

Georgetown philanthropists raise the bar of giving this holiday season for local animal shelter
Significant Gift Kicks off Humane Society of Williamson County's Capital Improvement Campaign



Mary and Troy Rodriguez of Georgetown

(December 21, 2009)— Despite hard economic times across the country, friends of animals in Williamson County are digging deep into their pockets this holiday season. A recent fundraiser co-hosted by Nancy Crouse and Craig McCurdy, and Susan and Emory Bellard, of Berry Creek proved to be a major success for the Humane Society of Williamson County (HSWC), helping them raise \$115,000 to jump start the construction of a new shelter that will house approximately 80 dogs ready for a second chance.

The most significant contribution that evening was a \$75,000 gift from Mary and Troy Rodriguez of Georgetown. Their contribution created a domino effect of philanthropy and other contributions were immediately made by Jane and Terry Swanson, Nancy Crouse and Craig McCurdy, Vicki and Warren Jones, Laurie and John

Levee, and Wendy and Phil Coffin, to name a few.

Construction of an improved facility, which will include more outdoor dog runs, better sanitation and climate control processes, and a free standing medical clinic to provide more low-cost services to the community, is tentatively scheduled to begin in the spring of 2010.

The total fundraising goal for this initial phase of HSWC's vision of creating a better experience for pets and people in Williamson County is approximately \$300,000. In order to achieve this goal, aggressive efforts will be underway in the new year to reach out to local citizens and businesses to support this critical campaign. Naming opportunities are available at the \$5,000 level and above. More details on the status of the project and fundraising efforts, including how you can help, may be found at www.hswc.net.

The Humane Society of Williamson County (HSWC) is a not-for-profit 501 (c)3 organization celebrating its 30th year of finding forever homes for deserving pets. HSWC is 100% funded by donations, grants, and fees for services and receives no government funding. It is located at 10930 E. Crystal Falls Parkway in Leander, Texas, between 183A and Parmer Lane.