

# Kaleidoscope

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## We Build Assets in Our Youth.....

**Developmental Asset #8** – *When young people are given useful roles in their communities, they are empowered.* Search Institute

### Teen Center Added to Bond Issue!



*Dave Murray, John Nehme, Tim Joslin, Jillian Daleiden, Bee Counts, & Rob Bacchus presented successful proposal for teen center to Georgetown's City Council.*

Resulting from Georgetown Project youth leadership workshops that challenged diverse youth to develop action plans for positive, drug-free activities, youth & adults presented a PowerPoint proposal to Georgetown City Council for a teen center. The Council voted unanimously to add the teen center to the Recreation Center expansion on the November bond election!

**High School Night Out** offers Georgetown 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades fun, drug-free activities - from paintball to games & movies at the Rec Center. Part of the *Guiding Healthy Choices Project*, High School Night Out is co-sponsored by The Georgetown Project & Georgetown Parks & Recreation.

**Mini-Grants Totaling \$2,500 Awarded to Local Youth Groups in 2004!** The Dell Foundation made it possible for The Georgetown Project to award \$2,500 in mini-grants to local youth groups for proposals & successful completion of asset-based youth service projects in Georgetown!



*Mini-grant recipients: Georgetown Police Explorer Post 152; New Church Georgetown Youth; St. Helen Youth; Georgetown HS Computer Club; Forbes MS Mentor Program; Discover YOU; Georgetown Church of Christ Youth; Tippit MS; Shady Oaks Youth.*

**Service Days in 2004 Empower Youth & Community** A flurry of excitement at local work sites took place on Martin Luther King Day & National Youth Service Day as youth & adults volunteered.



*Habitat for Humanity, Williams School, Wesleyan Nursing Home, Park Place Nursing Home, City of Georgetown Parks & Recreation, The Caring Place, Annunciation Maternity Home, Getsemani Community Center, Ride On Center for Kids, Williamson County Community Gardens & Shady Oaks Neighborhood have benefited from the service days.*



## We Weave Healthy Connections.....

### National Coalition Building Institute (NCBI) Builds Bridges

The goal of a community building task force formed November 2003, facilitated by Barbara Pearce & diversity trainer Irene Morales of Pflugerville ISD, was to help bring about a more positive climate for Georgetown students. As a result, The Georgetown Project scheduled two successful cultural competency workshops for 75 diverse Georgetown HS students in April & May; one for community leaders in June.

This prejudice-reduction workshop helps individuals & groups to: celebrate similarities & differences, understand the personal impact of discrimination, & learn hands-on tools for dealing effectively with bigoted comments & behavior.

### The Georgetown Project's Community Interaction Partnership (CIP) establishes

partnerships with school- & community-based programs to meet basic educational

needs, as well as build Developmental Assets & leadership skills in at-risk Georgetown students. Working 102 hours per week, CIP Southwestern University interns have reached 300 students through: Georgetown HS English as a Second Language classes; GO Center at Georgetown HS; Richarte HS; Georgetown Public Library, Willie Hall Community Center Tutoring; After-School Action Program; Cooper Elementary; Intervention Services; Bridges to Growth; The Georgetown Project Administration.

**A Taste of Georgetown 2004 Dinner Parties Raised over \$30,000 --**  
thanks to our generous sponsors, volunteers, & party supporters!

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Debbie and John PappaGeorge, Anita and Claude Nelson enjoyed a dinner party at the Garey Ranch.

### Get a Taste of Your Own

**Generosity**, a community fundraiser sponsored by Chipotle in Georgetown on May 22, raised \$1175 for The Georgetown Project!

**Plan a Block Party** during August in your neighborhood! Call 864-7799 for details!

**Join the nation!** Participate in **National Night Out** on August 3, 7-10 pm! Please call 930-2519 for details!

### Developmental Asset # 4 —

*Caring neighborhoods help young people to feel supported.* Search Institute

## We Strengthen Families & Educate.....

### Bridges To Growth Parent Resource Center Offers Summer Activities

“Bridges to Creativity in Kids” & “Mom’s Shopping Days” have delighted the community! Coordinator Jane Hazelton invites parents & childcare providers to visit Bridges To Growth at 605 East University. Enjoy the benefits of an educational lending library of toys, games, books, & parent-teacher resources!

**Guiding Healthy Choices**, funded by the *Texas Commission on Alcohol & Drug Abuse & Drug Free Schools and*

*Communities*, supports The Georgetown Project Coalition’s efforts to reduce underage drinking & other teen substance abuse in Georgetown. Through focused, science-based alcohol prevention programming for middle school students, in partnership with local churches, positive alternative activities for high school students, & a vital coalition working together to address environmental issues, we hope to support our youth as they make tough choices. By engaging local churches, adult volunteers, parents, school, & youth themselves, we are working to educate the community with the data supporting the

problem, & at the same time, give parents practical tools to guide their teens to healthy choices. Recent GHC Initiatives are:

- *Parents Still Make The Difference!* A parenting for prevention booklet provided to 5,000 Georgetown parents with tips on how to talk to kids about alcohol, tobacco & other drug use, complete with contacts for school & community-based resources.
- *The Joys & Fears of the Freshmen Year* previewed coming attractions for parents of 2004-2005 freshmen! The panel discussion revealed practical tips to deal with adolescents & warned parents of

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We Strengthen Families & Educate, continued.....



*The Joys and Fears of the Freshman Year, part of the Guiding Healthy Choices program, included "Tool Time" by Tommy West*

stumbling blocks to academic success. In addition, parent programs are offered at the 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> transition points, when teens are more at risk for substance abuse, giving parents age-appropriate, practical ways to support & guide their teens who are faced with making choices about underage alcohol, tobacco & other substance abuse.

mailed out regularly to 5,000 Georgetown parents; local media reinforces the parent education campaign through newspaper & television outlets. Partners are Williamson County Sun, Austin American-Statesman & Cox Cable.

• *Did You Know?*  
*Awareness Campaign*  
 Targeting parents of middle & high school students, supported by an intense media campaign to prevent & reduce underage drinking. Postcards with important local youth substance abuse data & tips for parental involvement are

**U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Education**

Special thanks to Congressman Chet Edwards & staff for perseverance in securing \$99,400 for the *After School Action Program*.

**Dell Foundation** awarded a two-year grant totaling \$50,000 to support the *Community Interaction Partnership, Youth Leadership Diversity Training, Kid City*, & staff time for developing resources for the organization...

**3M** awarded a \$4,500 grant to *Bridges to Growth Parent & Childcare Provider Resource Center*.

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