



COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANT RECIPIENTS FALL 2008

EACH GROUP RECEIVES \$500

Dance Marathon Committee

“Dance Marathon” is a service organization open to all students on campus. This organization seeks to bring the UT student body together to raise money for the new Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas by “standing up for the kids.” Participants, or dancers, commit to raising a minimum of \$100 that goes directly to the Children’s Hospital, and pledge to stay standing for a fun-filled twelve-hour period at Gregory Gym. The funds raised through Dance Marathon will support Dell’s high standard in pediatric care, helping a world-class medical center dedicated to the care of children regardless of their families’ ability to pay.

National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)

“A Walk of Education” is an annual event held both locally and nationally to increase the number of minority high school students applying for higher education. NSBE strives to educate these students about the many options and opportunities that are available to them, not just those at UT-Austin. The organization gathers together on Saturday morning and travels door-to-door in lower income Austin neighborhoods with bags prepared with information about financial aid and admissions processes. NSBE targets over 100 homes encouraging students to pursue a college degree.

Project 2009: Ten Years of Service

“The Project” was founded in 1999, and has become one of the largest one-day student and community run service events in the nation. This event has brought together over 2,000 students, faculty, staff, alumni and community volunteers annually in a spirit of service to assist a neighborhood in need. The Project is designed to give back to the community while educating students of the rewards of service. This year, Ten Years of Service, will be held in the Rosewood area of Austin. Service work will include beautification, landscaping work, painting and repair work, and a variety of projects at schools and other public spaces.

Tech Connects

“Kids Create a Business” promotes technological advancement to students living in a lower income community. The program gives these children the opportunity to think critically and creatively through a fun after-school project. Tech Connect’s goal is to bridge the digital divide in the Austin community by giving kids the confidence and resources they need to build a successful future. This year the organization has chosen to volunteer at Mathews Elementary School. The organization meets once a week at Mathews’ to teach the kids different concepts about business and technology.