



Is it possible to grow a Generation of Givers?

Based on the results of its pilot year, Austin non-profit A Legacy of Giving would offer a resounding "Yes!"

Dedicated to teaching the value of philanthropy to Austin area school children, **A Legacy of Giving**, during the month of September, proudly trained over 100 teachers, administrators and parents on the specifics of incorporating philanthropy education into the classroom. During the 08/09 school year, 15 schools will help manifest the vision of empowering children through philanthropy education to become more engaged in improving their communities and their world. A Legacy of Giving's program currently partners with three separate school districts (Austin, Eanes and Round Rock) as well as three private schools. Through philanthropy education and service learning, [children](#) become more conscious about important social concerns facing their world today, and gain experience in taking steps towards addressing these social concerns. The newly research-sanctioned standards of service learning are designed to ensure that each child involved with this program feels engaged in the learning process *and* feels empowered through teamwork and problem-solving. Together and individually they will develop strategies to better their communities and their world.

As a result of last year's participation from Austin area schools, St. Gabriel's Catholic School students had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. for a September 8, 2008 White House ceremony with President George W. Bush. St. Gabriel's was selected by the LEAGUE as the top "difference making" private school in Texas. The LEAGUE was recognized for its work with young people, teachers and schools who have made a positive difference in their communities through philanthropy and volunteerism.



St. Gabriel's students (from left to right), Chandler Diedrich, Drake Scallon, Michael Martinez and Connor Brucker were honored for their volunteerism at the White House Monday, September 8th.

A Legacy of Giving is partnered with [The LEAGUE](#), a national youth service organization that provides TEKS compliant philanthropy curricula and metrics to insure continued, measurable benefits to Austin ISD students. A Legacy of Giving will facilitate three philanthropic events for the 2008-09 school year in partnership with The LEAGUE. For more information feel free to contact Linda.Brucker@leagueworldwide.org or read on. To make a contribution to this organization go to make a Make a donation on The Austin Community Foundation web site.

