson's dream of beautifying America.

#### [Lannaya African Drum and Dance Ensemble](http://www.lannaya.org/)

Lannaya African Drum and Dance Ensemble's mission is to expose and educate audiences, near and far, through authentic and progressive interpretations of dance and music of the African Diaspora. Lannaya offers:• Weekly West African dance classes.• Seasonal West African drum/dance master classes, taught by renowned African master artists.• Benefits for charities, African Diasporic artists in need. • Community outreach through performance demonstrations.• “Rhythm and Movement of West Africa,” an arts education program presented annually to 4,000+ K-12 AISD students. Presented multiple times throughout the year in low socio-economic communities along Northeast and Southeast Austin corridors, the program provides positive role models from within the community that students can identify with; and a musical tradition related to the youth's own cultural history in which they can take pride.• Statewide performances via Texas Commission on the Arts’ Texas Touring Arts program.• Annual drum/dance performance showcase.

#### [Las Comadres Para Las Americas](http://www.lascomadres.org/)

Connecting and Empowering Latinas through community building/networking, culture, learning and technology.

#### [Latinas Unidas Por El Arte (LUPE Arte)](http://lupearte.org/)

LUPE Arte promotes the literacy and media awareness of youth through arts and culturally relevant arts education. LUPE Arte administers three programs: Niños y Arte (Children and Art), Mujuers y Arte (Women and Art) and LUPE Arte Multi Media Group, a film, theater and television production company.

#### [Latinitas](http://www.latinitasmagazine.org)

Latinitas is a non-profit organization dedicated to empowering young Latinas through media and technology. Latinitas Magazine is the first digital magazine made for and by Latina youth. Since 2002, we have offered media enrichment programs aimed at empowering girls to express themselves and gain confidence to succeed.

#### [Leadership Enrichment Arts Program (LEAP)](http://www.leapaustin.org)

LEAP inspired under served youth in Austin and surrounding areas through experience with the Arts boosting self-esteem and community involvement while creating successful leaders. We host vists to arts venues and performances and host a week long residency program at UT/Austin each summer to give local kids a"A Taste of College".

#### [Leukemia & Lymphoma Society](http://www.lls.org/sctx)

Our Mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. We provide patient aid, services, support groups and programs for 46 counties in the Central Texas area.

#### [Lifelong Friends Pet Adoption](http://www.lifelongfriends.org/)

Lifelong Friends Pet Adoptions (formerly Lago Vista PAWS) is an independent, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the lifelong partnership between people and pets. We are a true no-kill shelter in Lago Vista, Texas, which focuses on saving the lives of stray and abandoned dogs and cats.

#### [Lilith Fund](http://www.lilithfund.org/)

The Lilith Fund assists women in exercising their fundamental right to abortion by removing barriers to access.

#### [Love-A-Bull](http://www.love-a-bull.org)

We educate and advocate on behalf of the American Pit Bull Terrier, the American Staffordshire Terrier, the Staffordshire Terrier, and the Bull Terrier (all breeds commonly referred to as "pit bulls") and pit bull mixes. The group encourages its members to serve as role models of responsible ownership.

#### [LTlov](http://www.ltlov.org)

LTlov identifies local needs, inspires community involvement and distributes contributions through projects that assist and empower families in the Lake Travis area. LTlov funds both Discretionary (time-sensitive) grants and Annual grants to organizations that are serving mainly socioeconomically disadvantaged families in the Lake Travis area. LTlov also sponsors community donations programs to provide needed tangible goods to families in need, i.e. school supplies, Christmas gifts, personal care items, pajamas, etc.

#### [Lucky Mutts Rescue Corp.](http://luckymutts.com/)

The Lucky Mutts Rescue Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable aid for the rescue and rehabilitation of unwanted pets and the education of Responsible Pet Ownership for the general public and prospective adopters.

#### [Lutheran Social Services of the South, Inc.](http://www.LSSS.org)

LSS provides help, healing & hope to people throughout Texas, Louisiana & Mississippi. Services include foster care, adoption, children’s residential treatment, independent & assisted living, skilled nursing care, disaster response, and emergency assistance.

#### [Magic Mirror Inc.](http://readingheroes.org/)

A summer camp for children with dyslexia and related disorders. Friendships are grown, self-confidence fostered, and talents developed. Promotes both uniqueness of each child and develops their social interactions. Reading and writing are critical components and are provided in an environment where children feel safe, nurtured, and appreciated.

#### [Marathon Kids](http://www.marathonkids.org)

Our mission is to build a lifelong love of running and walking, combined with the ability to make and enjoy healthy food choices for children and their families. Our aim is to build joyful community around children and their families by encouraging healthy lifestyles.

#### [Marbridge Foundation](http://www.marbridge.org/)

Marbridge provides a safe, loving community where adult residents with cognitive challenges can achieve their full potential through Abilities Centered Training with the opportunity for lifetime care.

#### [Mary Lee Foundation](http://www.maryleefoundation.org/)

Mary Lee Foundation serves persons with special needs so they may develop dignity, self-worth, and skills to socially integrate and contribute to their community. Mary Lee helps persons “to live like everyone else.” This is possible through Mary Lee’s supportive neighborhood of affordable housing and services on Lamar Square Drive.

#### [Media Arts & Literacy Institute](http://www.malisite.org)

Mission Statement Media Arts & Literacy Institute, Inc. (MALI) is a domestic 501(c) 3 corporation, organized to provide economical and environmentally friendly events that produces educational workshops, workforce development and technical assistance about media literacy and media arts production. We use media and communication to reduce stereotypes and cultivate expression that promotes cultural interaction in the arts. Impact Statement The organization’s primary vision is to promote the production of media making by and for socially and economically diverse community constituents who would otherwise have little or no access to this type of opportunity and who are typically exploited, marginalized and excluded by the mainstream communication outlets. We also want to inform the general public about electronic waste (e-waste), and OUR responsibility as media artist to recycle our waste effectively in order to sustain the environment.

#### [Mexic-Arte Museum](http://www.mexic-artemuseum.org)

Mexic-Arte Museum’s mission is dedicated to cultural enrichment and education through the presentation and promotion of traditional contemporary Mexican, Latino and Latin American art and culture. Our vision is to educate the people of Texas about the importance of Mexican and Mexican American art and culture that enhances the collective pride of the entire community.

#### [mindPOP](http://mindpop.org)

mindPOP is dedicated to expanding creative learning in Austin.

#### [Ministry Of Challenge](http://ministryofchallenge.com)

Our Mission and Goal is to teach our clients to become responsible productive role models in today's society with the teaching and application of the word of God. Pastor Tony L. Johnson and wife Sister Juanita founded the Ministry of Challenge in 1993 for the expressed purpose of providing direct intervention and care to the drug addicted of East Austin. The Ministry houses, feeds and clothe 45-60 people daily.The Ministry provides classes, which will help our clients to achieve their goals and enhance self-esteem. For the past 20 years, this program has served over 4100 men with a success rate of approximately 60%. The Ministry feed and clothes the homeless every day. The Ministry is the cornerstone on 12th and Comal for East Austin.

#### [Mission: Possible! Austin](http://www.mpaustin.org)

Mission: Possible! Austin is a Christian non-profit committed to connecting the Church with Austin’s urban community in order to be a tangible presence of God’s love and transformative power. Our numerous programs are separated into three categories: Project Intercept (children & youth), Community Outreach (working with individuals and families in East Austin), and our Street Ministry (working with Austin's homeless). Our goal is to provide venues for connecting people for relationships. Project Intercept exists weekly as well as having four camps a year, where volunteers connect with at-risk children and youth to be positive, caring role models. Community Outreach includes everything from providing groceries for the homebound, a community art center, a prayer café, as well as partnerships with many other non-profits in Austin. Street Ministry’s primary venue is Church Under the Bridge.

#### [Missy Project](http://www.themissyproject.org/)

The Missy Project is dedicated to Raising Awareness of Brain Aneurysm Disease in children through education, outreach and early detection research. After the sudden death of their 12 year old daughter Missy from a Brain Aneurysm, TMP started a Community Screening Program which provides Free MRI Screenings in Austin for those with a family history. It is the only Early Detection Screening Program in the country.

#### [Mobile Art Program](http://www.mobileartprogram.org)

The mission of the Mobile Art Program is to deliver art activities to seniors and individuals with limited mobility.

#### [Mobile Film School](http://www.mobilefilmschool.org/)

The Mobile Film School is committed to bringing media arts education to underserved communities; create long-term mentoring relationships, pairing students with seasoned industry professionals and educators; and cultivating a unique appreciation of local history and culture using storytelling in film.

#### [Mobile Loaves & Fishes](http://www.mlfnow.org/)

Our mission is to provide uncompromising love and hospitality to our brothers and sisters in need. We do this by empowering a league of volunteers in providing food, clothing, and promoting dignity to our homeless brothers and sisters in need. We accomplish this mission through the creation of relationships that cultivate a community life of stability and purpose.

#### [Mothers Against Drunk Driving](http://www.madd.org/)

MADD seeks to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

#### [Mothers’ Milk Bank At Austin](http://www.milkbank.org/)

Milk Bank at Austin’s mission is to accept, pasteurize, and dispense donor human milk by physician prescription primarily to premature and ill infants. Babies that may not thrive or survive if given formula.

#### [Multicultural Refugee Coalition](http://www.mrcaustin.org/)

We empower refugees from around the world, newly settled to Austin, towards self-sufficiency through education, community and reconciliation. Refugees can gather at the MRC community center to gain skills and share resources specifically in the areas of job training, drivers ed, computer literacy and sewing/artisan opportunities.

#### [Muscular Dystrophy Association](http://www.mdausa.org/)

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is a voluntary health agency working to defeat neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, comprehensive services, and far-reaching professional and public health education.

#### MUSIC FOR THE CITY

MUSIC FOR THE CITY exists to encourage and enable Austin’s artists to give back to the community by partnering with charitable organizations serving our city. We do this by producing benefit albums and concerts that directly benefit charitable organizations serving our city.

#### [NARAL Pro-Choice Texas](http://www.prochoicetexas.org/)

NARAL Pro-Choice Texas' mission is to develop and sustain a constituency that uses the political process to guarantee every woman the right to make personal decisions regarding the full range of reproductive choices, including preventing unintended pregnancy, bearing healthy children, and choosing legal abortion.

#### [National Alliance on Mental Illness/NAMI Austin](http://www.namiaustin.org)

The mission of NAMI Austin is to improve the lives of all persons affected by serious mental illness by providing support, education and advocacy through a grassroots network. NAMI Austin is dedicated to supporting the inclusion of individuals with mental illness throughout the organization.

#### [National Domestic Violence Hotline](http://www.ndvh.org)

NDVH is the only national, 24-hour, multi-language domestic violence hotline in America. The Hotline receives 19,500 calls per month, operates 365 days a year and has a TTY line for the Deaf. Phone advocates help callers create safety plans and connect to the nearest shelter.

#### [Nature Conservancy of Texas](http://www.nature.org/)

The Nature Conservancy is a leading conservation organization working around the world to protect ecologically important lands and waters for nature and people. To date, the Conservancy and its more than one million members have been responsible for the protection of more than 15 million acres in the United States.

#### [Neill-Cochran House Museum](http://www.neill-cochranmuseum.org)

The Neill-Cochran House Museum, considered one of Austin’s three most important historic residences, promotes education and architectural preservation through public programming, events, museum days, the Fourth-Grade Curriculum Unit for Austin ISD students and adaptive programs for home-schoolers and scouts.

#### [Network for Life of Austin, Inc.](http://www.networkforlife.org/)

This agency is a Christian 501c 3 that assists ladies in recovery from chemical dependency and those coming from prison by a women’s housing program called Maggie’s Home and an ex-offender support group called The Overcomer’s.

#### [New Life Institute](http://www.newlifetexas.org/)

New Life Institute is dedicated to serving those who cannot otherwise afford quality, professional mental health services. We promote reconciliation, restoration, and renewal for those seeking healing and growth. Our services include counseling, mediation, education, and spiritual direction, using a multidimensional approach to emotional well being and spiritual wholeness.

#### [One World Non-Profit Theatre](http://www.oneworldtheatre.org/)

To bring diverse cultural performances into the Austin schools and to provide a forum for world-class performers and local professionals to share their artistry and to build community by embracing diversity of art forms, traditions and cultures from around the world.

#### [Open Door Preschools](http://www.opendoorpreschool.org)

The mission of the Open Door is to provide a quality, inclusive preschool program to children of diverse abilities and backgrounds in a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment that promotes respect and acceptance.

#### [Open My World Therapeutic Riding Center](http://www.openmyworld.org)

The mission of this organization is to improve the quality of life of children with special needs, including physical, mental and emotional disabilities; provide a safe and structured riding program; and encourage each child to expand their personal achievement, self-confidence and awareness of their personal capabilities.

#### [Pajama Program](http://www.pajamaprogram.org)

We provide new, warm pajamas and books to children in need in shelters, many of who are waiting and hoping to be adopted.

#### [Paper Chairs](http://www.paperchairs.com)

Paper Chairs creates sensorially dynamic theatre combining fractured subjectivity, music, unconventional audience situation, surrealism, labor-intensive mechanics, and heightened movement vocabulary. We favor tour-de-force fusions of various performance styles, music genres and historical periods to excite modern sensibilities and educate by irreverently suggesting past and present cultural connections. The work is outrageous, well-researched, and a little bit dangerous.

#### [Parkside Community School](http://www.parksidecommunityschool.org/)

At Parkside Community School our goal is for each child to become an independent, self-reliant person with the skills necessary to achieve their own goals, the ability to make a positive contribution to society, and to have an awareness of the interrelated nature of all life. To achieve this goal, we base our educational approach on the developmental philosophy and educational methods of Dr. Maria Montessori.

#### [Partnerships for Children](http://www.partnershipsforchildren.org)

Partnerships for Children provides critical resources to abused and neglected children in our community who are in the care of Child Protective Services.

#### [Patient Privacy Rights](http://patientprivacyrights.org/)

We are the nation’s premier health privacy watch dog led by consumers and patients. Our mission is to ensure that Americans control all access to their health records. While providing information to the public and media on HIPAA, we offer many other services and are working with Congress for privacy protecting federal legislation.

#### [PAWS Shelter and Humane Society](http://www.pawsshelter.org)

PAWS’ mission is to care for, protect and find quality homes for abandoned and neglected animals; to aid in the reduction of pet overpopulation; and to provide community education for the mutual benefit of animals and people

#### [Peace Officers’ Memorial Foundation](http://www.pomf.org/)

The POMF honors the fallen by providing assistance and support in a line of duty death. The POMF also offers college scholarships, sponsors the biennial Memorial Service at the State Capitol and supports research to find and honor all Texas Peace Officers who throughout history have made the ultimate sacrifice.

#### [Penfold Theatre Company](http://www.penfoldtheatre.org)

Penfold Theatre Company is dedicated to opening and operating a live, professional theatre in north Austin metro. Our mission is to empower artists to create work of the highest caliber and to engage diverse audiences through stories that inspire and impact our community.

#### [PeopleFund](https://peoplefund.org)

PeopleFund is a non-profit 501(c)(3) based in Austin, Texas. Founded in 1994 as Austin Community Development Corporation, we provide loans, financial and technical assistance to people who are left out of the financial mainstream. Since inception, our loans and financial consulting have helped put thousands of Texans on the path to financial security and independence. In 2008, we founded PeopleTrust, a non-profit 501(c)3 dedicated to creating and maintaining affordable housing in Texas.

#### [Pets America](http://www.petsamerica.org)

Pets America saves the lives of pets and the people who love them by teaching educational programs about Pet First Aid & Disaster Response, providing first responders with life-saving equipment for animals, and helping communities create effective plans for animals in disasters

#### [Pet Prevent a Litter (PALS) of Central Texas](http://www.preventalitter.com)

Th mission of PALS is to end pet euthanasia and pet homelessness in Central Texas through our programs of spay/neuter, humane education, TrapNeuterReturn of feral cats, and Pet Food Pantry. PALS is an all volunteer organization. We have our own Cat Spay/Neuter clinic held once or twice monthly. Our TNR rescues kittens and tame cats from feral colonies, fosters them and adopts them to loving homes. Our services are for the underprivileged in our community. Our mission will be complete when the shelters are empty and every pet has a loving forever home.

#### [Pines and Prairies Land Trust](http://www.pplt.org)

“The mission of the Pines and Prairies Land Trust is to protect significant open space and natural, historic, and cultural resources, and to promote and encourage sustainable agricultural and wildlife practices and values in order to preserve the quality of life for current and future generations, through educational programs and through owning and protecting easements and land.”We own and manage wildlife refuges in Bastrop and Lee County, operate a free refuge park with over 3 miles of trails along the Colorado River near downtown Bastrop, provide free Nature Lessons to 5th grade level children and provide information and support to area landowners. We work with private landowners to help them keep their land intact and productive as well as partnering with local business and government to help keep our rural quality of life high and our towns, farms, ranches and wildland healthy and vibrant.

#### [Prevent Child Abuse Texas](http://www.preventchildabusetexas.org)

Our mission is the prevention of child abuse and neglect in all its forms for all children throughout Texas. Our vision is that every child is free from abuse and neglect and lives in a community committed to preventing child abuse, through public education, awareness and training, and statewide resource coordination.

#### [ProArts Collective](http://www.proartsaustin.org)

ProArts in an incubator of artistic expression representing the African Diaspora and is dedicated to the production of transformational and accessible works for the enrichment of the community.

#### [Project Princess](http://www.projectprincess.org)

Our mission is to provide central Texas underprivileged women with the opportunity to experience the once-in-a-lifetime magic of their high school prom, without having to worry about the financial obligations the event requires. We provide dresses, shoes, accessories and gift certificates to help make the perfect prom.

#### [Project Transitions, Inc.](http://www.projecttransitions.org/)

Project Transitions, founded in 1989, is dedicated to serving people living with HIV/AIDS, by providing hospice, housing, and support in a compassionate and caring environment.

#### [Project Walk - Austin](http://www.projectwalkaustin.org)

Project Walk - Austin is a physical training program for people with spinal cord injuries where hard work leads to greater: confidence, independence, mobility...and Hope. We help people with SCI reclaim their lives through exercise-based recovery. Our program is based on the Dardzinski Method which targets each individual's weaknesses and retrains the nervous system to respond appropriately. While we cannot promise every client will walk again, we do promise that everyone who comes through our doors will leave with increased function and the tools to control their own physical well-being.

#### [Prostate Cancer Resource Center](http://www.prostatecancerresourcecenter.org/)

Our mission is to provide screening, education and awareness for Prostate Cancer in underserved minorities and underinsured. This is a grassroots operation providing mentoring newly diagnosed with seasoned survivors.

#### [Prostate Cancer Survivor's, Inc.](http://www.prostatecancerresourcecenter.org)

The Prostate Cancer Resource Center (PCRC) provides prostate cancer screenings, education and survivorship services to minorities and other underserved populations. PCRC engages seasoned survivors to provide mentoring to diagnosed clients and educates lawmakers and the public on the specific issues of prostate cancer. Leibel B. Harelik started PCRC in July of 2002 after his experience with a terminal diagnosis of the disease. After going to six doctors and a major cancer hospital, there was still no treatment and no cure. He was told “come back when it gets worse” and that “since you are a younger man, it will strike you harder and faster”. He found no local organizations that provided support for this type of cancer. His feeling of hopelessness from the diagnosis was only compounded by a side effect of the palliative care medication that resulted in even deeper depression. There was no one to provide hope and guidance at this critical time. Thanks to innovative treatment and a positive attitude, Mr. Harelik is now cancer free. As a result of these experiences, his goal is to make sure that every man find the best treatment available and that no man goes through this experience alone ever again. In addition to the usual early detection and care assistance, PCRC provides survivorship support. Clients are encouraged to look past the “medical cursing” of pessimistic diagnoses and are on-going support with diet, exercise, and alternative treatment. Combined with encouragement for the client’s personal, spiritual beliefs, the diagnosed man is given the help and the hope that is needed to face the rest of their lives as prostate cancer survivors.

#### Pug Rescue of Austin

Pug Rescue of Austin is dedicated to the rescue of abused, neglected and unwanted pugs. Our mission is to provide a safe refuge and to insure quality adoptive homes. PRA promotes responsible ownership thru public education about the unique needs of pugs and a mandatory spay/neuter policy.

#### [Punchkin Repertory Theatre](http://www.punchkin.org)

Punchkin Repertory Theatre is an art and artist-driven theatre company, dedicated to serving its audiences with new, modern, and classic works that enlighten, inspire, challenge, and unify humanity. In its relentless commitment to the art and the company’s mission, Punchkin Repertory Theatre hopes to spark the evolution of the individual and society to create movement towards a more balanced world. We would like to help establish Austin as a major theatrical center in the state of Texas and make live theatre a more viable form of artistic enrichment in Austin.

#### [Rawson-Saunders School](http://www.rawson-saunders.org/)

To provide a comprehensive educational program for professionally diagnosed dyslexic students by using research-based methods to meet the educational needs of each child in a supportive environment. Additionally, the Rawson-Saunders School serves as a unique and valuable resource to individuals affected by dyslexia through outreach, advocacy, and awareness opportunities.

#### [Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic Southwest Region](http://www.rfbd.org/Texas_Unit.htm)

RFB&D digital AudioPlus® books give struggling readers a way to learn through listening. Students with print disabilities who attend member schools receive the AudioPlus books and players for free. Our Library contains 130,000+ titles in every subject area and grade level, including 95% of the textbooks adopted by the TEA.

#### [Reel Women](http://www.reelwomen.org)

To provide information, education, networking activities and opportunities for community service to women (and others!) at all levels of experience in video and film.

#### [Rodeo Austin](http://www.rodeoaustin.com/)

Founded in 1938, the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Over 2,000 volunteers, donors, and sponsors serving on numerous committees work to advance the mission of the Star of Texas Fair and Rodeo by providing scholarships to deserving Texas youth.

#### [ROUND ROCK AREA SERVING CENTER](http://WWW.RRASC.ORG)

The Round Rock Area Serving Center, a Texas non-profit corporation, also known as the Serving Center, carries out a community-wide mission of churches, other organizations and individuals serving human needs in the City of Round Rock and surrounding areas. Services provided include a food pantry, Round Rock Coats for Kids, clothing and furniture vouchers, adult computer classes in English and Spanish, Computers for Kids, community gardens, The Volunteer Center, a charity resale store, and financial assistance for utilities, rent, prescriptions, transportation, and temporary lodging.

#### [Rude Mechanicals](http://www.rudemechs.com)

Since 1995, Rude Mechs has created a mercurial slate of original theatrical productions that represents a genre-defying cocktail of big ideas, cheap laughs, and dizzying spectacle. What these works hold in common is the use of play to make performance, the use of theaters as meeting places for audiences and artists, and the use of humor as tool for intellectual investigation. We tour these performances nationally and abroad; maintain The Off Center, a performance venue in Austin for arts groups of every discipline; present nationally recognized artists; and run Grrl Action, a year-round arts mentoring program for teenage girls.

#### [Russian Speakers’ Society](http://www.rusaustin.com/)

The Russian Speakers Society enriches the Austin artscape by presenting programs with artists whose cultural heritage is Russian or Eastern European. The performances span several disciplines, but most have their base in the music and dance of the West flowing from the works of romantic compositions and ballets of the 19th and 20th centuries.

#### [Salon Concerts, Inc.](http://www.salonconcerts.org)

Established in 1991, Salon Concerts, Inc. fosters the love for chamber music through performances and through its educational outreach program called Chamber Music in Public Schools (CHAMPS). There are four series of chamber music concerts each year, each followed by a reduced program as a Rush Hour concert performed at a public venue such as the Amstrong Community School of Music and the Caver Museum in Austin. CHAMPS provides free weekly coaching by professional musicians to small chamber music ensembles in 13 public schools of the four independent school districts. CHAMPS students frequently perform the openings of Salon Concerts, at community charity events, as well as hospitals, nursing homes, and many other venues.

#### [Salvage Vanguard Theater](http://www.salvagevanguard.org)

Salvage Vanguard Theater is a nonprofit community center for the arts committed to fostering a dynamic exchange between visionary artists and audiences. To that end, Salvage Vanguard Theater seeks to combine explosive energy with expert technique, creating forms that defy tradition and define a new American aesthetic.

#### [Samaritan Center for Counseling and Pastoral Care](http://www.samaritan-center.org/)

A nonprofit, interfaith counseling center whose mission is to integrate professional, affordable mental health counseling services with a client's own personal and spiritual values. Our staff is sensitive to spiritual issues but does not impose religious concepts on their clients. We serve children, adolescents, adults, and the elderly.

#### [Sammy's House](http://www.sammyshouse.org)

Sammy's House provides services for children who are medically fragile and/or developmentally delayed in a nurturing, inclusive environment. Our mission is to give children the opportunities they need to reach their highest potential through therapy support, curriculum-based instruction, and child care. We support families by providing parent education, offering evening and weekend respite care, lending therapeutic equipment, and making referrals to community services. We serve 250 infants, toddlers, and young children per year with a wide variety of special needs, including cognitive and physical disabilities, developmental delays, and complex medical needs. Over a third of the children we serve come from low-income families, and many are at risk for child abuse. Our impact includes helping children with special needs gain greater independence, minimizing the cognitive decline associated with certain conditions, increasing school readiness through adaptive curricula, and improving the quality of life of caregivers raising children with special needs.

#### [Second Youth Family Theatre](http://www.secondyouth.com)

It is the mission of Second Youth to produce original and established works for family audiences incorporating drama, comedy, musical theatre, puppetry and dance with the highest artistic quality and cultural diversity. Second Youth is dedicated to building long-term relationships with audiences through exceptional production and education.

#### [Seedling Foundation](http://www.seedlingfoundation.net)

The Seedling Foundation supports public schools by encouraging and facilitating community involvement. Major program areas include a school-based mentoring program, which matches children of incarcerated parents with caring adults in the Austin area public schools, and campus beautification projects on public school campuses.

#### [Serie Project, Inc.](http://www.serieproject.org)

The Serie Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the fine art of serigraphy – a technique that produces original, hand-pulled prints. The organization offers an Artist in Residence (AIR) program that allows participants to learn the technique and create a limited edition of prints, under the guidance of a Master Printer. Hoping to increase the presence of minorities in the art world, the Serie Project encourages multi-racial participation and two-third of all resident artists are Latino. A large part of the Serie Project’s mission is to market the prints created by its resident artists. Print sales promote the artists’ careers and support the program’s operational costs. Each edition of prints is priced at minimum so that the organization may offer original artwork to the public at an affordable price. The Serie Project was founded in 1993 by Austin artist Sam Coronado, and has hosted more than 250 residencies to date.

#### [Shadow Cats](http://www.shadowcats.net)

Our mission is to reduce the feline population and reduce the intake numbers at area shelters in our communities by promoting spay/neuter, Trap, Neuter and Return programs and by providing services and hospice care to ill and injured cats. We also work to change outdated city ordinances regarding community cats.

#### [Shoes for Austin](http://www.shoesforaustin.org)

Shoes for Austin provides disadvantaged children with new athletic shoes as a reward for achieving educational and self-improvement goals. Shoes are awarded to children who improve school grades, learn about health and wellness, and improve reading skills. Shoes for Austin has donated more than 55,000 pairs of shoes since 2000.

#### [Skillpoint Alliance](http://www.skillpointalliance.org/)

Our mission is to enable the creation of a quality workforce for the Capital area and the preparation of youth and adults for lifelong learning, citizenship, and career success. We will accomplish this mission by brokering partnerships between industry and secondary and postsecondary educators.

#### [South Austin Pregnancy Resource Center](http://www.saprc.org)

Our mission is to change and save lives in Jesus’ name by sharing positive solutions to issues surrounding unplanned pregnancy. Our vision is to build meaningful relationships with women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy while providing for both their physical and spiritual needs. All of the services of the South Austin PRC are provided free of charge and include sonograms, pregnancy tests, counseling, diapers, baby clothing and formula, and other services. We will also openly share the Good News of Jesus Christ at every opportunity We are funded 100% by your gracious donations.

#### [Southwest Key Programs](http://www.swkey.org)

Southwest Key Programs is a 20-year-old, Austin-based nonprofit organization which runs programs for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, and shelters for unaccompanied immigrant minors. With over 45 programs in seven states across the nation, Southwest Key’s 900 employees positively impact the lives of thousands of individuals each day.

#### [SpineHope](http://www.SpineHope.org)

SpineHope envisions a world where every child with a spinal deformity has an opportunity to live a normal live. Our dedicated team of medical volunteers transforms the lives of children worldwide through surgery, education, and research.

#### [St. James’ Episcopal School](http://www.stjamesepiscopalschool.org/)

St. James' Episcopal School inspires thinking that leads to academic achievement and prepares children for life as leaders, problem solvers, and self-reliant individuals. St. James' is one of the few school in Austin offering exceptional learning in a culturally economically diverse environment, where children feel loved, accepted, and supported.

#### [State of Texas Alliance for Recycling - STAR](http://recyclingstar.org/)

The mission of the State of Texas Alliance for Recycling is to promote and enhance recycling and diversion activities in the State of Texas.

#### [STEM Tutoring](http://www.stemtutoring.org)

STEM Tutoring is a nonprofit tutoring company based in Austin, TX with a mission to prepare economically disadvantaged, minority, and women students in low performing schools for success in science, technology, engineering, and math through creative and engaging tutoring experiences. STEM Tutoring gives students at low performing schools in Austin free before and after school tutoring in science and math with highly-qualified instructors. We believe a key to bringing about systemic change in student performance in math and science is giving students opportunities to receive the extra time, attention, and guidance necessary for academic success. But beyond in-class performance, STEM Tutoring wants to inspire students to pursue STEM careers by serving as a bridge that connects STEM professionals in Austin—scientists, engineers, professors, architects, computer engineers, doctors, bankers, etc.—with our students through volunteer tutoring/mentoring opportunities, as well as interactive STEM-based projects.

#### [Summer Stock Austin](http://www.summerstockaustin.org/)

We are an educational theatre program where college and high school students are joined to form a repertory theatre company to gain "real world" experience under the supervision of professional directors and designers. Students do not pay tuition to be part of SSA. Members are chosen solely on their talent, skill and attitude.

#### [Swan Song](http://www.swansongs.org/)

Swan Songs fulfills musical wishes at the end of life by organizing private concerts for individuals with a terminal illness. At their request, a favorite style of music or musician is brought directly to the home or facility. The concert allows patient, family and friends to focus beyond the illness and come together through the medium of music.

#### [Take Heart Austin](http://takeheartamerica.org/category/austin/)

Each year, more than 300,000 Americans including nearly 500 Austin/Travis County residents of all ages die from sudden cardiac arrest. Take Heart Austin uses a coordinated, community-wide approach to implement state of the art methods that will dramatically increase the survival rate from sudden cardiac arrest in our communities.

#### [Texans for Stem Cell Research](http://www.txstemcell.org/)

Our mission is to provide education and advocacy of not only the possible medical benefits of stem cell research to Texas citizens, but also the positive economic impact this research can bring to the State of Texas and the City of Austin.

#### [TexARTS](http://www.tex-arts.org/)

TexARTS brings top professionals from the region and the nation to educate & perform & create for Austin & Capitol Lake Region students & audiences.

#### [Texas Advocacy Project](http://www.texasadvocacyproject.org)

Texas Advocacy Project provides free legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking throughout Texas. As the only statewide nonprofit family law firm focused on domestic violence issues, we provide long-term solutions to thousands of Texans in need.

#### [Texas Association of Partners in Education](http://www.tape.org)

The mission of the Texas Association of Partners in Education is to provide leadership and expertise for schools, families, businesses and communities to build partnerships that enhance student success.

#### [Texas After Violence Project](http://www.texasafterviolence.org)

Texas After Violence Project is working toward a more just and less violent Texas by empowering people to share their stories, preserving unrepresented voices in the criminal justice system and inspiring community conversations. Through oral history and in-depth workshops, we hope to empower people to share their voices. And through public education and multi-media presentations, we hope to cultivate empathy, break down stereotypes, and help people discover ways to diminish violence in their communities.

#### [Texas Book Festival](http://www.texasbookfestival.org)

The Texas Book Festival celebrates authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas and the imagination. We work to instill a life long love of reading for Children in Title I schools. We also provide grants to Texas public libraries to help enhance book collections and develop literacy and technology programs.

#### [Texas Campaign for the Environment Fund](http://www.texasenvironment.org/fund/)

TCE Fund is a Texas non-profit research and public education organization established in 1997. TCE Fund's primary mission is to empower people to protect the public health through a cleaner environment, and promote increased access to the governmental policy-making process so that people and community groups can help shape the decisions that affect their lives.

#### [Texas Civil Rights Project](http://www.texascivilrightsproject.org/)

The mission of the Texas Civil Rights Project is to promote racial, social, and economic justice through community education and litigation. We strive to foster equality, secure justice, ensure diversity, and strengthen communities, having been originally founded in 1978 as Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido, Inc. (OLPU).

#### [Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty](http://www.tcadp.org)

The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (TCADP) is a statewide, grassroots membership organization working to end the death penalty in Texas. TCADP engages in outreach, education, and advocacy aimed at raising awareness of issues related to the death penalty and mobilizing the citizens of Texas - and their elected officials - to support abolition. We invite all concerned citizens to join our growing movement.

#### [Texas Council on Family Violence](http://www.tcfv.org)

The Texas Council on Family Violence promotes safe and healthy relationships by supporting service providers, facilitating strategic prevention efforts, and creating opportunities for freedom from domestic violence.

#### [Texas Early Music Project](http://www.early-music.org )

Founded in 1987 by Daniel Johnson, the Texas Early Music Project is dedicated to preserving and advancing the art of Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque, and early Classical music through performance, recordings, and educational outreach.

#### [Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards](http://www.tccwb.org)

The Texas Council is a non profit agency, led by volunteers from over 230 county and regional child welfare boards in the State. Our mission is simple: to meet the needs of children in Texas that cannot be met by the limited state funding of Child Protective Services. Last year with the help of over 2000 volunteers and donors, we were able to contribute over 30 million dollars to fill in the gaps in services for kids in care. This included everything from glasses, underwear & socks, winter coats, hearing aids to drivers training, fees for summer school, Christmas & birthday presents, camps, and countless other needs that CPS cannot fill.

#### [Texas Fair Defense Project](http://www.texasfairdefenseproject.org)

The Texas Fair Defense Project (TFDP) is a nonprofit organization that works to improve the fairness of Texas’s criminal courts and ensure that all Texans have access to justice. TFDP focuses on improving the public defense system and challenging policies that create modern-day debtors’ prisons filled with poor people who cannot afford to pay commercial bond fees and post-conviction fines and costs.

#### [Texas FolkLife](http://www.texasfolklife.org/home.html)

Texas Folklife celebrates and preserves Texas’ unique cultural traditions via performances, exhibits, education programs, community residencies and other projects. Via entertainment and education, we strive to keep these traditions alive for future generations -- and to find that common ground where all of our cultures intersect.

#### [Texas Health Institute](http://www.texashealthinstitute.org/)

Our mission is to provide leadership to improve the health of Texans and their communities through education, research, and health policy.

#### [Texas Network of Youth Services (TNOYS)](http://www.tnoys.org/)

The Texas Network of Youth Services is dedicated to enhancing the professionalism and effectiveness of community-based agencies serving youth and families in Texas. The network connects youth service staff and administrators, as well as youth and other youth advocates, on behalf of youth and their families who are in “at risk” situations.

#### [Texas Retired Teachers Foundation](http://www.trtf.org)

A non-profit organization providing resources and programming that contribute to an enhanced quality of life for retired Texas teachers and school personnel, and supporting public education in Texas

#### [Texas Land Conservancy](http://www.texaslandconservancy.org)

The Texas Land Conservancy (TLC) has protected almost 85,000 acres of vital Texas land through 109 conservation projects. TLC preserves and protects natural areas from the negative effects of land fragmentation and poorly-planned development. Land conserved by TLC will be protected forever from becoming a subdivision, strip mall, or parking lot. TLC helps landowners find an economical, realistic alternative to selling their land to a developer that allows ownership to remain in their hands, but puts the responsibility of conserving the land in ours. Many of these properties are working farms or ranches, while others contain important habitat for wildlife and native plant communities. All of these lands are beautiful examples of Texas’ natural heritage. TLC’s work ensures that economic viability and growth is balanced with what makes us Texan: our rural heritage, our open-spaces, our farms and ranches, our scenic vistas, and our natural resources.

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#### [Texas RioGrande Legal Aid](http://www.trla.org/)

TRLA is a nonprofit agency that specializes in providing free civil legal services to the indigent residents of Central Texas. The organization helps clients with a range of problems confronting the low-income community.

#### [Texas School for the Deaf Foundation](http://www.tsdfoundation.org/)

The mission of the TSD Foundation is to enrich and maximize the quality of education available to deaf and hard-of-hearing students in Texas and beyond.

#### [Texas TERA](http://www.texastera.org/)

Texas Technology Empowerment Resources and Advocacy, Inc., Texas (TERA) is a non-profit organization in Austin that enables people with disabilities or limitations to achieve and maintain an independent and active lifestyle through a central location with information, tools and training.

#### [The African Leadership Bridge](http://www.africanleadershipbridge.org)

The African Leadership Bridge provides scholarships for outstanding students from developing nations to attend UT Austin. They must demonstrate leadership, intellectual ability and financial need.

#### [The Children's Heart Foundation - Texas Chapter](http://Texas.ChildrensHeartFoundation.org)

Saving Children's Lives, One Heart at a Time. The Children’s Heart Foundation is the only organization that was created to exclusively fund congenital heart defect (CHD) research. CHD's are America’s and every country’s #1 birth defect. Nearly one of every 100 babies is born with a CHD.

#### [The Octopus Club](http://www.octopusclub.org/)

The Octopus Club is a volunteer run fundraising arm of AIDS Services of Austin.

#### [The Police Activities League of Austin](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Police-Activities-League-PAL-of-Texas/67138682868)

This program is designed to support the youth in our community by offering these children a safe place to gather and enjoy educational and social benefits, as well as athletic opportunities. The Goal of PAL is to prevent and combat juvenile delinquency and to promote and improve the moral, civic and health standards of our youth.

#### [The Trail Foundation](http://www.townlaketrail.org/)

The Trail Foundation devotes its efforts to restoring, improving, expanding and beautifying the Town Lake Trail. Our mission is fulfilled through careful improvements to the Trail's infrastructure and environment. In a distinctively collaborative effort, we work in cooperation with the city, while honoring the original vision of the Trail's founders.

#### [Travis Audubon Society](http://www.travisaudubon.org/)

We promote the enjoyment, understanding, and preservation of birds, other wildlife, and their habitats in Central Texas.

#### [Trinity Center](http://www.trinitycenteraustin.org/)

Trinity Center is a faith-based organization meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of people experiencing poverty and homelessness, our “neighbors.” The Center functions as a place of worship, a day resource/drop-in center, a basic needs provider (restrooms, phones, computers and meals), and a place to feel welcome, safe, and heard.

#### [Truth be Told](http://www.truth-be-told.org/)

Truth Be Told provides transformational tools for women behind and beyond bars. Our programs provide respectful listening and creative tools for personal and spiritual growth for incarcerated women. We encourage in them a deeper sense of personal responsibility and help them face the truth of their pasts and embrace the hope of their futures.

#### [Turtle Center](http://www.turtlecenter.org)

We offer adoption and rehoming for tortoises and some turtles; educational programs to individuals, groups, families, libraries, schools, organizations, and to new turtle and tortoise caretakers. We teach protection and conservation of wild turtle and tortoise populations and their habitats.

#### [Tutto Theatre Company](http://www.tuttotheatre.org)

To create collaborative and multidisciplinary theatrical productions bringing together local artists working in a wide array of disciplines to showcase the fruits of their collaboration.

#### [United Way of Williamson County](http://www.unitedway-wc.org/)

United Way of Williamson County works to advance the common good by focusing on the building blocks of a good life: education, income and health.

#### [University Hills Optimist Club](http://www.uhosports.org/)

We are "Friends of Youth." We offer kickball, soccer, and baseball to the youth in the North Central Austin area. We are here for the youth. We pride ourselves on being diverse. We are completely run by volunteers. We have many low income children we work with.

#### [University of Texas Autism Project](http://www.edb.utexas.edu/UTAP)

The University of Texas Autism Project (UTAP) is a center of excellence for services and knowledge, related to living with autism. UTAP has partnered with families, scientists, medical communities, educators, and researchers to lead the charge in developing best practices in basic science, medical treatment, educational practices, and family support.

#### [USGBC Central Texas-Balcones Chapter](http://www.usgbc-centraltexas.org/)

Our mission is to accelerate the transformation toward sustainable building and land development practices in Central Texas through innovation, advocacy and partnerships.

#### [VCFS Texas](http://www.vcfstexas.com/)

The purpose of VCFS Texas, Inc. is to provide support and resources to individuals with Velo-Cardio-Facial-Syndrome (VCFS), their families, professionals, and the community in Texas. We achieve this by: Increasing public awareness and educating the community.

#### [Ventana del Soul](http://VentanaDelSoul.org)

Ventana del Soul provides training and vocational mentoring to disadvantaged and hard to employ persons so that they can build a career, attain financial stability and establish a higher quality of life as active citizens. We work with a diverse group of unemployed individuals, including persons with disabilities, seniors, and persons who have had contact with the foster care, military, or welfare systems, but we specialize in helping those who are homeless, have a criminal background, and/or suffer from drug and alcohol addiction. Ventana’s innovative, sustainable, and green project includes the purchase of two hotels in the Austin area. One hotel houses up to 400 students. The other is a fully-functioning hotel where individuals from faith-based and community organizations cross train students in every position, including bookkeeping, meeting planning, culinary arts, foodservice, retail, floral, warehouse, and much more. All training includes environmental awareness and green practices, products and technologies.

#### [WBC Opportunities](http://www.wbco.net/)

WBC Opportunities was established in 1966 as the areas official Community Action Agency. The organization is a private, non-profit corporation governed by elected officials, community leaders and target area representatives. Throughout its history, WBC Opportunities has administered a wide range of social service and economic opportunity programs benefiting many thousands of low and moderate income persons. Current programs include Head Start, Senior Nutrition (including Meals on Wheels), Emergency Assistance and Affordable Housing. WBC Opportunities has an annual operating budget of over $8 million and a staff of more than 220.

#### [Westie Rescue/Austin](http://www.austinwesties.petfinder.com)

Westie Rescue work to rescue, foster, rehabilitate and re-home westies, cairns, mini schnauzers and small shaggy terriers of mixed heritage.

#### [Williamson County Crisis Center dba Hope Alliance](http://www.hopealliancetx.org)

Developing Partnerships and providing services that renew hope, highlight possibilities, and change the future of those whose lives have been affected by family and sexual violence.

#### [Women & Their Work](http://www.womenandtheirwork.org)

Known for its pioneering spirit, embrace of artistic innovation, and commitment to Texas audiences and artists, Women & Their Work Art Space is a one of a kind statewide non-profit organization. Women & Their Work Art Space showcases exhibitions of contemporary art throughout the year and presents performances, readings, film screenings and educational outreach programs.

#### [Women in Jazz Association, Inc.](http://www.womeninjazz.org )

Women in Jazz perpetuates vocal traditional jazz through jazz education and concerts.

#### [Workers Defense Project](http://www.workersdefense.org/)

Workers Defense Project (WDP) is a membership-based organization that empowers low-income workers to ensure fair employment through education, direct services, organizing, and strategic partnerships.

#### [Wright House Wellness Center](http://www.thewrighthouse.org/)

The Wright House Wellness Center offers care and compassion to Central Texans living with or at risk of HIV and other chronic illnesses and provides resources for support, education and empowerment. We offer Disease Management and Disease Prevention programs to people living in Travis, Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays or Williamson Counties. Services are provided at either no- or low-cost and eligibility is determined by service. Our primary aim is to empower people so that they may live active and fulfilled lives.

#### [Yellow Tape Construction Co.](http://www.yellowtape.org)

Yellow Tape Construction Co. furthers the next generation of great, wholly original, definitively American performance aesthetic. At the intersection of dance, theatre, music and performance art, we are creating a new community of artists and patrons ˜ laying a foundation of strength and support through innovative arts programming and fearless new work.

#### [YouthLaunch](http://www.youthlaunch.org)

YouthLaunch Mission: To provide empowering service experiences for young people Vision: All young people develop skills, confidence and resiliency through empowering service and grow into productive, community-minded individuals. YouthLaunch programs engage young people as the service providers for a wide variety of community issues, including teen pregnancy, substance abuse and environmental sustainability.

#### [YWA Foundation](http://www.youngwomensalliance.org/)

The YWA Foundation awards $2,500 scholarships annually to women enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs and has recently expanded to provide grants to organizations dedicated to empowering, educating, and enriching the lives of young women and children in our community.

#### [YWCA of Greater Austin](http://www.YWCAaustin.org)

YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism, empowering women and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all.

#### [Zephaniah Community Development Corporation](http://www.zephaniahcdc.org/)

The mission of Zephaniah Community Development Corporation is to economically empower those from low-income neighborhoods through small business development and mentoring projects. Our first project is the Texas Pie Kitchen Employment and Job Training Program, which provides job training to low-income adults with barriers to employment.

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#### [A+ Education Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/a-education-foundation)

A+ Education Foundation is devoted to providing grants for educators in the ten Central Texas counties in the field of membership of A+ Federal Credit Union. The grant program begins in February each year with a postmark deadline in May. Check out aplusfcu.org/grants for more information.

#### [ACE: A Community for Education](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ace-a-community-for-education)

Some find it shocking that in a city like Austin, nearly half of our kindergartners lack a strong foundation in the language and literacy experiences that are critical for success in learning to read. ACE provides low income schools with highly trained tutors to ensure that children advance to grade level in reading before third grade. Since 1994, ACE: A Community for Education has provided over one million hours of service to Austin families, teaching children how to read in Austin public schools. ACE is a program of the Charles A. Dana Center, an organized research unit of the College of Natural Sciences at The University of Texas at Austin, but does not receive operating funds from UT. ACE is supported by donations from people like you and grants from foundations, corporations, and government entities.

#### [ACTIVE Life, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/active-life-inc)

ACTIVE Life’s mission is to make healthy the norm by generating a persistent demand for healthy living among all sectors of society. We envision and are committed to creating an American culture which values, demands and supports healthy for all. To accomplish this goal, we are organizing the movement for healthy change by enlisting and equipping people and places to build and sustain healthy communities.

#### [Adoption Coalition of Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/adoption-coalition-of-texas)

Adoption Coalition of Texas is a public/private collaboration of nonprofit child placing agencies and Child Protective Services, all working together to find forever families for abused and neglected children in the foster care system waiting for adoption. These are older children and sibling groups, often referred to as forgotten children.

#### [Affect Change, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/affect-change-inc)

ColorCancer, a program of Affect Change, Inc., utilizes a variety of 20 colored shirts and other items to signify that "Every Cancer Has a Color. Every Color has a Story". We hold inspirational, uplifting events, often with cancer-related partners, as well as with schools, business organizations and other groups. In addition, we reach out to cancer patients in hospitals and clinics, offering activities to help make their stays a bit easier. We hope to show awareness and respect and that "we are all in this fight together." The bright colors illustrate that there are people fighting a variety of kinds of cancers, each signified by a color. Each person has their own story to tell. All the stories are different. However, no one needs to feel alone in this fight.The ColorCancer website invites visitors to share their stories and to read those of others.

#### [AGE of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ageofcentraltx)

AGE of Central Texas is a regional organization that provides education and support to people all along the spectrum of growing older, no matter where they are on that journey. AGE serves older adults and caregivers through its primary interrelated programs: adult day health care, caregiver education and resources, early memory loss support, health equipment lending, and peer-based computer classes for seniors.

#### [AIDS Services of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/aids-services-of-austin)

AIDS Services of Austin responds to the HIV needs of the Austin area by providing services that enhance the health and well being of individuals and the community in the face of an evolving epidemic. ASA is a leading provider of prevention and social services for those affected by HIV/AIDS.

#### [All Blind Children of Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/all-blind-children-of-texas)

The mission of All Blind Children of Texas is to be a resource for the optimal physical, mental, emotional, and social development of all blind children of Texas. ABCTX encourages Teachers of the Visually Impaired (TVI’s) to create opportunities for their students so that they may experience events and activities that will deepen their knowledge of the world. These programs follow the Expanded Core Curriculum of skills that provide hands-on instruction in specific areas for visually impaired children. ABCTX has funded social and recreational activities, fine arts programs, summer enrichment and camps, cooking and travel programs, parent support and a wide variety of sports activities. ABCTX has awarded nine college scholarships to visually impaired graduating high school seniors. 90% of donated funds support the vision of ABCTX that all blind children in Texas will have a quality life, rich with opportunities that will maximize their potential.

#### [Alzheimers’ Association](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/alzheimers-association)

The Alzheimer's Association-Capital of Texas Chapter provides family support, community education, public awareness and supports research for the prevention, cure and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. Visit our website, www.alz.org/texascapital for more information about our programs and our annual Walk to End Alzheimer's, resource referrals, and to view our calendar of events.

#### [Amala Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/amala-foundation)

The Amala Foundation inspires the diverse youth of the world to live in unity, serve compassionately and lead peacefully. All of our youth programs provide a space for healing and empowerment. Many of the youth we serve, including refugee and immigrant children, have experienced extreme poverty, abuse, child labor, gang violence, and neglect; some have witnessed the atrocities of war and have literally run for their lives. We provide a safe space for these youth to heal, express themselves, share their stories and connect with a loving and supportive community. Through our programs, we inspire the youth to rise up leaders in their homes, schools and communities.

#### [American Foundation for Suicide Prevention - Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/american-foundation-for-suicide-prevention-central-texas)

The AFSP Central Texas Chapter welcomes you to join us in our efforts to increase knowledge and reduce the stigma of suicide. Our efforts include education, fundraising, promoting awareness, providing outreach to survivors, developing resources for researchers and above all creating a sense of community throughout Central Texas as we work together toward a common goal to end suicide. We are dedicated to raising funds for suicide prevention research and educational programs, erasing the stigma surrounding suicide and its causes, and encouraging those who are suffering from mental illness to seek treatment.

#### [American Lung Association, Plains-Gulf Region](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/american-lung-association-plains-gulf-region)

The American Lung Association of the Plains-Gulf Region is dedicated to the prevention, control and cure of lung disease, the third leading cause of death in the United States. We work to prevent, control and cure lung diseases such as asthma, lung cancer, emphysema, chronic bronchitis, influenza and pneumonia, and we fight for tobacco control and clean air through education, research and advocacy. Founded in 1904 to fight tuberculosis, the American Lung Association today fights lung disease in all its forms, with special emphasis on asthma, tobacco control and environmental health. The American Lung Association of the Plains-Gulf Region was created by the merger of the associations in Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, MIssissippi, Oklahoma, Nebraska and Texas.

#### [American Red Cross of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/american-red-cross-of-central-texas)

The American Red Cross of Central Texas is a humanitarian organization led by volunteers and guided by its Congressional Charter and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement to provide relief to disaster victims and help people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

#### [American Widow Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/american-widow-project)

Since 2001, over 6,500 U.S. service members have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan (not including our heroes who lost their lives in non-combat ways). Around half of these service members were married, leaving an estimated 3,200 military widows across our country, from the wars alone. While the service member’s sacrifice is acknowledged, many simply forget or fail to recognize the sacrifice of the spouse who is now left a military widow. Oftentimes the invisible wounds of military widows are disregarded due to age or a simple lack of knowledge and understanding. The American Widow Project is a non-profit organization dedicated to the new generation of those who have lost the heroes of yesterday, today and tomorrow, with an emphasis on healing through sharing stories, tears and laughter. Military Widow to Military Widow. An interactive website,resources,documentary,and monthly retreats are all available free of charge to any military widow.

#### [AMOA-ARTHOUSE](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/amoa-arthouse)

The museum provides rich environments for a wide range of audiences to investigate and experience excellence in modern and contemporary art. The museum accomplishes this through innovative exhibitions, education, interpretative programs and direct access to the creative process.

#### [Animal Trustees of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/animal-trustees-of-austin)

Animal Trustees of Austin serves the animals of our community by providing affordable, humane treatment, with compassion and respect for all. We are committed to ending overpopulation by making spay/neuter surgery for dogs and cats affordable and accessible to the general public, and wellness care an option for all pet owners regardless of income.

#### [Anthropos Arts](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/a)

Anthropos Arts promotes equal opportunity in music education by bringing top professional musicians into low-income, Title I schools to offer free music lessons, workshops, and performance opportunities to at risk middle and high school students.

#### [Any Baby Can](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/any-baby-can)

At Any Baby Can, we believe that every child deserves a strong family. We serve 7,000 clients a year, and we don’t just work hard, we work smart, with only 10% administrative costs. Most of our work is provided through home visitation, and we also offer community classes and support groups. When you donate to Any Baby Can, you’re giving a family the best gift of all: hope.

#### [Arthritis Foundation, South Central Region](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/arthritis-foundation-south-central-region)

The Arthritis Foundation is the largest nonprofit funder of research, public health programs, and advocacy on behalf of the 50 million Americans with arthritis. Along with osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis, juvenile arthritis (JA) is a core concern. JA affects 300,000 children causing significant pain, swelling, fevers, and fatigue and bone erosion. Some types damage eyes and internal organs and change growth patterns. Every major advance in arthritis has been funded at some point by the Foundation. We believe the heavy burden of arthritis – the excessive pain, disability, cost, and impact on children and adults and their families – must be taken seriously. The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis. Our efforts center on research, public policy, public health and services to help people stay active and be healthy.

#### [Arts and Fitness Program for Young Children, The](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/arts-and-fitness-program-for-young-children-the)

Our mission is to provide quality art, music and fitness programs to children at childcare centers in high poverty areas. Our long-term goal is to enhance curricula in east Austin childcare centers and the professionalism of childcare center employees. We provide 30 weeks of instruction so when we leave the childcare employee has the lessons and supplies to carry on the curricula. AFPYC partners with Austin Community College to provide continuing education units to the childcare employees who participate in our program. This service is provided at no cost to participating childcare centers. In return the childcare centers will demonstrate their commitment to arts and fitness insruction by planning follow-up lessons between visits by AFPYC instructors.

#### [Ascend Center for Learning](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ascend-center-for-learning)

Ascend Center for Learning strengthens the community by providing a supportive and encouraging educational environment for personal and professional growth. We serve motivated adults in the Central Texas community who require economic, academic and personal assistance. We offer GED Preparation, adult basic education, computer literacy and job readiness training as well as counseling and professional partnerships.

#### [Asian American Resource Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/asian-american-resource-center)

To provide a place where Austin's Asian American community can proudly express their cultural backgrounds and house their economic and educational interests, while reinforcing the City's reputation for ethnic diversity.

#### [Assistance League of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/assistance-league-of-austin)

Assistance League of Austin is a non-profit organization of dedicated volunteers providing direct services addressing specific basic needs of children and adults in schools, hospitals and senior facilities in Greater Austin, significantly improving the quality of their lives. Our THRIFTHOUSE, located at 4901 Burnet Rd, raises funds supporting our six philanthropic programs.

#### [Association of Fundraising Professionals](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/association-of-fundraising-professionals)

The Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) represents 30,000 members in 195 chapters in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, and certification programs. The mission of the Greater Austin Chapter of AFP is to facilitate ethical and effective philanthropy in Central Texas.

#### [Austin Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-affiliate-of-susan-g-komen-for-the-cure)

One out of eight women will have to fight breast cancer in her lifetime. That’s why, since 1999, Komen Austin has been hard at work here in the Austin area raising money to provide breast cancer screening, education and medical services as well as financial and emotional support. In fact, 75 percent of the money we raise each year is put to work right here in Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson counties to improve the lives of those affected by this deadly disease. The remaining funds go to national research to find a cure for breast cancer once and for all. Locally run awareness programs include: Women in Strides an African American outreach group; Speaker's Bureau a group of trained advocates who provide free Spanish and English presentations; and the Young Professionals for the Cure, individuals 21 to 40 who support the organization through innovative events.

#### [Austin Child Guidance Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-child-guidance-center)

Austin Child Guidance Center offers mental health treatment for children through early intervention, diagnosis and treatment. Our team of psychiatrists, psychologists, and therapists provides: individual, group and family therapy; psychiatric and psychological examinations. Issues treated include: AD&HD; Conduct Disorder; school phobia/truancy; depression; Pervasive Developmental Disorder; suicidal ideation; juvenile crime; and, risk-taking behaviors.

#### [Austin Blues Society](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-blues-society)

We, at the Austin Blues Society, seek to represent the Past, Present, and Future of Blues music through Education in Commemoration and Preservation of, the rich musical history which is so prominent here in Austin and throughout Texas. We honor the many Blues legends that have graced our stages and support and promote ALL of our local Blues artists, both veterans and new arrivals. We serve our community as "Ambassadors of the Blues" and strive to share our love for the culture through Community Events & Festivals, Hosted Jams & Concert Programming, "Blues in the Schools" programming, Cultural Enrichment, and through the support of other organizations with the same or similar mission. The Austin Blues Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to creating higher awareness and a greater appreciation of this historic art form. Keeping Blues LIVE in Austin!

#### [Austin Can Academy](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-can-academy)

Austin Can Academy is a dropout recovery charter school for high school students who are seeking a non-traditional opportunity to earn a high school diploma as the first step to a fulfilling a productive life. Our mission is to provide the highest quality education for all students, especially for those who have struggled in a traditional high school setting, in order to ensure their economic independence. Our Services include: • Flexible AM/PM classes, small student, teacher, and counselor ratio.• Ready To Work provides post-secondary options by assisting students with financial aid and college applications. Students also attend workshops for practical money skills, professional etiquette, interview preparation, resume and cover letter development, job-shadowing, excursions, college tours, and on-site seminars & fairs. • One-on-one and group tutoring helps to improve poor TAKS test scores, poor student attendance, high drop- out rates and a low graduation rates. • Classroom Learning Assistants help to create a co-teaching environment. • Student activities and clubs.

#### [Austin Children’s Shelter](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-childrens-shelter)

The Austin Children’s Shelter protects and heals children, young adults and families in need. Since 1984, the Shelter has provided emergency shelter and high quality care for abused and neglected children. ACS now provides a variety of critical services and programs to lay a foundation of hope for the future of children, teens and young adults in need of a safe haven, as well as services for families.

#### [Austin Community College Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-community-college-foundation)

The Austin Community College Foundation was established in 1991 to expand higher education and training throughout the Austin Community College District. Its mission is to raise funds to ensure student success and develop community support for the college.

#### [Austin Community Foundation for the Capital Area, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-community-foundation-for-the-capital-area-inc)

The Austin Community Foundation promotes philanthropy in Central Texas to improve the quality of life now and in the future.

#### [Austin Classical Guitar Society](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-classical-guitar-society)

Austin Classical Guitar Society (ACGS) has transformed our school-based music education, having built guitar classes in over 30 local middle and high schools, the Travis County Juvenile Justice System, and the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired. ACGS has served thousands of diverse young Central Texans. The unique ACGS curriculum developed to support Austin schools is in use by over 400 educators internationally. In additional to education, ACGS has six complete concert series, and various community engagement programs. A student recently wrote: “ACGS’ Education Program has given me an outlet to release stress from the day and life in general. It has made me a better person and allowed me to appreciate music so much more.”

#### [Austin Clubhouse](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-clubhouse)

Austin Clubhouse believes that recovery from mental illness is possible. We are a community that offers hope, respect, and opportunities for personal development. Austin Clubhouse helps give people living with a mental illness the chance to regain what they have many times lost – employment, education, companionship, health, ties to their community, and self-respect. It is both a program and a place – one where people can go to find fellowship, support, and a sense of purpose. Through meaningful work and meaningful relationships, mental illness need not be an obstacle to fulfilling one's dreams. We are committed to helping people stay out of hospitals, achieve their personal goals and contribute to the communities they live in.

#### [Austin Humane Society](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-humane-society)

The Austin Humane Society (AHS) offers comprehensive, humane, life-saving animal services, transforming the lives of animals and those who love them. Because we believe homeless animals deserve a chance to thrive in a loving environment, we offer innovative, nationally recognized programs that save the lives of thousands of dogs and cats each year. AHS’ approach to addressing animal homelessness encompasses both finding animals homes through adoption as well as preventing future homelessness through spay/neuter programs.

#### [Austin Community Steelband](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-community-steelband)

Austin Community Steelband’s mission is to expose Austinites of all ages, incomes, and cultural backgrounds to the joys of the musical instrument Steelpan, emphasizing low-income, underserved youth who lack opportunities. Through Steelband we promote cultural tolerance and help prepare low-income youth with skills necessary for their socioeconomic development. Our professional instruction stresses excellence, self-expression, and cultural relevance, while promoting steelpan’s cultural origins from Trinidad. Through performances for diverse community audiences, we demonstrate steelpan’s unlimited musical possibilities and invite audiences to share in the magic of this inspiring instrument. We partner with youth-serving organizations, leveraging resources to serve at least 90 students in classes yearly, and over 500 through workshops, demonstrations, and performances. Partners have included AISD’s 21st Century, Boys & Girls Clubs, City of Austin Parks & Recreation Dept., Austin Children’s Shelter, Citizen Schools, daycares, and churches. We perform for community festivals, events, and parties.

#### [Austin Cycling Association](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-cycling-association)

The Austin Cycling Association (ACA) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves as Austin’s premier cycling organization. The group has been in existence for 24 years. The ACA is dedicated to furthering bicycle access, safety and education, and cycling enjoyment in Central Texas. ACA sponsors bike rides, bicycle training and cycling skills classes, defensive cycling classes, informational programs related to cycling and an annual charity bike ride, the Armadillo Hill Country Classic (AHCC). The AHCC benefits bicycle safety education and free helmets for children. Membership is open to adults and families, and includes a one-year subscription to Southwest Cycling News, access to online ride maps featuring great area ride routes and free classified ads.

#### [Austin Dog Alliance](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-dog-alliance)

Austin Dog Alliance improves the health and well being of individuals and families through programs incorporating the powerful connection between dogs and humans. To achieve our mission we \* Promote the valuable role of pet therapy in our community \* Implement animal assisted programs in nursing homes, hospitals and rehabilitation centers \* Enhance student reading skills by utilizing Bow Wow Reading Dog pet therapy teams at schools and libraries \* Provide a variety of fun and educational programs designed to build self-esteem and teach children to love and respect dogs \* Provide programs for children and their families who are affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder and other special learning needs \* Provide professional and positive dog training classes \* Carefully place rescued dogs into forever homes

#### [Austin Habitat for Humanity](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-habitat-for-humanity)

Through faith in action, Austin Habitat for Humanity builds homes in partnership with families and engages our community to end the cycle of poverty housing. Austin Habitat for Humanity was founded in 1985 – 27 years ago – as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Our entire mission and vision are anchored around our dedication to ending the cycle of poverty housing and the deeply held belief that everyone deserves a decent, affordable place to live. Together with the great people of Austin, we build homes, communities and hope.

#### [Austin Investigative Reporting Project, dba The Austin Bulldog](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-investigative-reporting-project-dba-the-austin-bulldog)

The Austin Bulldog is a nonprofit independent online news site for investigative reporting in the public interest. The Austin Bulldog is dedicated to hard-nosed journalism covering topics that matter. Our primary focus is almost entirely on what’s happening in our hometown, the city of Austin, Texas. We will investigate matters involving government, media, politics, and anything else warranting close scrutiny that’s within our resources. We will strive to be an important source of news on the topics we cover. The Austin Bulldog is nonprofit, nonpartisan and non-advocacy. We will question authority. We will go where the facts lead us and report accordingly. We set high standards for our reporting. It must be accurate. It must be factual. It must be fair. We adhere to the Society of Professional Journalists Code of Ethics. We seek to advance the cause of democracy, freedom of information and open government.

#### [Austin Latino Music Association](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-latino-music-a)

The mission of ALMA (meaning “soul” in English) is to increase knowledge and awareness in the community about local musicians and important historical figures in Austin’s Latino music scene, provide exposure and resources to local musicians, and to foster the development of young musicians who will keep Latino musical styles and traditions alive in the Capitol City. ALMA's signature programs are Sonidos del (Sound of the) Barrio, Women in Latin Music and Santana-rama. ALMA has produced several CDs highlighting local Latino music/artists.

#### [Austin Music Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-music-foundation)

Austin Music Foundation fuels Austin's creative economy by empowering musicians through innovative career-development and music-business education programs. AMF provides programs to help local artists navigate opportunities in the music industry and services to unite the local music community.

#### [Austin Partners in Education](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-partners-in-education)

Austin Partners in Education (APIE) provides 3,500 Austin ISD students with personalized support by recruiting, training and placing a critical mass of more than 850 volunteer Classroom Coaches and 800 mentors into Austin ISD campuses weekly. APIE fosters effective community and school partnerships that prepare students for college and careers.

#### [Austin Pregnancy Resource Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-pregnancy-resource-center)

Our mission at the Austin Pregnancy Resource Center (APRC) is to save lives in the name of Jesus Christ. We have positive solutions concerning unexpected pregnancies and share God's grace with those in need. We educate on abstinence/sexuality and offer compassionate care to each of our clients.

#### [Austin Public Library Friends Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-public-library-friends-foundation)

The mission of the Austin Public Library Foundation is to support and strengthen Austin's libraries.

#### [Austin Shakespeare](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-shakespeare)

The Austin Shakespeare Festival presents professional theatre of the highest quality with an emphasis on the plays of William Shakespeare, bringing to the public performances and eduation programs to youth that are fresh, bold, imaginative, thought-provoking, and eminently accessible, connecting the truths of the past with the challenges and possibilities of today.

#### [Austin Siamese Rescue](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-siamese-rescue)

Founded on the belief that all life should be valued and treated with dignity and respect, Austin Siamese Rescue, Inc. has a long-term commitment to responsible rescue, rehabilitation and the re-homing of Siamese cats and their non-Siamese companions in the Central Texas area. All of the cats fostered in Austin are cared for in private homes by individuals who dedicate their spare time to this effort. Our cats come from a variety of backgrounds. Some faced death at the shelter, while others came from abusive and neglectful households. Still others were treasured companions of guardians who could no longer care for them. What they all have in common is a need for a forever home, where they can live their lives as the happy, pampered cats they all deserve to be. We're looking for the perfect inside home for them!

#### [Austin Smiles, The Austin Plastic Surgery Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-smiles-the-austin-plastic-surgery-foundation)

Austin Smiles provides reconstructive plastic surgery, primarily cleft lip and palate, to children and adults in Austin and Latin America. It supports the local cleft team at Dell Children’s Medical Center by providing the following: 1.) patient’s assistance fund, 2.) Camp Amigo, an overnight weekend camp for all patients to attend, 3.) all programming services for the patients and families, 4.) all incentive packages for the patients, and 5.) continuing education for the medical staff. In addition, Austin Smiles collaborates with The University of Texas at Austin in endowing a scholarship for bilingual graduate Speech Language therapy students to accompany teams on medical missions and work with the families and patients. Finally, Austin Smiles performs two to three medical surgical trips annually to Latin America to repair cleft children. On average, Austin Smiles will transform 60 children’s lives in four days of surgery.

#### [Austin Speech Labs Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-speech-labs-inc)

Austin Speech Labs mission is to improve quality of life for underserved and uninsured stroke survivors by reengaging them in their social and professional lives. We provide intensive speech, language and cognitive therapy for young and older adult stroke survivors. Our services are offered as boot camp sessions, eight week long. Each client attends three days of the week for three hours. We also offer enrichment programs like book clubs, debate and discussion groups to enhance their communication skills.

#### [Austin State Hospital Volunteer Services Council](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-state-hospital-volunteer-services-council)

The Austin State Hospital (ASH) Volunteer Services Council (VSC) was established in 1952 to support volunteer and donation programs at Austin State Hospital. Since its inception, the ASH VSC has worked to enrich the lives of patients receiving treatment for severe mental illness at ASH. As state funding priorities shift and fewer dollars become available, the VSC will continue to work to maintain support for important programs and services. Please visit our website for a list of what the VSC funds. www.ashvolunteer.org

#### [Austin Symphony Orchestra](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-symphony-orchestra)

The mission of the Austin Symphony Orchestra Society, Inc. is to enhance the cultural quality of life for the adults and young people of Austin and Central Texas by providing excellence in music performance and educational programming.

#### [Austin Theatre Alliance](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-theatre-alliance)

The mission of the Paramount and State Theatres is to enhance the quality of life for area residents through presentation of the widest selection of the finest quality theatre and performing arts productions possible. We strive to promote artistic expression and appreciation among all segments of the Central Texas community.

#### [Austin Traditional Jazz Society](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-traditional-jazz-society)

The Austin Traditional Jazz Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization which is dedicated to the performance and preservation of traditional (New Orleans style) jazz in Central Texas. The Society, which was founded in 1977 has provided a stage for many leading national and local traditional jazz musicians. It welcomes to its events and membership anyone who enjoys this fine American art form. The Society provides jazz educational programs for students at middle and high schools and local universities.

#### [Austin YMBL Sunshine Camps](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-ymbl-sunshine-camps)

We provide children of Austin and surrounding areas with opportunities for personal development, skills necessary to succeed in school and life, and hope for a better future. We strive to eliminate the high school dropout rate and increase college participation. Our three programs, Summer camps, Sunrise Challenge and Leadership Programs, include scholarship opportunities.

#### [Austin Youth River Watch](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/austin-youth-river-watch)

Austin Youth River Watch is an after-school mentoring program for high school students, combining peer learning and empowerment with intensive environmental education. Our students learn professional methods for collecting, analyzing, and publishing water-quality data from waterways in the Austin area. They report their data to local and statewide agencies. Guided by an all-volunteer Board of community leaders, the mission of Austin Youth River Watch is to promote community-based environmental monitoring, awareness, and education while inspiring and advancing personal and scholastic achievement.

#### [Autism Society of Greater Austin (ASGA)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/autism-society-of-greater-austin-asga)

The Autism Society's mission is straightforward: "improve the lives of all affected by autism." In Central Texas, the Autism Society of Greater Austin strives to achieve this goal in several ways: --Advocating for the education and training of parents and professionals involved in the educating and caring for persons with autism; --Helping develop a better understanding of the challenges of persons with autism and their families by serving as a clearinghouse for information about autism; --Supporting families and professionals through monthly meetings, workshops, on-line vehicles, and printed material. We also sponsor events that are just for fun--come join us! "Join us as we help improve the lives of those with autism, their families, and our community. Your contribution will make a real and lasting difference in the lives of individuals and families who face the challenges of autism."

#### [Auxanomen](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/auxanomen)

Auxanomen Endocrinology Clinic provides endocrinology and diabetes specialty care for uninsured and under-insured Adults. We are the only specialty clinic in Austin that provides care to those who would otherwise not have access, without requiring eligibility screenings or documents that may be difficult to provide. We do not bill patients for services and ask they pay what they can at the time of each visit on the honor system, without a sliding scale. We are currently open one day each week. Volunteer medical care is provided by Dr. Susan Dubois, M.D. Board Certified Endocrinologist. Staff support includes one paid nurse, and volunteers. A partner organization provides on-site diabetes education and helps patients apply for free prescriptions from drug companies. We provide free glucose meters/test strips, and access to off-site discounted lab work, radiological, eye,and dental exams, as well as nutrition and exercise classes.

#### [AVANCE-AUSTIN](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/avance-austin)

AVANCE serves low-income predominately Spanish speaking families with enhancing parenting skills, promoting children’s long-term educational success, and breaking the family’s trans-generational cycle of poverty. Our intensive 9-month Parent-Child Education Program offers weekly classes, 4 hrs a day, to adults on parenting, educational toy-making, ESL and accessing community resources. Their children, birth-3, are provided age-appropriate learning with a focus on play, pre-literacy, and school readiness. Food, transportation, and home visits are also key. This holistic approach works! In recent years, AVANCE’s program has gained national recognition for its success and innovation. Success is due largely to our bilingual, culturally competent staff whose dedication to the community are cornerstones of AVANCE. After almost 15 years of service, AVANCE-Austin’s services are more important than ever, as we serve a growing population of families who are largely disconnected from the web of resources and support programs offered locally.

#### [Awarding Students and Promoting Increased Rigor in Education](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/awarding-students-and-promoting-increased-rigor-in-education)

Mission: To inspire a movement that serves economically-disadvantaged youth in our communities by engaging them in new and unlikely pursuits that nurture their greater sense of self and impel them to explore, inquire, engage, and serve, themselves and others; in our communities and beyond.

#### [Aware Awake Alive](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/aware-awake-alive)

Aware Awake Alive prevents loss of life to alcohol poisoning by educating teens, young adults and parents on the dangers and symptoms of alcohol overdose, generating awareness and dialogue around amnesty-based policy and legislation and creating an atmosphere of partnership in which young people, parents, educators and like-minded organizations share responsibility for supporting and educating one another.

#### [Back on My Feet](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/back-on-my-feet)

Back on My Feet is a national non-profit organization that is dedicated to creating independence and self-sufficiency within the homeless and other under-served populations by first engaging them in running as a means to build confidence, strength, and self-esteem.Through dedication and hard work, Members earn the opportunity to create a new road for themselves by advancing to the “Next Steps” phase of the program where they gain access to educational, job training and employment opportunities, as well as financial aid. In short, BoMF focuses on changing the direction of people’s lives by changing the way they see themselves.

#### [Ballet East Dance Company](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ballet-east-dance-company)

Mission statement: "Bringing Arts to the community and the community to the arts". Focus on providing platforms for the development of dancers and choreographers, repertoire expansion and a reinvestment in the infrastructure of underserved communities through aggressive community programming, and public and private partnerships and a continual reassessment of the vision and focus.

#### [Bellas Artes Alliance](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/bellas-artes-alliance)

Bellas Artes Alliance (BAA) is a new 501c3 organization dedicated to the promotion, preservation and advancement of the music, arts and culture of the Latino community by producing festivals, programs and events that strengthen the public’s awareness and appreciation of Latino heritage, that encourage social advocacy on behalf of the Latino community and that support, educate and expose Latino artists residing in the Americas.

#### [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-central-texas)

For more than 40 years, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Texas has been pairing children, ages 6-16 with supportive adult mentors who build friendships and offer encouragement and support to each child. Our one-to-one mentoring model helps kids facing adversity achieve measurable outcomes leading to lifelong success. In 2011 alone, our volunteers provided 90,000 hours of mentoring to 1,500 children in Travis, Williamson and Hays counties. The value of that time is nearly $2 million! Even more impressively, last year more than 97 percent of the children we served stayed in school, improved their grades and avoided early parenting. We also are proud to boast that in 2011, we supported more than 70 students who benefited from our scholarship program and awarded more than $45,000 in scholarship funds. The Central Texas agency is ranked in the top 5 percent in the nation for program quality (out of 360 BBBS agencies), and last year, our agency was one of only 18 honorees nationwide that was named a Gold Standard Award agency for sustained pace-setting performance in quality growth. BBBS is a donor-supported mentoring organization. Your investment, whether it be $25, $100, $1,000 or more, provides a safer community, better prepared workforce and more responsible, productive citizens achieving lifelong success. Compared to the alternative -- $99,000 per year to incarcerate one child in a Texas Youth Commission facility -- our program is a great investment with an excellent return.

#### [Blackland Community Development Corporation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/blackland-community-development-corporation)

Provide affordable housing to low-income families, senior citizens, and individuals with disabilities. Provide transitional housing and case management services to homeless and near-homeless families. Create innovative, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible housing

#### [Blood and Tissue Center of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/blood-and-tissue-center-of-central-texas)

The fundraising arm for both The Blood Center of Central Texas and The Tissue Center of Central Texas, the center accepts financial contributions that play a critical role in both Centers' ability to purchase equipment, maintain facilities and provide programs, education and services to the Central Texas community.

#### [Boneshaker Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/boneshaker-project)

Our mission is to inspire kids toward daily, physical activity, and encourage them to lead others to pursue healthier lifestyles. The the epic proportions of obesity, our nation and our community at risk, so we are taking action starting at home in Austin. We get kids outside, using their muscles and "shaking their bones" from an early age. Some of our current and planned programs include: a (1-5th grade) track/cross-country program - all kids love running; a mountain-biking team for pre-teens, teaching skills, but more importantly building esteem and confidence; an elite/club cycling team, bringing awareness to our mission via an active volunteer-based community whereby parents lead by example with lifestyle choice; and an urban skateboarding festival/clinic. We also use social media, including an interactive website, to spur community involvement and share resources supporting healthy choices.

#### [Bookspring](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/bookspring)

BookSpring provides reading experiences, tools, and books to children and their families so they can develop a desire to read and succeed in school. It is our goal to establish a life-long love of reading, motivate children and their families to read more often, and increase the number of age- and culturally-competent children’s books in their homes. Using nationally-recognized model programs, BookSpring effectively engages children in learning to read, thus improving their long-term educational success. All of our programs target low-income, minority children and their families in the greater Austin area that lack access to books, libraries and reading opportunities. Through a range of programs we offer and through our partnerships with a broad spectrum of community organizations, schools, childcare centers, and health care facilities, we are uniquely qualified to fight the battle against childhood illiteracy in the Austin Area.

#### [Boys and Girls Clubs of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/boys-and-girls-clubs-of-austin)

Our Mission is to enable and inspire all kids, especially those that need us most, to become productive, caring, and responsible citizens. We are the largest human services agency in Travis County devoted entirely to youth development, especially for kids that come from families with limited resources. Since 1967, Boys & Girls Clubs of Austin has been helping kids from tough neighborhoods stay out of trouble, stay in school and succeed in life. More than a safe haven for kids “at risk,” the Clubs are daily examples of how good life can be as they nurture, inspire and celebrate the limitless potential of our young people. Through the Clubs, kids are given the tools and opportunities to have hope for a brighter future. 57% of Club alumni surveyed nationally say the Club “saved my life.” Locally, seniors from AISD high school Clubs graduated at an average of 98% as opposed to their schools average of 63%. Supporting the Club is not charity, rather an investment in our community’s most precious, natural resource – our kids.

#### [Brain Power 5K](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/brain-power-5k)

The Brain Power 5K seeks to provide funding to the Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation for brain cancer research at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center as well as pediatric initiatives at Children’s Memorial Hermann Hospital. We wish to create an opportunity for Central Texas to celebrate the brain tumor survivors in our community and remember loved ones lost to this devastating disease. The Brain Power 5K originated from a brain tumor survivor's will to make a difference in the fight against brain cancer. Kelly Bolinger saw the need in the Austin community for an event to honor those affected by this disease. Combining her love for running, years of involvement in races and desire to improve brain cancer research; the Brain Power 5K was born. 5K Chip-timed/Fun Run/Walk & Kid’s K Brain tumor survivor recognition & family tributes Brain tumor related group events throughout the year

#### [Breakthrough Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/breakthrough-austin)

Breakthrough is a nonprofit organization, founded in Austin in 2001, that builds a path to college for low-income students, starting in middle school, who will be first generation college graduates. Breakthrough admits students in 5th or 6th grade and provides six-weeks of intensive programming during the summer taught by exceptional college and high school students who serve as outstanding role models. Breakthrough’s core services include school year support and advocacy, individualized case management, after school tutoring and homework help, Saturday academic programs, test preparation, mentors, college counseling and guidance, and college persistence support . Breakthrough works because we provide support that is intensive, comprehensive, personalized and sustained. We believe that by providing innovative, educational programs to children and their families, we can break the cycle of poverty in their lives forever.

#### [Burke Center for Youth/The Burke Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/burke-center-for-youth-the-burke-foundation)

The mission of the Agency is to stop the cycle of abuse and neglect of children in Texas, by providing residential care services to infants, children and adolescents in a facility and in licensed therapeutic and basic foster homes in central and south Texas. The Agency does treatment in the areas of familial, educational, physical, social, recreational and behavioral growth of clients.

#### [C5 Youth Foundation of Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/c5-youth-foundation-of-texas)

The mission of the C5 Program of Texas is to inspire high-potential youth from risk-filled environments to pursue personal success, to prepare them for leadership roles in college, work and community, and to motivate them to become role models for others. We do this by engaging middle and high school students from under resourced communities in five years of intensive leadership experiences including year-round leadership development programs, signature summer activities, community action, and preparation for continuing education and career development. We support C5 youth in becoming… Character-driven Community-focused Challenge-ready College-bound, and Committed to a better future.

#### [Camp Fire USA Balcones Council](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/camp-fire-usa-balcones-council)

Drawing on the 101-year traditions of Camp Fire USA, Camp Fire USA Balcones Council builds healthy, resilient, responsible youth through active learning, outdoor experiences, service to community, and by engaging families. Camp Fire USA is a not-for-profit, non-sectarian, inclusive youth organization. The Balcones Council is one of nearly 100 Camp Fire USA councils throughout the nation, and has been providing quality outdoor programs for children and their families in ten central Texas counties since 1966. Camp Fire USA’s mission is to build caring, confident youth and future leaders. In central Texas, Camp Fire USA Balcones Council develops responsible youth through supportive, community programs such as after-school programs, outdoor family nature programs, community service-learning activities and weekend/summer outdoor adventure programs for all ages.

#### [Cancer Connection](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/cancer-connection)

Cancer Connection creates opportunities for Central Texans whose lives are currently impacted by cancer to receive the unique support only survivors can provide. Through peer matching and as clinical partners in local-area hospitals and treatment centers, our survivor volunteers provide psychosocial support and procure tangible resources, all without cost to patients.

#### [Cancer Support Community Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/cancer-support-community-central-texas)

Cancer Support Community Central Texas’ (CSCCT) objectives are to help people affected by cancer learn to actively cope with their cancer, take responsibility and control of their care, and make desired lifestyle changes to improve their emotional and physical well-being. To achieve these objectives CSCCT’s activities encompass the following five areas: • Support-helping patients and caregivers throughout the cancer journey so no one has to face cancer alone; • Education-programs and workshops to help participants better understand and manage the many facets of the disease;• Healthy Lifestyle-programs that address exercise, nutrition, stress reduction, expressive arts and other mind/body therapies; • Social Activities-opportunities to share and laugh with others; and • Information and Referral-learning to access and navigate available information. The mission of Cancer Support Community Central Texas (CSCCT), is to ensure all people impacted by cancer are empowered by knowledge, strengthened by action, and sustained by community.

#### [Candlelight Ranch Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/candlelight-ranch-foundation)

Candlelight Ranch provides outdoor, educational, recreational and therapeutic programs for Central Texas Children with special needs and at-risk children and youth. We serve children with chronic or terminal illness, physical or learning disabilities, emotional needs, children who are in the foster-care system and children who live in urban economically-disadvantaged areas. Candlelight Ranch encompasses a pristine 40 acres containing canyons, natural springs, hiking trails and grottos along the northern shore of Lake Travis and almost all of our main facilities are wheelchair accessible. Candlelight Ranch staff and volunteers customize programs to meet the needs of each individual group.

#### [Capital Area Dental Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/capital-area-dental-foundation)

The Foundation serves to advance dental services for the economically disadvantaged in the Greater Austin Area.

#### [Capital Area Food Bank of Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/capital-area-food-bank-of-texas)

The Capital Area Food Bank’s mission (CAFB) is to nourish hungry people and lead the community in ending hunger. CAFB provides food and groceries to more than 355 Partner Agencies in 21 counties. Programs like Kids Cafe, HOPE and Fresh Food for Families, provide targeted services to those in need.

#### [Care Communities](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/care-communities)

To provide practical and compassionate support, through volunteer Care Teams, for people with HIV/AIDS and/or cancer.

#### [Caritas of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/caritas-of-austin)

Our mission is to offer a continuum of resources for people in poverty that will assist them with their income stability, housing needs and the life skills to maintain them. 20,000 adults and children in Travis County benefited from our Basic Needs and Self-Sufficiency Programs in 2006.

#### [CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/casa-court-appointed-special-advocates-of-central-texas)

Our mission is to advocate for abused and neglected children in the court system by recruiting, training and supporting community volunteers. Our vision is to provide every child and youth in State foster care with effective advocacy to achieve permanent homes, free of abuse - 100%. Childhood is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and every child has the right to a safe and stable home. We know that children in foster care fare better and receive more help when they have an independent, trained, and consistent adult advocating for their needs. Advocates experience enrichment and satisfaction as they speak up for the best interests of the children. CASA’s volunteer advocate program provides free and flexible training for ordinary people to become advocates and make an extraordinary difference for children in foster care. CASA of Central Texas serves Hays County as well as Caldwell, Comal and Guadalupe.

#### [CASA of Travis County](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/casa-of-travis-county)

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Travis County believes every child who’s been abused or neglected deserves to have a dedicated advocate speaking up for their best interest in court, at school and in our community. To accomplish this, CASA educates and empowers diverse community volunteers who ensure each child’s needs remain a priority in an over-burdened child welfare system. When the state steps in to protect a child’s safety because the people responsible for protecting them have not, a judge appoints a trained CASA volunteer to make independent and informed recommendations and help the judge decide what’s best for the child. For children who’ve been abused or neglected, CASA means having a home instead of feeling lost, and being a priority instead of feeling invisible. For volunteers, CASA is a life-changing experience that makes our community a better place.

#### [Catholic Charities of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/catholic-charities-of-central-texas)

Catholic Charities is people of faith serving anyone in need by strengthening families and promoting respect for human dignity and life. Our Vision is a Central Texas in which every person thrives in their God-given gifts and dignity. Catholic Charities has four core programs to meet the needs of people in Central Texas: Gabriel Project Life Center and Marywood Adoption, Immigration Legal Services, Case Management and Parish Social Ministry. Catholic Charities is dedicated to helping people of all ages, faiths, ethnic backgrounds, and economic circumstances and works to address the needs of residents in the Diocese of Austin. Catholic Social Teachings guide and inspire the work of Catholic Charities. We serve our brothers and sisters in accordance with the following principles: Love, Service, Advocacy, Integrity, and Stewardship.

#### [Center for Child Protection](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/center-for-child-protection)

The Center is the only nonprofit in Travis County involved in the investigation of crimes against children. We provide services such as forensic interviews, therapy, and parenting education at no cost to families. Our mission is to reduce the trauma to children during the investigation and prosecution of child abuse cases.

#### [Central Texas Children’s Home](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/central-texas-childrens-home)

Central Texas Children’s Home is a non-profit organization providing family services with a Christian influence to those in need. Founded in 1969 to provide residential child care for dependent children, the services have been expanded in an attempt to assist children and families disrupted by problems. All children are given equal consideration regardless of race, religion, sex or national origin.

#### [Christian Outreach Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/christian)

Our mission is to put Christian principles into practice by providing education, leadership, and development activities, which promote moral excellence, self-confidence, community support, and positive opportunities for at-risk youth. Christian Outreach Foundation offers a free after school program, Outreach Afterschool to underprivileged kids, located at Oak Springs Elementary in East Austin. The program operates Monday through Friday from 3-6PM serving 60 kids Kinder through Fifth grade. Outreach Afterschool offers bible study, arts & crafts, homework help, outdoor recreation, guest visitors, life skills, etc. We also provide resources to the families whose kids we serve. We are very excited to start our second year of operation and help make a difference in the lives of these at-risk youth!

#### [Circle of Health International](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/circle-of-health-international)

COHI defines its target population as women in crisis, specifically partnering with women surviving conflict and disaster. COHI collaborates with locally based, grassroots organizations when invited into a country context to contribute to women's health programming. COHI provides teams and individual volunteer practitioners such as OB/GYNs, midwives, trauma specialists, and public health professionals with the opportunity to connect with conflict and disaster affected-women as members of international field teams. Most importantly, COHI identifies women as leaders in ALL its partner communities and supports them in their goals of peace, health, and security.

#### [Co-Lab Projects](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/co-lab-projects)

Co-Lab Projects is an artist-run nonprofit organization dedicated to facilitating public projects and exhibiting contemporary works of art, installation, and performance. By operating on an ambitious programming schedule, the organization provides exposure and opportunities for local and national artists to create new and experimental bodies of work on a frequent and flexible basis. Through collaboration, education, and engagement, Co-Lab encourages artistic exploration and dialogue within the community.

#### [Colorado River Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/colorado-river-foundation)

The Colorado River Foundation supports natural science education and outdoor recreation programs that encourage the stewardship, awareness, and protection of the Colorado River, particularly to at-risk youth. The foundation also partners with other organizations to organize clean-ups of the lakes that make up the Colorado River.

#### [Communities for Recovery](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/communities-for-recovery)

Communities for Recovery supports long-term recovery for people with substance use and co- occurring mental health conditions by partnering with communities to provide volunteer peer supported recovery programs and services. Our 150+ Peer Support Volunteers share the message of recovery with those who seek it through our various programs including “Back to Basics,” “Dual Disorders Recovery Achievers,” “Cross-Talk,” “Family Cross-Talk,” and “Peer Recovery Coaching.” In addition, volunteers support the Recovery Resource Center at Communities for Recovery. The center includes a computer lab where recoverees can perform career searches and receive technological training; a career closet for those in need of professional attire; and a Recovery Café, recreational center, and library used to foster continued fellowship and education for those on the path to recovery. In this way, the volunteer at Communities for Recovery really does live by our motto, “Give to Keep” – in giving the message of recovery to those seeking recovery, they keep their own sobriety.

#### [Community Yoga](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/community-yoga)

Community Yoga brings free yoga classes to areas of the community that may not otherwise have access to the practice. We believe that yoga has the potential to benefit any individual, no matter their age, background, socioeconomic status, or physical, emotional, or mental challenge with which they are working. Currently, we are leading over 40 classes each week in schools, shelters, housing sites, residential centers, and prisons in Austin and it's surrounding areas.

#### [Connecther](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/connecther)

Connecther is a communication and funding platform working to advance women and girls globally.

#### [Conspirare, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/conspirare-inc)

Conspirare, inspired by the belief in music’s power to change people’s lives, seeks to draw all persons into the embrace of the musical arts by producing world-class choral/choral-orchestral performances, by exploring avenues of music innovation and education, and by engaging new and diverse audiences in extraordinary musical and educational experiences.

#### [CORE Health Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/core-health-foundation)

The mission of the CORE Foundation is to advocate for individuals with disabilities through creation of public works and awareness projects that work to remove biases in our society. The vision is to create opportunities for people with disabilities to interact with the general public on equal terms and free of stereotypes. For people with disabilities, economical, physical and attitudinal barriers often stand in the way of participation in society. The Foundation strives to help eliminate these discriminatory barriers. We are working to raise funds to build an all inclusive, universally accessible playground in Austin. We have just funded an ADA Wheelchair Accessible Fishing Pier on Lady Bird Lake. These projects will allow the community to participate in activities which can strengthen the family unit as well as promote an active lifestyle.

#### [CTC International](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ctc-international)

CTC International is a community of people working diligently to create solutions and opportunities for a better life in Kenya. We are a cross cultural exchange of ideas, relationships and innovative solutions to global issues like HIV/AIDS, deforestation, unemployment, special needs children, education, etc. We're constantly striving to live authentically into what has become a popular space (international development in Africa) by staying committed to our core values of genuine relationships, holistic development, faith lived in action, sustainable and scalable solutions, passion, transparency, having fun and creating collaboratively with cultural relevance. For all of us at CTC, our work is a reflection of how we live. We live as a community dedicated to creating positive impact in Kenya.

#### [Cyberways and Waterways- Green Ribbon Schools](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/cyberways-and-waterways-green-ribbon-schools)

Today’s children are the first generation in two centuries facing a shorter life expectancy than their parents. This shortened life span stems from poor physical and mental health and education deficiencies. Cyberways and Waterways develops programs that make learning and taking action around personal health, sustainability and STEM subjects fun for children, so we can reverse this alarming trend. By donating to Cyberways and Waterways, you help keep all of our programs and resources free to any public or private K-12 school.

#### [Dick Beardsley Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/dick-beardsley-foundation)

The Dick Beardsley Foundation educates the public (including the youth in schools and clubs) on the disease of chemical dependency, the warning signs of chemical dependency, the dangers of chemical dependency, and how chemical dependency can be treated; to promote living a healthy, active lifestyle, chemically free; and to promote greater openness about chemical dependency.

#### [divine canines](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/divine-canines)

Our volunteer teams visit children and adults facing various challenges, including mental illness (Austin State Hospital, Wounded Warriors at Ft. Hood with PTSD), developmental differences (children with autism and learning disabilities) , physical limitations (St. David's Hospital) and dementia (elderly with Alzheimers) . Therapeutic interaction with our specially trained canines results in emotional and physical benefits such as improved mood, confidence, communication, relaxation and trust. Founded in 2004, the organization's success is based on two simple premises-one philosophical, the other pragmatic. First, there exists a deep, mysterious bond of healing between humans and dogs. Second, dog enthusiasts comprise a responsible, dedicated and highly driven volunteer demographic. Led by highly trained handlers, our volunteer teams of busy individuals care about their community. They appreciate and want to share the joy and unconditional love their dogs so freely give. Click here to view a video to learn more about Divine Canines: http://vimeo.com/22674373

#### [Down Syndrome Association of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/down-syndrome-association-of-central-texas)

Our mission is to provide education, support, and resources to individuals with Down syndrome, their families, professionals, and the community, while building public awareness and acceptance of the abilities of individuals with Down syndrome. We envision a world in which all member, including those with Down syndrome, are accepted, valued for their uniqueness, respected for their contributions, and assured the opportunity and choice to create their own path to fulfillment and success. We offer year-round classes to children and adults, including swimming, yoga, cooking and martial arts, creating a safe and nurturing place to learn and make new friends. We teach early reading and math skills and show parents how to best teach their children. We encourage and support new parents and offer training for parents, teachers and medical professionals. And, we work with schools, churches and community leaders to create greater awareness and meaningful inclusion of people with Down syndrome in all areas of our community.

#### [Dream of Hopes Ranch, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/dream-of-hopes-ranch-inc)

Dream of Hopes Ranch, Inc "A Special Place for Special People" has two locations - Austin and Buda. Day programs for intellectually disabled and autistic children and adults ages 8 yrs and up are offered in several categories...Special Olympic sports, job training and placement, continuing education, after school care, Holiday, Spring and Summer day camp, weekend respite, life skills, school day off field trips, overnight lockins, dances, animal care and more. Our goal is for each athlete/rancher to reach their individual peak potential, and to improve their quality of life in a dignified manner.

#### [Dress for Success Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/dress-for-success-austin)

The mission of Dress for Success is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and in life.

#### [EcoRise Youth Innovations](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ecorise-youth-innovations)

EcoRise Youth Innovations inspires a new generation of green leaders to design a sustainable future for all. Our school-based program empowers youth to tackle real-world challenges in their schools and communities by teaching environmental literacy, social innovation, and hands-on design skills.

#### [EmanciPet](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/emancipet)

Emancipet is on a mission to make spay/neuter and preventive veterinary care affordable and accessible to all pet guardians. We envision a future where all pets are happy, healthy, and living with families whose lives they enrich through the human-animal bond. We provide free and low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and preventive veterinary wellness through our stationary clinic on Levander Loop and via our two mobile spay/neuter clinics. Our mobile clinics bring low-cost sterilization services to Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson Counties Monday – Wednesday, and offer free, first-come first-served surgeries in targeted Austin neighborhoods Thursday – Saturday. Emancipet sterilizes over 18,500 pets annually, and provides preventive veterinary wellness services to over 18,000.

#### [Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ending-community-homelessness-coalition-echo)

The Ending Community Homelessness Coalition (ECHO) is dedicated to planning, prioritizing, and developing strategies to end homelessness in Austin/Travis County, TX.

#### [Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/entrepreneurs-foundation-of-central-texas)

The Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas amplifies the philanthropic efforts of our member companies, their entrepreneurs, boards and employees who invest equity, time and talent to make Central Texas an even better place to live, work and play. Our programs help build successful corporate cultures and allow start-up companies to participate philanthropically.

#### [Eremos, a Center of Contemplative Life](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/eremos-a-center-of-contemplative-life)

Eremos seeks to provide opportunities for people of all faith traditions and all walks of life to step back from the hectic pace of life and reconnect to their Source. We don’t teach technique or method. We invite you to come in and experience. While some contemplative groups focus on the mind, at Eremos we go to the heart. In the spaciousness created within the Eremos community, you are gently invited to behold the Mystery of God within all that is. As you reconnect to the knowing that you are a unique expression of God within the world, burdens are lightened, clarity comes, and compassion for yourself and others is reawakened. We provide spiritual direction, retreats, contemplative support groups, and workshops. Donations help us keep all program fees low and ensure scholarships are available for those experiencing financial hardship. Come experience our contemplative community without walls…

#### [Explore Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/explore-austin)

Explore Austin’s mentoring program guides underserved youth on a 6-year (6th – 12th grade) journey to leadership. The outdoor adventure curriculum imposes unique physical, emotional, and mental challenges, and adult mentors help translate these challenges into meaningful life lessons. The end results are young leaders of character, integrity and resilience who are prepared to succeed in life.

#### [Extend-A-Care for Kids](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/extend-a-care-for-kids)

Extend-A-Care's mission is “to support families, employers, and communities by providing after-school, summer, and preschool programming that is high in quality, convenient, affordable, and enriching.” Extend-A-Care’s primary objectives are to enhance the cognitive, social, and physical development of our children, to assist working families in becoming self-supporting, and to reduce the number of Central Texas children who fall victim to or commit crimes due to inadequate adult supervision.

#### [Family Eldercare](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/family-eldercare)

Family Eldercare provides critical services to seniors, adults with disabilities and caregivers. Our programs offer a continuum of care to help people age in place with dignity and as much independence as possible. Our programs include: In-Home Care & Caregiver Services, Geriatric Consultation and Counseling, Guardianship Services, Money Management, Aging In Place Service Coordination, Lyons Gardens Senior Housing, Lifetime Connections Without Walls and the Summer Fan Drive.

#### [Family Life Skills of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/family-life-skills-of-austin)

Family Life Skills of Austin is a place where adults attend gender-separate classes to be taught valuable life skills from the curriculum, "Learning to Live, Learning to Love". Whether you are experiencing marriage problems, are (or were) in an abusive relationship, are trying to break patterns of the past, or to develop or enhance your relationships -- Life Skills can help. If a person has come from a dysfunctional family, they don't know what they don't know nor what healthy looks like. We deal with family & individual value systems & personal growth. Those who attend discover some of the "Why?" questions behind unhealthy behaviors & thought processes using Developmental Reconstruction. Then we end the program with learning what "healthy" looks like.

#### [Father Restoration, Inc. / Daddy Restoration](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/father-restoration-inc-daddy-restoration)

We have organized Father Restoration as a non-profit in order to help draw attention to and tackle the systemic problem of fatherlessness in our city and state, our country and the world. We are working to challenge fathers to change their own lives, then involve or re-involve themselves in the lives of their children. We: - Speak to fathers in juvenile facilities, jails, and prisons – especially young adult offenders - discussing the importance of developing fatherhood skills.- Develop “Daddy Class” for negligent fathers.- Publish kid’s stories about their missing– in written and video form.- Publish adult stories of the negative impact of their own fatherlessness.- Develop TV commercials, songs, and billboards spotlighting the problem of fatherlessness.- Institute assembly programs for high school boys, encouraging responsible behavior.- Conduct positive conferences on the virtues of fatherhood and the problem of fatherlessness.

#### [Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/financial-literacy-coalition-of-central-texas)

The Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas (FLCCT) offers free financial education classes and financial literacy resources to the low-income community within Central Texas. Participants in FLCCT's classes gain a better understanding of the consumer marketplace and the economic environment while learning skills necessary to take charge of their financial situations, plan for the future, and avoid financial predators. As an unbiased provider of financial education, FLCCT's mission is to foster community prosperity by enhancing the knowledge and skills Central Texans need for improved financial decision-making. FLCCT's volunteer instructors can provide 38 distinct one-hour modules of instruction from several nationally recognized financial education curricula. FLCCT works closely with its partners to design a series of classes that meet the specific financial literacy needs of class participants. In 2012, FLCCT volunteer instructors provided 144 hours of financial education to 1,395 individuals.

#### [For the Children, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/for-the-children-inc)

For the Children is a 501(c)(3) organization aiding in the education of at-risk elementary school students in Travis, Williamson and Hayes counties. We procure and distribute school supplies based on the number of students qualifying for the federal free/reduced-cost lunch program. 100% of donated funds are used for the purchase of new school supplies. For the last 22 years, For The Children has pursued ONE program and one goal- supply children with challenging home environments with basic school supplies to help make their school careers successful. The school supplies provided help boost the child’s self-esteem and confidence at the beginning of the new school year.

#### [Forklift Danceworks](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/forklift-danceworks)

Forklift Danceworks produces performances, classes and workshops that engage all kinds of people in the creative process. Past company dances have included Austin sanitation workers, firefighters, people and their dogs, Elvis impersonators, and Venetian gondoliers. Forklift also directs a creative movement program at two Austin schools and leads mixed-ability dance workshops for people with and without disabilities. By engaging a diverse audience—including spectators, performers, and participants—Forklift Danceworks broadens access to contemporary dance while building community and fostering the creative spirit.

#### [Foster Angels of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/foster-angels-of-central-texas)

Foster Angels of Central Texas helps improve the lives of foster children of all ages and was designed to give direct help to foster children in need. Our mission is to ensure that each child has his or her basic needs met, and to provide life-enriching and life-enhancing experiences whenever possible. In its short existence, Foster Angels has already changed the lives of hundreds of foster children and is a welcome relief to caseworkers who are often burdened with the financial responsibility as a last resort in order to take care of these children. Foster children often grow up to have low self-esteem and self-worth, which leads to a higher rate of incarceration and homelessness as adults. Some children have only the clothes on their backs when removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect. Foster Angels provides these children with what they need to build confidence and put them on a path to lifelong success. Due to a simple program and low overhead costs, we are able to give 100% of all donations directly to the kids in need. The needs of foster children will only continue to grow as more and more children are removed from their homes each month due to abuse and neglect. Foster Angels of Central Texas is dedicated to this special, and often overlooked population, and will ensure that their needs are met when there is nowhere else to turn.

#### [Foundation for the Homeless, Inc](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/foundation-for-the-homeless-inc)

For more than 20 years, Foundation for the Homeless, Inc. (FFH) has mobilized faith and community-based resources to alleviate homelessness in Central Texas. FFH works with 700+ persons each year who are facing or experiencing homelessness to help them build new opportunities for housing, economic and personal wellness. FFH’s licensed staff focuses first on keeping families and individuals housed. When homelessness cannot be avoided, FFH provides meals, shelter and caring presence for families with children by enlisting the help of committed volunteers and the use of congregational facilities. Shelter families utilize FFH’s Day Resource Center, transportation, comprehensive case management, life skills classes and access to child care, job counseling, training, and subsidized housing to attain their goals of self-sufficiency. FFH also offers warm breakfasts, hygiene items, services and caring presence to 400 adults twice weekly through Feed My People at First United Methodist Church. More than 3000 volunteers work with FFH each year, giving 50,000 hours of service. While the value of direct financial assistance, donated facilities, goods and services provided through FFH easily exceeds $2M annually, the deeper value of our work is in building a more caring and sustainable community. FFH guides families home in a spirit of compassion, hope and love. www.foundationhomeless.org

#### [Free Minds Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/free-minds-project)

The Free Minds Project provides Central Texas adults living on low incomes with a chance to fulfill their intellectual potential and to jumpstart their college education. A program of UT’s Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, in partnership with Austin Community College and Foundation Communities, Free Minds offers a free two-semester college course in humanities to adults who have faced significant barriers to education. Top faculty from UT Austin and ACC lead students in lively discussions and help to improve their skills in writing, communication, and critical thinking. Tuition, books, and child care are provided without charge. Students who complete the course receive six credit hours from ACC.• By making intellectual community available to all, regardless of income or educational background, Free Minds provides Central Texas adults with the tools and confidence to build better lives for themselves and their families.

#### [Friends of Austin State Supported Living Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/friends-of-austin-state-supported-living-center)

The Friends' of Austin State Supported Living Center (AuSSLC) mission is to improve the quality of life for the residents who call the Living Center home. The Friends help raise awareness and funds for AuSSLC by hosting special events, publishing newsletters, maintaining financial resources for special needs, supporting the volunteer recruitment efforts of the Community Relations staff, encouraging and supporting staff through morale-raising activities, providing education to the public about the Volunteer Services Council and the AuSS Living Center's population, and supporting the continuous beautification and enhancement of the homes and facility at the AuSS Living Center.

#### [GENaustin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/genaustin)

GENaustin’s mission is to support and guide girls to make wise choices as they navigate the unique pressures of girlhood. We offer innovative, confidence building programs, utilizing best practices for working with ALL girls. We also provide education and awareness about the state of girls to teachers and parents.

#### [Girlstart](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/girlstart)

Girlstart's mission is to empower girls in math, science, and technology. Since its inception, in 1997, Girlstart has served 16,000 girls, teachers, and parents though summer camps, Saturday camps, after-school programs, teacher trainings, workshop series, and community events.

#### [Gone for Good](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/gone-for-good)

A new way to donate beloved treasures, small furnishings, art and jewels to causes issues and areas of concern. Gone for Good offers an easy way to practice philanthropy plus, just like the dollars you give, your gift can be a taxable donation.

#### [Goodwill Industries of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/goodwill-industries-of-central-texas)

Goodwill Industries of Central Texas's mission is generating lifelong connections to work. Revenue generated from the sale of donated goods and other commercial business lines are used to fund job training and career development programs for Central Texans who have a disadvantaging condition such as limited access to employment, education, housing or health care.

#### [Greenlights for NonProfit Success](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/greenlights-for-nonprofit-success)

Greenlights is a catalyst for extraordinary nonprofit performance, bringing leading practices in management and governance to strengthen Central Texas nonprofits. We provide affordable, high-value management consulting services, professional development workshops and conferences, customized training, and countless hours of free advice and resources to more than 800 nonprofits and 2,500 individuals each year. We focus our services on five areas of nonprofit management and governance: • Resource Development and Fundraising • Financial Management • Board Governance • Leadership Advancement • Strategy & Planning Because Greenlights is a 501c3, the nonprofits we serve pay only about 65% of the cost of delivering services to them, thanks to the generosity of our many donors and supporters who help us keep our services accessible and affordable to the nonprofit community.

#### [Groundwork Music Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/groundwork-music-project)

The mission of Groundwork Music Project is to provide low cost and free music programs to young children and families. From music classes to songwriting workshops to public concerts, Groundwork works to create a cultural/community milieu that is rich with music and rich with young musicians.

#### [Growing Roots](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/growing-roots)

Growing Roots is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that educates and empowers Spanish and English-speaking families who have children with special needs. We believe all families deserve a unique opportunity to learn about their child’s needs. Providing them with medical brochures and online resources is simply not enough to prepare them for life with a child with special needs. Through interactive classes and by using material that considers linguistic, cultural and/or socioeconomic diversity, Growing Roots provides families with the necessary knowledge, resources, and support to become experts regarding their children’s needs. Our programs provide education and support to parents with children in the special education system, parents of children with Autism, and parents of premature babies. We are a 100% volunteer organization.

#### [Hand to Hold](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/hand-to-hold)

Hand to Hold’s mission is to provide comprehensive resources and support programs to parents of preemies, babies born with special health care needs and those who have experienced a loss due to these or other complications.

#### [Hands Feet & Heart - Texas Chapter of the Neuropathy Association](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/hands-feet-heart-texas-chapter-of-the-neuropathy-association)

Hands Feet & Heart (HFH) began in 2009 when two mothers of children with neuropathy decided to provide a way for others living with the challenges of neuropathy to share information and provide mutual support. Our mission:• Promote awareness about neuropathy in Central Texas.• Provide education, resources and support to patients and caregivers.• Support research for a cure. Our Primary Programs:• Monthly support meetings in Georgetown and Austin with lending libraries for each group• Regularly updated website (www.handsfeetheart.org) with local and national resources• One-on-one support for neuropathy patients and caregivers HFH is the only organization in Central Texas that is dedicated to supporting the approximately 114,000 people in the region with this disease.

#### [Healing with Horses Ranch](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/healing-with-horses-ranch)

Healing with Horses Ranch provides safe, affordable Equine Assisted Activities and Therapies (EAAT) to individuals with physical, cognitive or emotional challenges to promote healing and independence. The individuals served by Healing with Horses Ranch may face any number of challenges, including Cerebral Palsy, Autism, Down syndrome, paralysis, ADHD, substance abuse, traumatic brain injury or amputation --all benefiting from the healing benefits of the horse, including increasing strength and flexibility, improving motor skills, promoting speech and cognitive reasoning, and building relationships and social skills. Life Skills classes and At Risk Youth in the Manor, Del Valle and neighboring school districts, other Educational Centers that serve the Special Needs Audience of Central Texas, foster and adopted youth , residential centers as well as private pay clients with special needs will be targeted.

#### [Health Alliance for Austin Musicians](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/health-alliance-for-austin-musicians)

The Health Alliance for Austin Musicians (HAAM) provides access to affordable healthcare to Austin’s low-income, uninsured working musicians. Services include: primary medical care through Seton Healthcare Family, basic dental care through St. David’s Foundation in partnership with the Capital Area Dental Foundation and mental health counseling and addiction recovery services through The SIMS Foundation.

#### [HealthStart Foundation, Inc.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/healthstart-foundation-inc)

HealthStart believes the key to healthier communities is introducing health and wellness concepts to children as young as possible. HealthStart received its 501c3 application approval in June 2010. In September 2010 we launched our health and science curriculum, Health Education for Youngsters!, so children learn how to make good health choices at an early age. In 2010-11 four preschools tested HEY! All found the curriculum easy to use. HealthStart continued testing and improving HEY! in the 2011-2012 school year with 11 preschool partners reaching over 200 students. Over half our pilot schools serve families below 200% of poverty. Furthermore when young children take what they learn to home to their families they act as change agents affecting family health behaviors. Parent materials are sent home weekly. HealthStart also offers teacher training and a variety of outreach activities including grocery store field trips and participatory health events.

#### [Helping Hand Home for Children](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/helping-hand-home-for-children)

Since 1893, Helping Hand Home for Children has provided a place to heal for abused & neglected children between the ages of 4 and 12. We provide residential treatment services and therapeutic foster care for emotionally disturbed children. Our mission is to maintain a safe home and restore each child to a healthy family setting.

#### [Hill Country Conservancy](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/hill-country-conservancy)

Hill Country Conservancy is the only professional conservation organization working every day to preserve open space in the Barton Springs Aquifer region. HCC was founded in 1999 to preserve – forever – large strategic natural areas that conserve critical water features, preserve outdoor recreation opportunities, and help maintain the Hill Country’s unique quality of life. Their philosophy is simple. Once Hill Country land is gone, it’s gone for good. When HCC preserves it, it’s here forever.

#### [Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/hispanic-alliance-for-the-performing-arts)

The Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts is a coalition of social, artistic, and educational organizations devoted to enlargement of cultural opportunities for the Hispanic community and other underserved groups in the of Austin.

#### [Hispanic Scholarship Consortium](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/hispanic-scholarship-consortium)

HSC’S MISSION The Hispanic Scholarship Consortium collaboratively leverages resources to provide scholarships to Central Texas Hispanic students and offers a network of support that mentors and empowers scholars to graduate from college as workforce ready leaders engaged in our community. HSC’S $1 FOR $1 MATCHING FUNDS PROGRAM The Hispanic Scholarship Consortium partners with local nonprofit organizations that value access to higher education. HSC catalyzes investments by matching the first $1,000 a Consortium Member raises with another $1,000 to jointly offer a $2,000 renewable college scholarship. EVERY STEP OF THE WAY While a $2,000 renewable college scholarship helps student and families to an extent, HSC maximizes its efforts by providing every scholar with invaluable one-on-one advising and referrals to key campus and community contacts. Services include: case management, leadership and professional training, community service, mentoring and internship opportunities.

#### [Hospice Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/hospice-austin)

Hospice Austin is a nonprofit organization that serves terminally ill and bereaved persons in our community with integrity, compassion and respect.

#### [Housing Works Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/housing-works-austin)

Since 2006, HousingWorks has united local leadership around the value that home affordability is central to the success of Austin families, employers, schools, and neighborhoods. HousingWorks advocates for a wide range of housing options so that all Austinites can afford a home, be it an apartment or a house. HousingWorks operates through a volunteer board of diverse business and community leaders and a handful of consultants. We engage in research, education, leadership and policy work that make it possible for nonprofit and for-profit builders to make more affordable homes available throughout Austin. HousingWorks advances leadership understanding of housing through several channels. Tours, publications, and conferences reaching hundreds of Austin leaders. Advocacy for policies that facilitate inclusion of affordable homes in all areas of town. Collaborations with diverse entities to increase understanding of the link between stable, affordable housing and positive community outcomes.

#### [Imagine A Way](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/imagine-a-way)

Imagine A Way is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded on a simple yet powerful principle that every child should have the chance to reach their full potential. We provide financial support for therapy and also help deliver a network of resources to help families with children diagnosed with Autism. We are only able to help as many families as we have funding for at the time of selection. We welcome any donations to ensure that families are provided the care and therapy to help these children. Our focus is on children in the critical early childhood years of 2 to 6, when the window of opportunity exists to have the greatest impact on their lives.

#### [Imagine Art](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/imagine-art)

Imagine Art's vision is God glorified through the restored lives of artists with disabilities. We are a Christian ministry and operate a fine art studio in East Austin. Our day-to-day mission is to transform the lives of artists with disabilities. Artist participate daily in our creative community and access our fine art studio, glass and clay kiln, gallery, garden and daily lunch program. We offer mid-day prayer times, weekly Bible studies, men’s and women’s groups and an annual 4-day retreat.

#### [IMTAG (Neighborhood Sports)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/imtag-neighborhood-sports)

We provide recreational activities promoting citizenship and improving lives of youth in the community. Our programs develp communities by building a foundation for leadership, sportsmanship, healthy living, and changing lives. Familes develop life defining relationships with our program

#### [Interfaith Action of Central Texas - iACT](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/interfaith-action-of-central-texas-iact)

iACT's mission is to cultivate peace and respect through interfaith dialogue, service and celebration. We operate two direct service programs: Hands on Housing repairs the homes of elderly and disabled homeowners living in poverty. iACT for Refugees teaches English to newly arrived refugees and helps prepare their children for school.

#### [Jane's Due Process](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/janes-due-process)

Jane's Due Process is the only organization ensuring legal representation for pregnant minors in Texas. Our services include a 24/7, toll-free legal hotline and network attorney program.

#### [Jeremiah Program](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/jeremiah-program)

The Jeremiah Program helps highly motivated women break the cycle of poverty by combining a structured environment with high expectations for education and employment, and the guidance to help them succeed. Through Jeremiah Program, women realize their potential and change their lives to create a better future for themselves and their children. Mission: To transform families from poverty to prosperity

#### [Jewish Community Association of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/jewish-community-association-of-austin)

An umbrella organization, the Jewish Community Association of Austin (JCAA) includes four main divisions: Jewish Federation of Greater Austin, the Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service and the Jewish Community Relations Council. These branches work together to comprehensively address the needs of Austin's Jewish community in collaboration with area congregations, schools, and community organizations. The mission of the JCAA is to enhance the quality of Jewish life in the greater Austin area and around the world, through community, philanthropy, education, social service, culture spirituality and total wellness.

#### [Junior League of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/junior-league-of-austin)

The Junior League of Austin is a diverse group of dedicated women working to make Austin a better place. Since nonprofit organization formed in 1934, its members have been committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women and improving our community through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. The Junior League’s active members serve as trained volunteers at local non-profit agencies, and in our own community programs, like FIT (Food In Tummies) and Coats for Kids. The Junior League addresses hunger in our community with the FIT (Food In Tummies) Program at two elementary schools. Each week of the school year, 1,400 children facing food insecurity receive backpacks filled with a weekend’s worth of healthy food. Each backpack includes bilingual recipe cards, nutrition/fitness tips, and reinforcing games and puzzles to be shared with the students’ families.

#### [Keep Austin Beautiful](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/keep-austin-beautiful)

Keep Austin Beautiful provides resources and education to inspire the Austin community towards greater environmental stewardship. KAB programs clean, beautify, restore and protect the Austin environment through physical improvements and education.

#### [Kelly Davidson Pediatric Cancer Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/kelly-davidson-pediatric-cancer-foundation)

The mission of the Kelly Davidson Pediatric Cancer Foundation is to educate and empower families and friends of children diagnosed with cancer by providing them access to resources and information, as well as support, so that they may play an active role in the treatment and survivorship of the disease.

#### [Kids in a New Groove](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/kids-in-a-new-groove)

Kids in a New Groove provides private one-on-one music instruction to kids in the Texas foster care system. Our vision is to build a solid foundation for foster youth so that they can age out of care with tools for success. We serve foster youth all over Texas, including Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, and Houston. We provide youth with a consistent weekly mentor, and also present them with a brand new musical instrument which they earn from practicing and meeting program goals. Through Kids in a New Groove, lessons become a lifeline to a better future.

#### [KIPP Austin Public Schools](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/kipp-austin-public-schools)

KIPP Austin Public Schools is a network of free, open-enrollment, college-preparatory public schools that empowers students to thrive in and graduate from four-year colleges and universities. In East Austin, the path to college has traditionally been impeded by a lack of educational opportunity. Our elementary schools, KIPP Austin Comunidad and KIPP Austin Connections currently serve grades Kindergarten through first and will be adding second grade in the fall of 2012. KIPP Austin College Prep and KIPP Austin Academy of Arts & Letters are middle schools that serve grades five through eight. KIPP Austin Collegiate is a high school serving grades nine through twelve. All five schools provide academically rigorous programs where students successfully climb the mountain to and through college. In the fall of 2012 we will open two more middle schools, KIPP Austin Beacon Prep and KIPP Austin Vista Middle School, in the Dove Springs neighborhood of Southeast Austin.

#### [KLRU-TV Austin PBS](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/klru-tv-austin-pbs)

KLRU-TV Austin PBS has a mission to present quality multimedia content that engages people in the thoughtful exchange of ideas, the expression of the arts, and lifelong learning opportunities resulting in a more vibrant community and a higher quality of life.

#### [KUT](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/kut)

The official KUT mission is “to be the most trusted radio source for news and music in Central Texas.” In real terms, that means we strive every day to bring you insightful news coverage and music that gets us fired up. This page includes a lot of information that we need to share with you. But what we want you to know is that our entire staff is devoted to bringing you the best news and music in Central Texas every day—every hour, every minute that we’re on the air.

#### [Leadership Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/leadership-austin)

Leadership Austin fosters a non-partisan environment where people of diverse backgrounds come together to learn about civic leadership and engage in meaningful dialogue about important public issues. Leadership Austin challenges program participants to use their newfound skills and connections to influence the community in measurable ways and improve the quality of life in our region.

#### [Leap of Joy](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/leap-of-joy)

Leap of Joy! is a non-profit organization empowering young people through dance & creative movement. Through grants & private donations we offer after school programming for elementary aged students without charge. Classes learn foundational dance techniques, including ballet & modern,hip hop,musical theater and yoga.

#### [LifeWorks](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/lifeworks)

LifeWorks transitions youth and families from crisis to safety and success. Providing a comprehensive safety net of services in Austin, Lifeworks serves 10,000+ individuals annually through thirteen programs. Services include outreach & housing for homeless youth, Youth/Adult Counseling, Youth Development, GED, Youth Resource Center, and programs addressing the needs of foster care youth.

#### [Literacy Coalition of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/literacy-coalition-of-central-texas)

Mobilizes providers, learners, employers, educators, policy makers and others to create a central Texas community that is 100% literate, employable, and engaged. The Coalition plays a central role in coordinating and supporting high-quality literacy services throughout Central Texas including services for speakers of other languages, adult basic education, family literacy, workplace literacy, and health literacy.

#### [Little Helping Hands](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/little-helping-hands)

Our mission is to be a resource for parents/caregivers, educators, and businesses looking for meaningful volunteer opportunities suitable for young children in the Austin community. Through creating and organizing hands-on volunteer activities/programs, Little Helping Hands provides ongoing opportunities to instill the value of community service in early childhood.

#### [Long Center for the Performing Arts](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/long-center-for-the-performing-arts)

Our mission is to provide the citizens of Central Texas a world-class venue that enhances the appreciation, enjoyment, and reputations of the region’s premier and diverse performing arts organizations and artists; to become a cultural, corporate, and educational resource and destination, enabling the performing arts and artists to thrive in our community.

#### [Mainspring Schools](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/mainspring-schools)

Mainspring Schools provides the highest quality early education and care to Austin’s most economically disadvantaged children, along with comprehensive services for the children and families so each child will succeed in school and life regardless of socioeconomic status. Mainspring’s high quality education services are accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the most rigorous accrediting body in the country. Disadvantaged children at Mainspring defy the statistical odds and start school on grade level and ready to learn! The Parenting Program at Mainspring Schools acknowledges that parents are a child’s most influential teacher and seeks to give parents the skills to raise school-successful children. One parent said, “I feel as if my boys and I are all very important to the staff at Mainspring. They make me feel like they actually care for my boys and truly want to bring out the best in them, and even in me. The Parent Support Group has encouraged me to try different parenting techniques that have proven to be effective.”

#### [Manos de Cristo](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/manos-de-cristo)

With the Hispanic population booming in Austin and a continued expectation of growth, we need to put the focus on how to assist those coming from Latin countries that need a helping hand. While Manos serves people of all cultural and racial background, there is no denying that Latinos are moving further away from being the minority in Austin and could utilize services offered by places like Manos. With more exposure, Manos can continue to help those in need with ESL classes, a food pantry, clothes closet and a dental clinic. These services help people gain the confidence and skills they need to contribute fully to society.

#### [Meals on Wheels and More](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/meals-on-wheels-and-more)

We nourish and enrich the lives of the homebound and disabled through programs that promote dignity and independent living. With the support of 5,000 volunteers, we prepare and deliver more than 1 million meals each year. We also provide case management & specialized services to keep people healthy, independent, and in their homes.

#### [Minis and Friends](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/minis-and-friends)

Minis and Friends is dedicated to bringing our mobile herd of trained miniature horses/donkeys ambassadors to visit and interact with people of all ages who may be suffering mentally, physically or emotionally using our technique of Equine Guided Interactions (EGI). Our unique programs tailor activities for children through adults with disabilities, at-risk youth, individuals in transition and elder adults to improve their motor skills, ability to connect, tactile response, use of senses and spirits through interaction with miniature horses. As many as 23 minis may work at any one time on weekends and some holidays in the greater Austin Metro area. Our programs are designed to work with the many facilities for people with special needs. They are: Minis Out, In the Community (partner agencies); Minis Out, Moving On (children and youth in transition); Minis Out, Project Blanket (children with special needs); Minis Out, Silver Saints (adults and seniors).

#### [My Healing Place](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/my-healing-place)

My Healing Place desires to serve all individuals who are in need of grief, loss, and trauma related services, regardless of ability to pay. Every effort will be made to work with clients who are in need of financial assistance for services.

#### [NAMI Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/nami-austin)

The mission of NAMI Austin is to improve the lives of all persons affected by serious mental illness by providing education, support and advocacy through a grassroots network. NAMI Austin is dedicated to supporting the inclusion of individuals with mental illness throughout the organizations. NAMI Austin works to combat stigma through education and raising public awareness that mental illnesses affect everyone and treatment works. We join with partners in the mental health system with a common goal of a comprehensive recovery-based model that meets the needs of individuals with mental illness living in the community. We provide Free education class and support groups to individuals and families living with Mental illness.

#### [National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Texas Regional Office](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/national-center-for-missing-exploited-children-texas-regional-office)

Since 1984, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has worked tirelessly to fight child abduction and victimization, and to safely reunite missing children with their families. Its mission is: (1) help prevent child abduction and sexual exploitation; (2) help find missing children; and (3) assist victims of child abduction and sexual exploitation, their families, and the professionals who serve them. The Austin-based Texas Regional Office is the official statewide representative for the array of services and programs offered by NCMEC. Its primary focus is to (1) offer training for law enforcement and prosecutors with a particular emphasis on Internet or technology related crimes against children; and (2) work closely with government and non-governmental organizations in prevention and education programs to educate members of the community about child safety. The Texas Regional Office is funded entirely by private donations. All training and education programs are offered free of charge.

#### [National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/national-center-on-domestic-and-sexual-violence)

NCDSV designs, provides and customizes training and consultation, influences policy, promotes collaboration, and enhances diversity with the goal of ending domestic and sexual violence. NCDSV’s award-winning website, provides additional information about the agency’s delivery of training, consultation and public policy advocacy including violence in the military community.

#### [National Wildlife Federation South Central Regional Center Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/national-wildlife-federation-south-central-regional-center-austin)

Schools & Schoolyards: Research shows student achievement is enhanced when educators use the natural world as a context for learning. National Wildlife Federation’s Austin office is working with local schools to incorporate outdoor environmental education into their regular curriculum and engage entire school communities in sustainability initiatives. Water & Habitat: NWF is working to transform the way Texas manages and allocates its water resources to better protect the state’s natural heritage, balancing human demands for water with the need to ensure adequate water for fish and wildlife. Kids & Nature: NWF is on a three-year campaign to get 10 million more American children out of their indoor habitat and into the great outdoors, creating a generation of happier, healthier children with more awareness and connection to the natural world. These connections in early life teach children to appreciate, respect and protect the natural world.

#### [Out Youth](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/out-youth)

Out Youth works to promote the well being of LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) youth and their straight allies. We have a community center, satellite youth groups, social events, activism and youth leadership programs, and counseling. We also house the Texas GSA Network, supporting student lead GSAs across Texas.

#### [Palmer Drug Abuse Program of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/palmer-drug-abuse-program-of-austin)

Palmer Drug Abuse Program of Austin, PDAP, provides free services to teenagers and young adults who seek and have a desire to live a life free from the effects of drugs and alcohol. In dealing with substance abuse, the program offers peer support and guidance to young people and their families whose lives have become unmanageable due to the devastating effects of drugs and alcohol. Palmer Drug Abuse Program works with Eanes Independent School and Austin Independent School District supporting student struggling with issues surrounding drugs and alcohol. Palmer Drug Abuse Program provides two evening meetings each week of the year to teens and Parents. Palmer Drug Abuse Program of Austin also provides weekend activities for struggling teens.

#### [Paramount and State Theatres](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/paramount-and-state-theatres)

The mission of the Austin Theatre Alliance, parent organization of the Paramount & Stateside Theatres, is to nourish the mind and spirit and to enhance the quality of life for area residents through presentation of the widest selection of the finest quality theatre and performing arts productions possible. We offer music, film, dance, drama, and comedy in a city and state landmark that is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

#### [PAWS of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/paws-of-austin)

PAWS' mission is to prevent cruelty to all animals by promoting humane standards through education and example, to provide care and shelter for homeless animals, aid in the reduction of domestic animal overpopulation, and aid in the enforcement of laws, including the investigation of animal cruelty and abuse.

#### [PEASE PARK CONSERVANCY](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/pease-park-conservancy)

The Pease Park Conservancy is dedicated to the rehabilitation, beautification and support of Austin's central city park for the enjoyment of all of Austin and our future generations. Since our founding in 2008, we have planted almost 500 new trees, installed an irrigation system for the turf and trees, spread tons of mulch and Dillo dirt, removed storm damage and brush, repaired the historic Tudor Cottage, restored the picnic tables and held scores of work days with thousands of volunteers. In 2012, we established a permanent financial endowment for the park with the Austin Community Foundation that we hope will grow and provide a safety net for park. We plan to partner with the Austin Parks Department in developing a Master Plan for the park that will guide its future.

#### [People’s Community Clinic](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/peoples-community-clinic)

PCC’s mission is to improve the health of medically underserved and uninsured Central Texans by providing high quality, affordable healthcare. Since 1970, PCC has offered care with respect and dignity to people with little or no health insurance. Our 10,000 patients have access to prenatal, pediatric, adolescent and adult care; immunizations; social work and integrated behavioral health services; and chronic disease management. The Clinic offers pharmacy and lab services on-site. Charges for services are on a sliding scale according to patient income and household size. Regular medical care keeps Emergency Room use down for patients with chronic diseases. Making sure children come in for well child check-ups ensures that issues can be addressed early. The babies born into the Clinic practice are healthier because their mothers received quality prenatal care. Simply put, good healthcare makes sense for our patients and our community.

#### [Planned Living Assistance Network of Central Texas (PLANCTX)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/planned-living-assistance-network-of-central-texas-planctx)

PLAN of Central Texas is an Austin grassroots organization founded by family members to serve adults with severe and persistent mental illnesses and their families. PLANCTX provides support services to address immediate needs and to plan for the future, including care management assistance with public benefits, housing, employment, medication education, life skills training, as well as individual and group therapy, and peer assistance from certified peer specialists.

#### [Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/planned-parenthood-of-greater-texas)

Planned Parenthood of the Texas Capital Region helps people make informed, private decisions in matters of sexuality, reproduction, and parenthood. Planned Parenthood operates three nonprofit health centers in Austin that provide breast and cervical cancer screenings, birth control including emergency contraception, HPV vaccines, rapid HIV testing, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), colposcopy and cryotherapy to treat abnormal cervical cells, pregnancy testing, referrals for other medical and social services, and sexual health education. Services offered to male clients include testing and treatment for STIs, vasectomy referrals, rapid HIV testing, HPV vaccines, and sexual health education. Planned Parenthood also provides medically accurate, age appropriate education for teens and parents. Each presentation is designed to meet the needs of the participants and is intended to increase knowledge of reproductive health to help participants stay healthy and safe, and avoid teen pregnancies and STDs.

#### [Pollyanna Theatre Company](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/pollyanna-theatre-company)

Pollyanna Theatre Company is a group of adult, professional theatre artists who create and perform theatre for children and family audiences. Founded in the fall of 2000, Pollyanna produces the majority of our plays at Austin's The Long Center for the Performing Arts. We currently serve over 22,000 children through our productions in the theatre and in school settings. The majority of our audience are high at-risk elementary school children who depend upon Pollyanna as their first experience with the live performing arts. Working with some of the best professional actors, playwrights, and designers in Central Texas, Pollyanna commissions and produces original plays with the developmental and educational needs of our audience in mind. All productions have parent and teacher study guides that link the arts to learning.

#### [Preservation Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/preservation-austin)

The mission of Preservation Austin is to promote Austin’s diverse cultural heritage through the preservation of historic places

#### [Prevent a Litter (PALS) of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/prevent-a-litter-pals-of-central-texas)

The mission of PALS is to end pet euthanasia and pet homelessness in Central Texas through our programs of spay/neuter, humane education, TrapNeuterReturn of feral cats, and Pet Food Pantry. PALS is an all volunteer organization. We have our own Cat Spay/Neuter clinic held once or twice monthly. Our TNR rescues kittens and tame cats from feral colonies, fosters them and adopts them to loving homes. Our services are for the underprivileged in our community. Our mission will be complete when the shelters are empty and every pet has a loving forever home.

#### [Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ronald-mcdonald-house-charities-of-austin-and-central-texas)

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Austin and Central Texas creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. We help families face the weight of childhood illness together. We do this through the Ronald McDonald House and three Ronald McDonald Family Rooms inside Austin hospitals. Since 1985 the Ronald McDonald House has never closed its doors to families facing pediatric medical crisis. Your support ensures that these doors remain open.

#### [SafePlace](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/safeplace)

SafePlace is ending sexual and domestic violence through safety, healing, prevention and social change. Our vision is a community free of rape, sexual abuse and domestic violence. SafePlace provides Safety for individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence. We help victims in their Healing so they can move beyond being defined by the crimes committed against them, and become Survivors. SafePlace promotes safe and healthy relationships for the Prevention of sexual and domestic violence. We work with others to create Change in attitudes, behaviors and policies that perpetuate the acceptance of, and impact our understanding and responses to, sexual and domestic violence.

#### [SAHELI for Asian Families](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/saheli-for-asian-families)

SAHELI is a nonprofit organization based in Austin, Texas, that provides assistance to Asian and other immigrant families dealing with domestic violence, sexual assault and trafficking. Our mission is to promote abuse-free Asian communities through advocacy, support, awareness and access to social services. SAHELI envisions healthy, abuse-free Asian communities. SAHELI represents six words that define our services: Support, Advocate, Heal, Empower, Listen, and Inform. SAHELI specifically addresses the cultural and language needs of Asian and other immigrant families affected by domestic violence. Our values and mission are reflected in our programs, which integrate culture and language specific direct services, educational programs, and community-based initiatives and advocacy.

#### [Saint Louise House](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/saint-louise-house)

Saint Louise House was founded in 2000 to address the drastic shortage of safe housing and supportive services for homeless women and children. We provide deeply affordable and supportive housing for low income homeless women and their children with the goal of helping families develop long-term stability. Saint Louise House has grown from five apartments in 2001 to two 24-unit apartment complexes and the capacity to serve 46 families. We currently serve 34 families comprised of 34 mothers and 71 children

#### [Scottish Rite Dyslexia Center of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/scottish-rite-dyslexia-center-of-austin)

The Scottish Rite Learning Center of Austin (SRLC) focuses on the evaluation and treatment of Central Texas children with dyslexia. SRLC offers a two-year academic language therapy program to children with dyslexia without charge to the families. In addition, SRLC maintains a nationally accredited dyslexia therapist training program, and offers evaluations for children ages 5-21.

#### [Seton Healthcare Family](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/seton-healthcare-family)

The Seton Family of Hospitals is committed to providing access to comprehensive, leading edge, compassionate health care to all Central Texas residents. Through leadership, collaborative efforts and good stewardship, Seton can meet those demands and truly make life healthier for those we serve.

#### [SIMS Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/sims-foundation)

The SIMS Mission is to provide access to and financial support for mental health and addiction recovery services for Austin-area musicians and their families.

#### [Single Jingles Testicular Cancer Awareness Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/single-jingles-testicular-cancer-awareness-foundation)

The Testicular Cancer Foundation (TCF) provides education and support to young men to raise awareness about testicular cancer, the #1 cancer among men ages 15 – 35. Additionally, TCF invests significant time helping families, speaking to groups and sharing its mission and resources with the medical and healthcare communities, schools and wherever groups of young men can be reached.

#### [Spirit Reins](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/spirit-reins)

Spirit Reins tranforms the lives of children and families through trauma-informed therapy services, training, and research. We offer a variety of innovative professional counseling services and specialize in serving children who have experienced abuse, neglect, or other traumatic events by incorporating Trauma-Focused Equine Assisted Psychotherapy(TF-EAP). TF-EAP utilizes the physiology and psychology of horses to help individuals effectively process trauma. Our therapy model is based on the neuroscience of brain development, how trauma affects the brain, and how trauma affects the ability to form healthy relationships. Spirit Reins is a local 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization changing lives, one family at a time.

#### [Sustainable Food Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/sustainable-food-center)

Sustainable Food Center cultivates a healthy community by strengthening the local food system and improving access to nutritious, affordable food.

#### [St. David’s Community Health Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/st-davids-community-health-foundation)

The St. David’s Foundation serves more than 25,000 area schoolchildren and adults with free dental services via 6 mobile dental clinics, and collaborates with other Central Texas agencies through grants, programs, and sponsorships to promote primary health care, healthy aging, mental health services and support for health care research.

#### [Special Olympics Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/special-olympics-texas)

The mission of Special Olympics Texas is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Special Olympics sports are transformative experiences that bring out pride, courage and joy in athletes–while inviting families and entire communities to join in the celebration. The Special Olympics sports experience has always been rooted in the notion: That every person has the capacity to be an Olympian, and that human greatness is defined more by the spirit than the body. Consider the bowling ball. Left alone on a shelf, it is just a ball. Now put the bowling ball in the hands of a Special Olympics athlete. What happens next is much more than bowling. She rolls the bowling ball down the lane and feels joy. Her family cheers with pride. Spectators without intellectual disability start to see her a little differently, perhaps re-considering how they view people with intellectual disabilities. Little by little, the world changes… The sport is the medium, but the real power lies within the Special Olympics experience and all the people it touches.

#### [STRONG START](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/strong-start)

STRONG START prevents child abuse and neglect. Our mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by strengthening families and keeping children safe with effective early intervention programs designed to teach young children social and emotional development, problem solving, expression of feelings, communication, and behavior management. This therapeutic classroom is coupled with educational home visits with the entire family to discuss parenting skills, child development, and appropriate discipline. We offer parenting classes, mental health referrals, and ancillary support. All services are free and confidential for the families of STRONG START.

#### [Tapestry Dance Company](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/tapestry-dance-company)

Sharing the power of dance through education and performance Tapestry Dance Company is a professional, non-profit dance organization founded in 1989 for the purpose of developing a foundation in multi-form dance performance and education. The organization has expanded to a professional company of seven resident artists, a diversified administrative and production support staff and a pre-professional and adult training facility in Austin. Tapestry Dance Company shares the power of dance through numerous events and programs sponsored by individual contributors, corporations, the National Endowment for the Arts, the City of Austin and the Texas Commission on the Arts as well as its wonderful audiences. These programs include seasonal multi-form concert premieres, The Annual Soul to Sole Festival, community outreach programs such as Rhythm, Dance, Music & You! and Sharing the Power of Dance, numerous master classes and workshops as well as touring residencies throughout the country.

#### [Tejas Family Guidance Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/tejas-family-guidance-center)

Tejas Family Guidance Center is a nonprofit mental health agency solely dedicated to providing quality mental health services to youth and their families. Through early intervention, diagnosis, and treatment we help children, adolescents, young adults, individuals, and families develop the emotional skills needed for meeting life’s challenges. Tejas also trains new clinicians with the goal of preparing skilled child and family therapists to meet growing regional demands. Our fees are based on a sliding scale to ensure everyone receives professional mental health services regardless of income. Our team works closely together to provide individual, family, couples, and group therapy; psychological evaluations and assessments, neuropsychological evaluations; parent education; and training to current and future mental health professionals. We address a wide variety of issues including anxiety, depression, behavioral management, parent support & guidance, ADHD/attention problems, developmental disorders, grief, relationship issues, communication issues, learning disorders and problems in school.

#### [Texans Standing Tall](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/texans-standing-tall)

Texans Standing Tall is a statewide leader in evidence-based, environmental community change strategies. We keep you updated on state level proposed policies and policy implementation, educate on the latest research and reports and teach how to implement evidence-based prevention strategies. We help develop skills through training and technical assistance. And, we provide support to create community and state level change to protect youth.

#### [Texas Appleseed](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/texas-appleseed)

Promotes social and economic justice for all Texans by leveraging the skills and resources of volunteer lawyers and other professionals to identify practical solutions to difficult social problems. Texas Appleseed does not provide direct legal representation for individuals, but instead works on behalf of all Texans to address the root causes of systemic injustice in our state.

#### [Texas Archive of the Moving Image](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/texas-archive-of-the-moving-image)

Ninety percent of films made before 1930 no longer exist. Since the invention of film in the late 1890s, countless films have been lost due to deterioration and neglect and more remain inaccessible due to lack of resources. The Texas Archive of the Moving Image (TAMI) works to discover, preserve, provide access to, and educate the community about Texas' film heritage. By partnering with individuals and institutions across the state, TAMI digitizes and provides access to Texas-related moving images at www.texasarchive.org. This easily-accessible and ever-growing collection includes thousands of videos providing insight into the history and culture of the state, including materials like local television, advertisements, home movies, and more. TAMI works to encourage the viewing and use of these films through public programs and educator resources. We need your assistance to continue providing free services to educators, libraries, archives, and the general public.

#### [Texas Music Museum](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/texas-music-museum)

The Texas Music Museum researches, archives, presents exhibits, educational programs and performances related to the broad range of Texas Music. We serve children, youth and adults through our programs that are all free to the public.

#### [Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/texas-restaurant-association-education-foundation)

The mission of the TRA Education Foundation is to provide educational opportunities for restaurant careers in Texas.

#### [Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/texas-veterinary-medical-foundation)

The Texas Veterinary Medical Foundation ensures the health and welfare of animals in Texas and celebrating the human animal bond through education, public relations, research, fundraising and the development of people in the field of veterinary medicine.

#### [The 100 Club of Central Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-100-club-of-central-texas)

The mission of the 100 Club of Central Texas is to lead the community in providing financial assistance and support for the families of first responders who are seriously injured or killed in the line of duty as well as providing resources to enhance first responders' safety and welfare.

#### [The Arc of the Capital Area](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-arc-of-the-capital-area)

The Arc promotes independence and choice by providing individualized services to adults and children with developmental disabilities. We offer family support, guardianship, juvenile justice services, case management, art classes, academic coaching, social opportunities, training, parent support coops and information and referral.

#### [The Austin Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-austin-project)

The Austin Project (TAP) is a non-profit organization created in 1991 by Walt and Elspeth Rostow and other community leaders to act as a catalyst, in collaboration with other community organizations, to improve the lives of children, youth, and families. TAP develops and implements innovative ways to help the most vulnerable members of our community overcome the barriers that prevent them from reaching their full potential. Once initiatives are proven effective, TAP encourages their incorporation into appropriate organizations for full-time management, which allows us to resume developing new strategies and alliances that will support further needs in the community. TAP’s focus is on the importance of Family Stabilization as a key to student success, Parental Engagement as vital to school success, and Neighborhood Participation in schools as a means of revitalizing the community.

#### [The BeHive Austin (Formerly Heart House Austin)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-behive-austin-formerly-heart-house-austin)

The BeHive is a free afterschool and summer program dedicated to providing a safe haven and academic support to low income elementary school children, and to encourage them to become good citizens. The BeHive, formerly Heart House, is a tightly woven family of dynamic staff, caring volunteers, community collaborators and beloved children and families. In our unique, student-centered neighborhood clubhouses, our exceptional afterschool and summer programs provide critical academic support, and encourage self-discovery and critical thinking skills. The BeHive gives children a sense of community, and helps them feel safe, valued and enthusiastic about learning. The BeHive kids come from all ethnic backgrounds, and have often seen extreme violence in their neighborhoods and even within their families. Most do not live with both parents; many do not even live with one parent. About 80% of our students live in the immediate area where The BeHive clubhouses are located, creating a positive connection for these children to their immediate community. The BeHive families typically make about $18,000 per year. They cannot afford to pay for afterschool, which is about $2 MORE per hour than minimum wage. These families tend to move often to take advantage of the ‘one-month-free’ that many apartments offer, adding to the instability felt by their children. Despite the significant challenges faced by our families, they love their children deeply and want them to have a better life.

#### [The Boot Campaign](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-boot-campaign)

The Boot Campaign is a national 501c3 patriotic movement that is dedicated to showing tangible appreciation of our active military, raising awareness of the challenges they face upon return and supporting their transition home. Through the sale of its signature military combat boots, general public donations, and corporate sponsorship, the Boot Campaign operates five distinct programs -- Jobs, Housing, Family Support, Urgent Assistance and Wellness-- that are caring for military personnel, past and present, healing from a variety of physical and emotional combat wounds, embodying the campaign motto that, “When They Come Back, We Give Back”.

#### [The Children’s Project (TCP)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-childrens-project-tcp)

The Children's Project International undertakes charitable activities dedicated to improving the lives of the world's children by providing life-sustaining goods, personally enriching tools, and the belief in a better tomorrow.

#### [The Christi Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-christi-center)

Our mission is to provide love, comfort, hope and ongoing support to those who are adjusting to life after the death of a loved one, regardless of the circumstances; and to educate the general public on issues pertinent to the bereaved. We offer support groups for children, teens, and adults.

#### [The Comfort Crew for Military Kids](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-comfort-crew-for-military-kids)

The Comfort Crew for Military Kids supports and comforts children managing the challenges of today’s military life: deployment, reintegration, moving, visible and invisible injuries, and grief. The Comfort Crew has endeavored to meet this goal by working directly with military children and families, recognizing their unique challenges, providing educational resources, and supporting physical and emotional resiliency. Whether visiting with a military child at school, providing a Comfort Kit to help with the obstacles they face, sponsoring a camp, or educating our community about ways to support resiliency, our goal is to let these children and their families know they do not have to shoulder the burdens of military life on their own — we are With You All the Way!

#### [The First Tee of Greater Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-first-tee-of-greater-austin)

The First Tee of Greater Austin is a chapter of The First Tee and is a nonprofit youth mentoring program. Started in 1999, it is committed to enriching the lives of young people in the greater Austin area through the game of golf. The program offers youth from all backgrounds a safe place to go during after-school hours where they can participate in structured activities to help them grow and learn. The First Tee Life Skills Experience curriculum teaches interpersonal skills, self-management, goal setting, and resistance skills and of course, the 9 core values of The First Tee: Confidence Courtesy Honesty Integrity Judgment Perseverance Respect Responsibility Sportsmanship The First Tee of Greater Austin is considered one of the finest chapters in the world. Its programs serve a diverse population of youth. This year 4,000 area kids were served with 98% of them receiving 100% subsidy to participate in the program.

#### [The Global Human Progress Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-global-human-progress-foundation)

The Global Human Progress Foundation was conceived to promote and assist the development of basic human rights for individuals and groups currently living in conditions considered unacceptable and lacking basic human needs.

#### [The Links, Inc.- Town Lake Chapter](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-links-inc-town-lake-chapter)

We run several programs including Kid's Café which provides nutritious evening meals to children. To date more than 50,000 meals have been served. We also conduct weekly self-esteem building classes for fifth grade girls and boys at Campbell Elementary School. The sessions focus on personal, civic and educational development, with a goal of enhancing self-worth through self-awareness.

#### [The LIVESTRONG Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-livestrong-foundation)

The LIVESTRONG Foundation believes that unity is strength, knowledge is power and attitude is everything. Our mission is to inspire and empower people affected by cancer. We do that by providing the needed support to help guide anyone going through the cancer experience, and we also bring together the cancer community to fight this disease, and work for a world in which our fight is no longer necessary.

#### [The Miracle Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-miracle-foundation)

We provide care for orphans-children without parents. We currently serve 600 orphan children in India. Each child typically: -Shares a house mothers love with 75 other children, we lessen the load to 20 children per mother, -Eats every 2-3 days one serving of rice with sugar, we serve them 3 meals a day plus snacks and end malnutrition -Sleeps on wood planks and we provide the first ever soft bedding to rest their head. Based on year of experience helping orphans, we developed a turn around model for any orphanage any where in the world to dramatically improve the standard of care for the world's most vulnerable children. We educate, clothe, feed and love children without parents. We give them a chance by giving them a real childhood.

#### [The Nobelity Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-nobelity-project)

The Nobelity Project is an education and action nonprofit working in schools, on film and through community partner projects to promote basic rights for all of our children. We collaborate with Nobel laureates and other inspiring leaders to make enlightening and motivating films that bring people awareness and move them to action. The Nobelity In Schools program works with teachers nationwide engaging students with the issues that will affect their futures. And our Kenya Schools Fund is building classrooms, libraries, computer labs and clean water systems across rural Kenya, including Mahiga Hope High School-the only secondary school in that region. In schools, on film, and in action The Nobelity Project is a place to explore global issues and discover ways to effect positive change. By connecting hands, hearts, and minds we can all be part of a better way.

#### [The Salvation Army](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-salvation-army)

The Salvation Army is committed to Doing the Most Good with partners who share a desire to help our neighbors move from crisis to stability. Providing care and aid for those living on the fringes of society is at the heart of The Salvation Army’s mission. Officers, staff and volunteers work with individuals every day in Austin and throughout Central Texas, to help them out of homelessness and along a path to recovery. Individuals who seek help through the social service programs receive a holistic approach. We provide individuals with physical, emotional and spiritual support to help them make the changes necessary to transform their own life. The Salvation Army operates the largest emergency shelter in Central Texas. Almost 500 people sleep on a bed each night and 1,200-1,500 meals are served daily for 365 days a year.

#### [The Settlement Home for Children](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-settlement-home-for-children)

The Settlement Home is a therapeutic residential treatment facility and foster family and adoption program for severely abused and neglected children who have been temporarily or permanently removed from their homes. Our mission is to promote healing and growth to children, young adults and families by providing a continuum of care, support and resources. Our programs include a Residential Treatment Center, Group Home Program, Transitional Living Program and Foster & Adoption Program. We have a UT charter school on our campus.

#### [The Texas River School](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-texas-river-school)

Texas River School uses our Rivers as classrooms to teach and reinforce traditional subjects with under-served youth and to introduce important personal growth initiatives like leadership, self discipline and civic responsibility, while fostering a life-long connection to and affection for Texas waterways. Programs include the “Discover the Source” trip where students canoe on Lady Bird Lake to Barton Springs. After visiting the Splash Exhibit, they learn to snorkel and are taken to the actual spring within the Barton Springs Pool. Another program includes the “Down River Colorado Trip” – a trip below the dam on the Colorado River. Students get to experience the rural setting and natural river, and frequently camp overnight at our River Camp on the “Overnight Camping Trip,” where they fish, sing campfire songs, learn nature photography, and more. Students often exclaim that their day on the river is their favorite field trip ever!

#### [The Yellow Bike Project](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/the-yellow-bike-project)

Our motto is "Human-powered transportation through community participation" Our goal is to get more people on bicycles and out of their cars. We promote bicycle transportation because it is cheap, accessible, quiet, clean, and healthy. Cars are destroying our city; now is the time to do something about it. We provide free training in bike repair at our workshop in East Austin, and donate bikes to schools and shelters for the homeless and abused, refurbish inexpensive bikes for sale, and have a great time doing it. Come volunteer sometime.

#### [Thundering Paws Animal Sanctuary](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/thundering-paws-animal-sanctuary)

The mission of Thundering Paws Animal Sanctuary is to offer a safe haven for animals of all kinds, with an emphasis on domestic animals,who are homeless, neglected, injured or abused. Our goal is to respect animals as individual beings with spirits who deserve the right to live a happy and healthy life, regardless of their attitude toward humans and human contact. Services include trap/spay/neuter/recovery/return of feral cats, with medical care if needed; advising public via phone and e-mail on problems with animals; hospice care for aging or infirm animals; temporary boarding; spay/neuter, vaccinations, microchip, adoption of dogs, cats, and rabbits; offering volunteering opportunities to adults and children; informing the public; participating in Hays Co. animal forum.

#### [TreeFolks](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/treefolks)

TreeFolks mission is to grow Central Texas’ urban forests through tree planting, education and community partnerships. Our programs work closely with schools, community organizations, government municipalities and neighborhood associations to educate and involve citizens in tree planting and care. During the 2011-2012 planting season, TreeFolks planted and distributed 13,000 trees, coordinated more than 30,000 volunteer hours and provided education services to over 10,000 individuals in Central Texas.

#### [Trinity Child Development Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/trinity-child-development-center)

The mission of TCDC is to provide quality, affordable early care and education to children within our economically and ethnically diverse community. We strive to provide stability and support to the children in our care and to their families, so that together we can truly impact future generations.

#### [Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/umlauf-sculpture-garden-museum)

The Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum uses its collection of more than 200 sculptures, paintings, and drawings by 20th century American sculptor Charles Umlauf, to provide educational programs and experiences that encourage the understanding and appreciation of sculpture. As both a sculptor and teacher, Umlauf embodies the importance of education, which is central to the Umlauf Sculpture Garden & Museum’s mission.

#### [United Way Capital Area](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/united-way-capital-area)

United Way Capital Area addresses critical social issues by bringing people and resources together to create opportunities for individuals, families and neighborhoods to prosper.

#### [Volunteer Healthcare Clinic](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/volunteer-healthcare-clinic)

The Volunteer Healthcare Clinic provides free healthcare to people in our community who are low-income and uninsured. With the help of over 400 volunteers and many community collaborations, the Clinic provides walk-in acute care services 2-nights a week and chronic disease management services 1-night a week.

#### [Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas (VLS)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/volunteer-legal-services-of-central-texas-vls)

Volunteer Legal Services helps low-income clients access the civil justice system by pairing them with volunteer attorneys who help resolve their legal problem at no charge.

#### [VSA Arts of Texas](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/vsa-arts-of-texas)

VSA Texas works to create a society where people with disabilities learn through, participate in and enjoy the arts. We are dedicated to the mission of promoting the creative power in people with disabilities by working with all community members to facilitate full access to the cultural and educational arts.

#### [Waterloo Counseling Center](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/waterloo-counseling-center)

Waterloo was established in 1983 to support all Central Texans in improving their ability to live productive, high-functioning lives by working toward their optimal mental health. We provide mental health counseling services at very low cost, usually ranging from $10 to $60 per session. Clients can access services through a sliding fee scale or they can use their insurance. Under-insured clients are eligible for co-pay and deductible assistance as needed. Waterloo welcomes the entire Central Texas community, and has a specific expertise in serving vulnerable populations including the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community; Spanish speakers; and people living with HIV/AIDS.

#### [Westcave Preserve](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/westcave-preserve)

Westcave Preserve serves 7,000 people each year at its extraordinary 30-acre nature preserve and award-winning environmental education center in the Hill Country. Westcave connects kids and families to nature through experiences and programs that encourage discovery, exploration, and conservation of nature, and inspire lifelong practices of valuing and enjoying nature.

#### [WeViva](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/weviva)

The mission of WeViva is to provide accessible and affordable fitness and nutrition classes to people in low-income neighborhoods. We accomplish this by providing the classes on-site and completely free of charge.

#### [Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/wildlife-rescue-rehabilitation)

Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation’s (WRR) mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and release native wildlife and to provide sanctuary, individualized care, and a voice for other animals in need. Over 7,000 orphaned, injured, and displaced wildlife pass through our doors each year, most of whom are rehabilitated and released back into their native habitat. WRR also provides permanent care in large natural habitats to farmed and unreleased wild animals. Among the latter are indigenous wildlife, non-native animals victimized by the pet trade and roadside zoos, and retirees from research facilities. Additionally, WRR serves as a wildlife educational advocate in Texas and receives over 10,000 calls a year on our emergency wildlife hotline which is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Wildlife rescue serves the cities of San Antonio and Austin, all of the surrounding counties, and much of the rest of the state.

#### [Without Regrets Foundation](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/without-regrets-foundation)

Without Regrets Foundation provides gravely ill parents and their minor children with memorable family experiences. This special time together creates memories that will last forever. For more information, please watch the following video. http://vimeo.com/53107659

#### [Women.Design.Build.](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/womendesignbuild)

At Women.Design.Build we work to foster a community where the women of Austin can collaboratively build skills, friendship and confidence via design and building activities. We provide programs that connect local leaders with those eagar to learn new skills in environments unique to Austin and the building comunity. Our values are built on the importance of collaborative learning, resourceful problem-solving, and community leadership.

#### [Wonders and Worries](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/wonders-and-worries)

Wonders & Worries helps children and their families cope when a parent or caregiver has a chronic or life-threatening illness. Our professional services are always provided free of charge, and are available in English and Spanish.

#### [Workers Assistance Program](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/workers-assistance-program)

Workers Assistance Program, Inc. (WAP) is a nonprofit with a long history of innovative community involvement. WAP invests in the community it serves by providing charitable and educational services. The over-arching mission of WAP is to create better workplaces, schools, and communities. Education, training, counseling, workplace consultation, and employee assistance programs are included in the array of services that support the mission of WAP. WAP is the home of the Youth Advocacy Program (YA), which has been providing community-based substance abuse prevention and intervention services to Travis County youth and families since 1975. YA works toward building youth resilience, promoting family stability, and empowering communities through education and support services in Central Texas. WAP is a private nonprofit Texas-based organization incorporated in 1975, in good standing with the IRS and not listed on the EPLS.

#### [YMCA of Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ymca-of-austin)

The Mission of the YMCA of Austin is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all. At the Y, we are for Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility: - We help to nurture the potential of every child through YMCA Afterschool, Summer Camp, Youth & Government, swim lessons, and MEND (childhood obesity program) - We help to improve Austin's health and well-being through fitness facilities, group exercise, Senior Retreat (for persons with early- to mid-stage Alzheimer's and dementia) and LIVESTRONG at the YMCA (free 12-week cancer survivor program) - We help to give back and provide support to our neighbors by ensuring that no one is ever turned away from the YMCA. Annually we give away over $2,000,000 to the Austin community so that more than 39,000 men, women and children can participate, regardless of their ability to pay.

#### [YNPN Austin](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/ynpn-austin)

YNPN Austin supports the professional growth of emerging leaders in Austin’snonprofit workforce by building community, offering educational programming to promote professional development, and providing access to skill-building resources. Membership to YNPN Austin is free and includes access to our weekly e-mail digest covering nonprofit news, jobs, and events.

#### [Young Texans Against Cancer - Austin Chapter](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/young-texans-against-cancer-austin-chapter)

Young Texans Against Cancer (YTAC) is a start-up, nonprofit organization comprised of young men and women affected directly or indirectly by cancer, who actively support the cancer community through the following efforts: Raising funds to help support research-based and small- to medium-sized organizations, increasing support for volunteer organizations, and educating our community about cancer research.

#### [Youth2Seniors](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/youth2seniors)

Youth2Seniors creates intergenerational programs designed to engage youth, enhance the lives of senior citizens and bridge generations. Our programs include intergenerational art, Bear H.U.G.s, quarterly events (trick-or-treating, Easter visits, etc), Intergenerational Day for the family and 2 special projects each year.

#### [Zachary Scott Theatre Center (ZACH)](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/zachary-scott-theatre-center-zach)

ZACH aims to create a unique theatre experience that ignites the imagination, lifts the spirit, and creates meaningful dialogue that engages our community. ZACH's season of professional theatre productions celebrates diversity and offers a wide array of cross-cultural educational and participatory activities including professional theatre classes and interactive plays for children.

#### [Zilker Theatre Productions](http://www.ilivehereigivehere.org/non_profits/zilker-theatre-productions)

Entering its 54th consecutive year, the Zilker Summer Musical is one of the most cherished & longest running family traditions in Austin. Zilker Theatre Productions, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is dedicated to preserving this uniquely Austin tradition by mounting these large-scale musical productions at the Beverly S. Sheffield Hillside Theater in Austin's beautiful Zilker Park. These award-winning, pay-what-you-wish Broadway caliber productions boast an audience of 40,000+ and have been entertaining the people of Central Texas for generations. Our mission is to produce outstanding, affordable theatre that educates, engages, and enriches our community in order to provide an opportunity for community access and community participation in the performing arts. In recent years, we have also entered into a public/private partnership with the City of Austin, Home Depot, and other community businesses to help maintain and improve The Hillside Theater which is utilized by numerous theatre groups throughout Austin.

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