



## The Michael & Susan Dell Foundation Issues \$825,000 in Surprise Thanksgiving Grants to Local Charities

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*- Grants Show Gratitude to 33 Organizations for Their Support of Local Children's Causes and Aim to Offset Effects of Slower Giving in Tumultuous Economic Times -*

AUSTIN, Texas – The Thanksgiving spirit kicked off early today as the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation expressed thanks to 33 local organizations working to improve the lives of children in the Central Texas area. The Dell family foundation delivered these one time, surprise grants totaling \$825,000 to show gratitude for the grantees' measurable impact locally, particularly during a difficult economic environment in which to operate as a nonprofit.

Each grantee received a \$25,000 grant with a plaque expressing the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation's recognition and appreciation.

"This giving season is a good time to provide extra support to our long-term grantees who have struggled to raise money in a difficult economic environment," said Susan Dell, chair and co-founder of the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. "We know that many of our current grantees have unexpected gaps in their operating budgets. We hope these Thanksgiving grants demonstrate how grateful we are for these nonprofits' commitment and impact in our community."

Thanksgiving grants were made to the following organizations:

<b>Academic and After School Programs:</b>	<b>Health Support:</b>	<b>Safety Programs:</b>	<b>Childhood Obesity Prevention:</b>	<b>Community:</b>
· Austin Area Urban League	· El Buen Samaritano	· Adoption Coalition of Texas	· Capital Area Food Bank	· Austin Children's Museum
· Austin Public Library Foundation	· Lone Star Circle of Care	· Austin Children's Shelter	· Shoes for Austin	· The Trail Foundation
· Austin Sunshine Camps	· People's Community Clinic	· CASA of Travis County	· Sustainable Food Center	
· Breakthrough	· St. David's Dental Program	· Helping Hand Home	· Meals-on-Wheels and More	
· Camp Fire USA	· The Seton Care-a- Van	· LifeWorks	· KIPP Austin Nutrition Program	
· College Forward		· Partnerships for	· Marathon Kids	
· Communities in	· UT Austin			

<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Foundation Communities</li> <li>· Heart House of Austin</li> </ul>	<p>Children's Wellness Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Volunteer Healthcare Clinic</li> </ul>	<p>Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· SafePlace</li> <li>· Settlement Home</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Texas Round-Up</li> </ul>	
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Continued Dell, “We want to thank these grantees for all they do in furthering the Foundation’s mission of improving the lives of children living in urban areas. All of the recipient organizations actively seek to measurably impact Central Texas children through after school programs, health, safety, childhood obesity prevention or community support. These nonprofits provide valuable services to our most valuable asset: our community’s next generation.”