



Central Texas Regional  
Mobility Authority

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## **Mobility Authority Raises \$4,700 for Hope Alliance at Community Celebration for 183A Grand Opening**

(Cedar Park, Texas) –Today the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority presented the Hope Alliance, Williamson County’s domestic violence and sexual assault program, with a check in the amount of \$4,700. The Mobility Authority raised the money on Saturday, March 3 through its Grand Opening Celebration of the new 183A toll road in Cedar Park and Leander.

Over 4,000 Central Texas residents attended the community-wide celebration, which kicked off with the “Road to Hope” 5K Fun Run. The family-friendly festival included live music from Ray Benson and members of Asleep at the Wheel, the Dust Devils and Eight Ball Down, a complimentary BBQ lunch and concessions, carnival rides and other children’s activities. Sponsors of the event included HNTB Corporation, Caseta Technologies, Inc., Hill Country Constructors, Locke, Liddell & Sapp, Washington Group International, The City of Cedar Park, Endeavor Real Estate Group, Cedar Park Regional Hospital, Capital Metro, KASE 101 and several local businesses.

Proceeds for the Hope Alliance were raised through the support of numerous event sponsors and the registration fees of more than 300 people who participated in the “Road to Hope” 5K fun run. Additional money was raised through a raffle that included prizes donated from local businesses, including Academy Sports & Outdoors, The Railyard Grill, Marble Slab Creamery, Thundercloud Subs, Puryear Photography, Randall’s, Chik-Fil-A, Bed Bath & Beyond, Lakeline Mall Movie Theater, The Round Rock Express, Mama Fu’s Asian House, The Austin Toro’s and Rock Chiropractic West.

“This event represented a milestone for the communities of Leander, Cedar Park and Liberty Hill, as we opened a new road that was first conceived of over two decades ago, said Bob Tesch, Chairman of the Mobility Authority. It will bring much needed relief to traffic congestion that has plagued this area for years. It was also a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness for the Hope Alliance and the issues associated with domestic violence.”

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The Hope Alliance, formerly known as the Williamson County Crisis Center, has provided services to female and male, adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes since 1984. Hope Alliance operates the only emergency shelter in Williamson County for women and children who have been made homeless due to family violence and/or sexual assault.

“Fortunately for most people, domestic violence and the pain it causes are not an issue, but it exists right here in Williamson County,” said Kate Tolliver, Resources Director for the Hope Alliance. “Our organization exists to help these victims, and we are grateful to have the support of the Mobility Authority and the community. Donations from organizations like the Mobility Authority are critical to our efforts to serve more and more families and individuals in need.”

### **About 183A**

The 183A toll road is the first project in Texas to be constructed by a regional mobility authority. The project was conceived more than 20 years ago, but was stalled by a lack of funding until creation of the Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority in January 2003. With support from Williamson County, Travis County and the Texas Department of Transportation, the Mobility Authority was able to issue \$233 million in toll revenue bonds to fund the 183A project. A Comprehensive Development Agreement was signed with Hill Country Constructors in fall 2004 and design work began in December 2004. Ground breaking for the project took place in March 2005. Exactly two years later, the 11.6 mile project is opening to traffic on time and on budget.

The road, which runs from RM 620 at US 183 to US 183 at the south San Gabriel River, will feature highway speed all-electronic tolling, which allows drivers with a TxTag sticker to pay tolls without slowing down or stopping. A portion of 183A near Lakeline Mall Drive will only accept electronic payments, meaning customers will be required to have a TxTag, Dallas TollTag, or Houston EZ-Tag to use it. Drivers can sign-up for TxTag by visiting [www.txtag.org](http://www.txtag.org) or calling 1-888-GO-TxTag. To promote the opening of the new road, tolls will be waived for all drivers until May 1, 2007. For more information about the new 183A toll road, visit [www.mobilityauthority.com](http://www.mobilityauthority.com).

### **About the Mobility Authority**

The Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority is a local, independent government agency created to improve the regional transportation system. Our mission is to implement innovative solutions that reduce congestion and create transportation choices that enhance quality of life and economic vitality. The Mobility Authority is the state’s first Regional Mobility Authority, created in January 2003 to serve Travis and

Williamson counties. Texas RMAs were enabled by the Legislature as part of a package of initiatives to meet the state's various transportation needs in new, better, and more efficient ways.

### **About Hope Alliance**

The Williamson County Crisis Center now does business under its new name, Hope Alliance. Hope Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit which was founded and has been providing services to female and male, adult and child survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and other violent crimes since 1984. Hope Alliance operates the only emergency shelter in Williamson County for women and children who have been made homeless due to family violence and/or sexual assault. Hope Alliance provides the following services: a 24-hour hotline; crisis intervention; an emergency shelter that houses up to 35 women and children; legal advocacy; court accompaniment; counseling; support groups; hospital accompaniment; transitional housing, school-based services; law enforcement accompaniment; professional training; community education; and supportive housing. Hope Alliance is available to its clients 24-hours a day at 800-460-7233. Call if you need help or if you would like to help! Become an Ally in Hope by volunteering your time and talents, for more information contact, Jessica Pabón, Director of Volunteer Services at 512-255-1212.

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