

## AACOG announces winners

The Alamo Area Council of Governments has announced the 2010 Regional Awards recipients. These awards have been given out annually since 1974 to individuals, companies, and community and governmental projects that contribute to the advancement of the AACOG region (Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson counties).

Awards were presented to the winners at a ceremony during AACOG's semiannual meeting of the area council and board of directors June 30.

The Regional Citizen of the Year is Julie Wisdom-Wild. She has served as CEO of Alpha Home in San Antonio, a nonprofit chemical dependency treatment center for low-income and indigent women. Wisdom-Wild's passion is to save disadvantaged women from drugs and alcohol and prepare them for a successful life and career by providing innovative services as a supplement to 12-step treatment and spiritually based recovery.

The Corporate Citizen of the Year is WellMed Charitable Foundation. The foundation operates the Elvira Cisneros Community Senior Center by WellMed on San Antonio's south side (517 S.W. Military Drive), a 22,000-square-foot facility

open to anyone age 60 and older.

All services at the center are free, including exercise and dance classes, computer lab, a full gym, pingpong, pool tables, child care, arts and crafts, bingo, and more. Free meals are provided weekdays through a partnership with the city of San Antonio. The center is the first public-private partnership of its kind in the nation.

The Community Project of the Year is the Camp Discovery Electric Vehicle Project. Every July, the American Cancer Society hosts Camp Discovery for kids with cancer who are too sick to attend regular camp.

This year, the children are making an electric vehicle and learning about alternative energy. This project was led by Craig Egan, the president of the Alamo City Electric Automobile Association.

The Governmental Regional Project of the Year goes to the Bexar County Sheriff's Office for the Bexar County Human Trafficking Unit, which provides enforcement and education in the area of human trafficking in the AACOG region, and statewide. Human trafficking is the 21st-century version of slavery.

