

a legacy of giving

2009-2010

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Background:

Founded in 2007, A Legacy of Giving incubates under Austin Community Foundation (ACF), a 501(c)(3) public charity. A Legacy of Giving is affiliated with The LEAGUE, a national nonprofit that develops philanthropy curricula and activities in a team-based system.



Overview:

Mission: To empower children through philanthropy education to become more engaged in improving their communities and world.

Vision: To grow a generation of givers.

Program:

A Legacy of Giving has created an educational model to teach philanthropy to Central Texas children, pre-K through 12th grade, with the curricula delivered three ways:



1. A visualization experience that introduces needs in the community and the values and rewards of giving and sharing;
2. Classroom education on philanthropy that complements existing curricula; and
3. Hands-on school and community service projects for students, classes and families.

Participants:

Students and teachers in grades K-12 on school campuses with populations ranging from financially secure to Title I (low income).



- ◆ 2007/08: 2,200+ students, 9 schools – 8 in Austin ISD and Eanes ISD plus St. Gabriel's Catholic School.
- ◆ 2008/09: 3,600+ students, 14 schools – 12 in Austin ISD, Eanes ISD, and Round Rock ISD plus two private schools – Trinity Episcopal School and St. Gabriel's Catholic School.
- ◆ 2009/10: 4,800+ students, 20 schools – 17 in Austin ISD, Eanes ISD, and Round Rock ISD plus three private schools – Trinity Episcopal School, St. Gabriel's Catholic School, and St. Ignatius Martyr School.

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Participating Schools:



Akins High School
Ann Richards School
Caraway Elementary School
Clayton Elementary School
Covington Middle School
Dobie Middle School
Garcia Middle School
Hill Country Middle School
Kiker Elementary School
Martin Middle School

Mendez Middle School
O. Henry Middle School
Paredes Middle School
Perez Elementary School
Small Middle School
St. Gabriel's Catholic School
St. Ignatius Martyr School
Summit Elementary School
Trinity Episcopal School
Webb Middle School

Blue = Title I Schools

A Legacy of Giving partners with The LEAGUE, a national non-profit youth service organization that provides free web-based philanthropy curricula and projects to Texas TEKS standards.

Highlights of some of our 2008-2009 projects:

The Drive: This project focused on homelessness, hunger, and poverty; in November students collected 32,244 lbs. of food and non-food items to address hunger, homelessness and poverty (philanthropic equivalent of \$182,322 in economic value).

Financial Literacy: Students in five Title I schools learned financial literacy and developed their own demonstrations to teach others; the lessons focused on "wants" versus "needs," credit, and how to handle money responsibly.

Art from the Heart: This initiative helped students understand the joy of creating something beautiful for others. Students chose their own art form and recipient. In 2008, some students created friendship bracelets using the colors of the American and Afghani flags and sent them to U.S. soldiers and the Afghani school children for whom they were building a school. They also included a personal note written in Pashto.

Earth Day: For this project students were asked: "What is each person's responsibility for environmental stewardship?" Keep Austin Beautiful supports student-led environmental activities such as campus cleanups, installing native habitat, and recycling.

During the 2008-2009 school year, participating *A Legacy of Giving* schools provided **\$285,110.15** in economic value to the community.



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