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United Way Youth Cabinet Allocates over \$60,000 to Area Projects!

(Amarillo, Texas) The Youth Leadership Cabinet for United Way of Amarillo & Canyon held a news conference today at Boy Scouts of America, Golden Spread Council, located at 401 Tascosa Road. The Youth Cabinet, composed of students from 5 area school districts, announced how they allocated funds to local agencies and programs through a grant review process.

The Youth Cabinet began their allocation process by requesting grant proposals from Program Providers, and then they reviewed those proposals, and researched the requests. Each school representative was responsible for researching a particular request, and then making their findings known to the entire Cabinet. During a series of meetings, the students finalized their funding decisions.

In a news conference facilitated and managed by the Youth Cabinet, allocation checks were presented to the agency of each funded program.

Spencer Smith from Amarillo High School, thanked Anderson Merchandisers for their ongoing support of the Youth Leadership Cabinet. "For the past four years, Anderson Merchandisers has provided \$10,000 annually towards the Youth Campaign," Smith stated. "This significant donation has helped us to reach our fundraising goal and improve the quality of life for so many more individuals and families in our community. Anderson Merchandisers has made a huge difference for these agencies and for our community."

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The 2008-2009 Youth Cabinet Members are:

<u>School</u>	<u>Name</u>
Amarillo High School	Caroline Boyd Courtney Bull Julie Coppedge Leandra Rivera Spencer Smith
Bushland High School	Lisa Adams Braden Courtney Colton Morris Christina Steinkruger
Canyon High School	Blaze Bulla Shannon Clay Jamie Laurie Craig Spalding
Caprock High School	April Aragon Charly Gibson Kendall Grady Jazmine Soto Maria Vasquez
Highland Park High School	Cody Field Hillary Patak Kalor Williams II Ashley Wolfe
Palo Duro High School	Trang Dang Stephanie Guajardo Alicia Lara Gina Le Shasta Winn
Randall High School	Austin Karber Lindsey Rice
River Road High School	Ashley Connelly Adrianna Gallegos Ryan Shelton
Tascosa High School	Dalton Brooks Coleman Carter Candace Cofer Blair Greathouse Cole Smith

Youth Campaign Co-Chairmen
Buddy Fox, WTAMU
Mark Leach, AISD
John Albin, Highland Park ISD
Shawn Neeley, Canyon ISD

The 2008-2009 High School Sponsors are:

Amarillo High School - Katy Bargley
Canyon High School - Diana Riha
Caprock High School - Laura McLandes
Highland Park High School - Melinda Scheller

Palo Duro High School - Lisa Jones
Randall High School - Darby Norman
River Road High School - Michelle Mayfield
Tascosa High School - Mark McCullogh

2008 – 2009 Team Leader: Rodney Hess, Asarco

Following is a list of allocations that were awarded today:

Agency	Program/Project	Final Amount
AISD	School Children's Health Fund: Prescriptions etc.	600.00
Amarillo Area Adult Literacy Council	Facility Improvements, Materials	2,717.00
Amarillo Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse	2009 Beautification Project	3,888.00
Amarillo Family YMCA	North Branch & Midtown Fitness Project: Aquatics stereo supplies	2,425.00
Amarillo Senior Citizens Association	Handicapped door	1,990.00
Amarillo Speech, Hearing, and Language Center	Speech/Language Department 9 computer Stations	4,707.00
American Red Cross	Disaster Services: A Gift of Hope & Healing for Children: Teddy bears	933.00
American Red Cross	Technological Support Program: TV's and projector	1,643.00
Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle	Food NET:554 meals	2,291.00
Campfire USA	Little Stars Academy: Computer and software	1,060.00
Campfire USA	Teens In Action-ECCO: Misc. supplies	921.00
Campfire USA	Kids Care after School Program: Misc. educational toys and supplies	1,715.00
Canyon After School Program	Needs supplies to open 2 new sites	3,500.00
Catholic Family Service, Inc.	InterFaith Hunger Project: Food, non-food items etc.	4,510.00
Epilepsy Foundation West Texas	Medication	4,063.00
Family Support Services	Program Support for Play Therapy	1,071.00
Family Support Services	Sexual Assault Primary Prevention Education: Curriculum and awareness materials	3,106.00
Girl Scouts of Texas Oklahoma Plains, Inc	Girl Scout Becoming a Leader Program:	3,625.00
Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America	Scoutreach Inner-City Park Camp: Scholarships, supplies, etc.	4,400.00
Goodwill Industries of Amarillo, Inc	Thinking Outside the Box	3,958.00
Panhandle Council for the Deaf	New computer and monitor	1,113.00
The Bridge Child Advocacy Center	Child Advocacy	2,492.00
Tyler Street Resource Center Day Room	TSRC Day Room Storage: Storage units	3,317.00
		\$ 60,045.00

United Way of Amarillo & Canyon (UWAC) is a volunteer-driven and locally governed organization dedicated creating long lasting changes that prevent problems from happening in the first place. UWAC funds programs from a network of the most effective human services nonprofits in the area; mobilizes collaborative efforts to address our community's most pressing needs; and provides management assistance, and more to help nonprofits achieve maximum impact. Direct services are provided to the community through 2-1-1 Texas and the Volunteer Action Center. UWAC is part of a system of 1300 local United Ways nationwide. Visit the website at www.unitedwayama.org.

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