

to the Leander Library on Bagdad Road. Their shelter provides a homelike environment that focuses on improving their pets' mental and physical well-being to ensure that they remain highly adoptable and happy while waiting for their new, forever families to find them.

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#### Georgetown Animal Outreach (Georgetown)

Georgetown Animal Outreach ([www.georgetownanimaloutreach.org](http://www.georgetownanimaloutreach.org)) is a public charity that primarily supports the Georgetown Animal Shelter (a city entity). Founded in 2000, the organization is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers who support the shelter and serve as advocates of animal welfare in our community (GAO supports all of Williamson County). Their mission is to support and enhance the services provided by the Georgetown Animal Shelter and other local organizations dedicated to the welfare of animals. They provide spay/neuter for dogs and cats, and provide funds for food and medical treatment for rescued and adopted animals. Throughout the year, you can also find GAO volunteers conducting outreach at community events where they bring 'animals to the public'. GAO volunteers also support the Georgetown Animal Shelter by helping out as additional assistance is needed.

A fund at the Chisholm Trail Communities Foundation supports the Georgetown Animal Shelter.

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Many breed or species-specific rescue groups also work in our community; the Humane Society of Williamson County's website has links to many of these organizations.

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#### 2. Nonprofits and the Changing Economic Climate

It's official: the nonprofits that serve our community members are experiencing increased, and significant, impact owing to the changing economic climate. We are hearing enough from our grantee and other peer organizations to let us know--the time is now to support your community. Being a gentle reader of this newsletter, you know that funds established at the community foundation stay here to do the work you want them to do. Funds of the community foundation nurture and support our citizens, keeping it the wonderful place where we live, work, and grow.

Let us know if you'd like to hear more about what we are hearing. We'd love to help you find your place in building the Williamson County community better and stronger!

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3. Community Calendar and Williamson County Nonprofits Listserv

We've been asked by many to do an online community calendar to track Williamson County nonprofit events. We are glad to report that it's ready to go.

You can find this calendar at our website: www.chisholm-trail.org. Viewing it as 'agenda' is the best.

Or, if your calendar is .ics friendly, you may subscribe to the calendar feed, and it will update in the background for you. <http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/friends%40chisholm-trail.org/public/basic.ics>

If you'd like to add something to the calendar, send a note to us with 'community calendar item' in the subject line!

Also, there is a new Williamson County Nonprofits Listserv that is designed to bring all of the area's nonprofits together in one conversational space. Feel free to let your friends and colleagues know about it by passing this email along. You can sign up for the listserv through our website (under the 'For Nonprofits' tab).

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#### 4. Thought for the Moment...

I am in favour of animal rights as well as human rights. That is the way of a whole human being.  
--Abraham Lincoln

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5. Save the Date!

Future Trails 2008 will be November 18, 2008, with a keynote by Tracy Gary, author of Inspired Philanthropy. Keep tuned for more details soon! Let us know if you'd like to learn more.

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In closing...

Please contact us with questions, by phone at 512.863.2484, or email [friends@chisholm-trail.org](mailto:friends@chisholm-trail.org). Thank you!

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