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## LIFEWORKS RECEIVES COMMUNITY INVESTMENT GRANTS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION, YOUNG PARENTS

AUSTIN, TX (5.7.18) – LifeWorks is proud to be selected as one of 26 Austin nonprofits to be awarded a series of Community Investment Grants from United Way for Greater Austin.

Of the \$1.466 million distributed, United Way for Greater Austin (UWATX) awarded LifeWorks \$40,000 in grants to fund early childhood education and 2-Generation (2-Gen) programming as part of their 2018-2021 Community Investment Grants (CIG).

LifeWorks has more than 50 years' experience working with homeless youth, youth aging out of foster care, young adults and young parents. Nearly 18 programs in education and workforce, housing and counseling provide a unique continuum of services for homeless youth and families seeking self-sufficiency.

LifeWorks will allocate \$30,000 in 2-Gen funding provided by UWATX to support case management for clients in the Young Parents Program. Grant funding in the 2-Gen category provides two generations in each family with equitable access to economic and social opportunities according to information contained in the [announcement](#).

This year, the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation is supporting United Way's leadership in the creation of a 2-Gen strategic plan for Greater Austin and has committed additional funds to these CIG awards.

"Taking a 2-Gen approach to empowering families is critical for the success of the entire family. At LifeWorks, we are fearless advocates for youth and families who are on their path to self-sufficiency, and these grants will support highly effective work in that regard," Executive Director, Susan McDowell, said.

LifeWorks also received \$10,000 in CIG funding from Success by 6 to back the agency's work with teen parents through Teen Parent Services. Community Investment Grants are supported by programs like the United Way's Success by 6 initiative, which aims to increase the number of high-quality childcare spots for low-income children in the Central Texas area.

The CIG funding from Success by 6 will strengthen services provided to teen parents through the incorporation of evidence-based curriculum into LifeWorks' parenting education and support groups.

United Way creates a community of support by partnering with critical community stakeholders, and convenes the community of stakeholders to identify proven strategies and invest in high-quality, data-driven programs. Community Investment Grants seek to amplify the collective impact of organizations already providing critical services to Austin's youngest, most vulnerable children and their families.

**About LifeWorks:**

LifeWorks is a fierce advocate for youth and families seeking their path to self-sufficiency. We are committed to innovative problem solving, shared accountability and a relentless focus on achieving real, sustainable and measurable results for the clients we serve.

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