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## **McKenna Legacy Foundation Grants Round Out Successful Year of Giving**

NEW BRAUNFELS, TX (December 6, 2010) – In its second grant cycle of the year the McKenna Legacy Foundation awarded \$192,375 to seven nonprofit organizations in the New Braunfels area whose missions are to improve the health, educational opportunities or overall well-being of their community. Applicants who were awarded grant funds demonstrated a commitment to the community through programs that address family and individual physical, emotional and social needs. Grantees include the American Cancer Society, Any Baby Can, Comal County Senior Citizens' Foundation, Hope Hospice, RavenStar Outdoor Education, Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, and the San Antonio Food Bank.

According to Dr. David Way, Chairman of the McKenna Legacy Foundation Board of Trustees, the needs of the community are paramount when allocating grant funds. "We have taken strides to fully understand the needs of the underserved populations in our community, and look for nonprofit organizations that are most able to meet those needs. McKenna will continue to partner with organizations dedicated to providing the resources necessary to make well-being affordable and accessible to everyone."

This cycle of grant awards follows the announcement of \$545,500 in funds to 25 local nonprofit organizations in September. The McKenna Legacy Foundation also committed \$860,000 in strategic grant funds earlier this year to Communities in Schools

for an After School Program for Middle School Youth and the San Antonio Food Bank for a Client-Choice Food Pantry. Eight local nonprofit organizations also shared \$100,000 in Information Technology hardware, software and professional consulting services in 2010. Overall the Foundation committed nearly \$1.7 million to serve the most pressing needs in Comal County in 2010, which brings the total to \$2.7 in grants to community nonprofit organizations since their inception in 2008.

The application window for the next cycle of grants will open at the beginning of March 2011, with the awards to be announced in the summer. More information about the McKenna Legacy Foundation can be found online at [www.mckennalegacyfoundation.org](http://www.mckennalegacyfoundation.org).

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