

Nonprofits Aligned for Education

Nonprofit organizations working together to increase the educational capacity of Greater Waco.

There was a tremendous response to the recent Nonprofits Aligned for Education meeting. Several speakers spoke about the community's plans for increasing literacy and how nonprofits can support these efforts. Nonprofits organizations shared information regarding their current programs, and as a result, new relationships were formed. Below is a list of the speakers and the topics discussed. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Allen at cheryllallen@wacofoundation.org.

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This group, a result of the 2008 Greater Waco Education Summit, was formed to assist local nonprofits in their efforts to increase literacy. The goals are to provide an avenue for organizations to share ideas, support each other, and learn of opportunities to become involved in the educational process. We will meet four times per year and communicate by email, as needed. There is not a formal membership process; all nonprofits are invited to participate.

Greater Waco Education Alliance

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2008 Greater Waco Education Summit report <http://educatewaco.com/>

The Greater Waco Education Summit is now the Greater Waco Education Alliance. The 2009 Education Summit will be held November 18-20 and will address early childhood education and reading on grade level by third grade. Since the summit, The Greater Waco Education Alliance has developed an organizational structure, worked to implement several stakeholder projects, met with numerous community leaders and agencies to develop key partnerships, and secured speakers and event space for the next summit.

Culture of Poverty Training

Dr. Donna Beegle <http://www.combarriers.com/about>

The 2009 Summit will include training by Donna M. Beegle, Ed.D., a highly experienced public speaker, discussion leader, trainer, and the author of "See Poverty, Be The Difference," a resource book for professionals who work with people in poverty. Dr. Beegle has provided insights and strategies for communicating more effectively across race, class, gender and generational barriers for 17 years.

Early Childhood Education Study

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Waco Foundation commissioned Texas Early Childhood Education Coalition (TECEC) to conduct a complete assessment of the state of McLennan County's early childhood development resources. The team is conducting quantitative and qualitative research. The results, which will be announced at the 2009 Summit, will assist those interested in improving outcomes for our community's very young children, with the intention of increasing readiness to learn by school age.

Nonprofit Involvement in Schools

Kay Metz, WISD Education Foundation Executive Director kmetz@wacoisd.org

Nonprofit organizations can improve the educational process in many ways; one of which is partnering with local schools. Opportunities at the schools include directly conducting programs, participating in campus events, becoming an adopt-a-school partner and encouraging employees to volunteer as tutors and mentors.

Guided Reading Training

Walker Moore, Nonprofits Aligned for Education Committee Member walker@wacoCDC.org

The Greater Waco Education Alliance Education Sector is offering nonprofit staff training on using age appropriate techniques when working with children. If you have not signed up for the training and would like to or would like further information, please contact Walker.

After School Network

Ashley McClure, Greater Waco Education Alliance After School Sector Chairman ashley@campfiretejas.org

The Greater Waco Education Alliance After School Sector is forming a network that will focus on the development, education, and care of children and youth during out-of-school hours.

Job Skill Training

David Lacy, Greater Waco Education Alliance Business Sector Chairman wdlacy@cbtwaco.com

Greater Waco Education Alliance Business Sector is encouraging nonprofit organizations to incorporate “soft skills” into their programs. They discovered that many potential employees lack basic skills such as following rules and dressing appropriately.

Scholarship Availability

Robbie Stabeno, Greater Waco Education Alliance Scholarship Sector Chairman rstabeno@wacofoundation.org

Greater Waco Education Alliance Scholarship Sector is developing a website where students can access information on a variety of scholarships. They are also investigating the possibility of creating a common application that can be used by local organizations to award scholarships.

Nonprofit Programs Summer Programs

Several nonprofit organizations conduct programs over the summer that address literacy. For more details, please see attached document.