

St. Gabriel's Students Invited to Meet President George W. Bush in White House Ceremony

Students and teachers to be recognized for Austin community volunteerism as part of a philanthropy education initiative administered locally by A Legacy of Giving

News

- The LEAGUE (National) is being 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 Catholic School was selected as the top "difference making" private school in Texas.
- Students from St. Gabriel's Catholic School in Austin will travel to Washington D.C. for a Monday, September 8, White House ceremony with President George W. Bush.
- Four student representatives and one teacher will represent the school's efforts and be recognized for their outstanding volunteerism and participation in the program.
- The program and curriculum was created by The LEAGUE and rolled-out in Austin by A Legacy of Giving and Austin Community Foundation.

When Monday, September 8, 2008

Where The White House, Washington, D.C.

Background

- The LEAGUE is a nationwide, school-based organization for service learning that builds character and inspires young people to "do good" in their community, the nation and the world through learning and doing. The LEAGUE's curriculum in public and private K-12 schools provides a platform to build the next generation of civic leaders and advocates.
- A Legacy of Giving, incubating under Austin Community Foundation, partnered with The LEAGUE as the sole provider of the program in Central Texas during the 2007-2008 school year to extend its philanthropy curriculum to greater Austin.
- A Legacy of Giving trained more than 75 Austin area teachers on The LEAGUE's curriculum for classroom use.
- Last year, seven Austin Independent School District (A.I.S.D.) schools, one Eanes I.S.D. school and St. Gabriel's participated in the program. During the Thanksgiving season alone, these schools collected 22,667 pounds of food for donations to needy families.
- Over 2,200 students – giving their time, talent and treasure - netted \$130,685 in economic value to the greater Austin community!

Perspective

"We are extremely proud of this great honor and want to thank all the schools who participated during the 2007-2008 school year. The LEAGUE program could not have been successful without all of the committed student and teacher volunteers," said Linda Brucker, executive director of A Legacy of Giving.

Media contacts:

Linda Brucker, The LEAGUE's market director for Texas and the executive director of A Legacy of Giving; and Libby Malone, Chair of A Legacy for Giving's Steering Committee, are available for interviews. Please contact Renée Francese (contact information above).