Give Big for the Big Give –

Protecting our Grandchildren’s Future

Neighbors, readers and friends. The Big Give - Day of Giving is fast approaching! I wonder if you've noticed that the *2020* BIG GIVE - San Antonio will run from 12:01 AM until 11:59 PM this Thursday, **SEPTEMBER 10TH**!

This is a special opportunity for our community to make an investment in our county’s future. PLEASE TAKE NOTE AND DO YOUR PART TO HELP!

BIG GIVE SA changed focus earlier this year to provide a platform for supporting essential providers during the depths of our quarantine. Though we remain in a mode of "keeping vigil" on the virus front this opportunity to GIVE expands and challenges all of us to GIVE what we can in a way that links and multiplies our efforts with those of others. Karen and I will selectively do as we can with what we have that can be shared in this special way. This year as options have grown there will be a worthy recipient beyond those serving the immediate needfulness. Indeed, this year there is an opportunity to "seed the future" and invest for our "grands" and those following behind them.

I encourage you to give what you can to the Comal County Conservation Alliance (CCCA.) Your gift will assist with enabling the set aside of open spaces in our County. Protecting some of our precious local treasures in such a way that preserves the Hill Country’s natural elements long into the future seems such a natural step forward. As we experience the rapid development of our communities in Comal County it is time now or not at all to preserve and protect open space and acres so they remain natural and saved! Our gifts to the CCCA during the Big Give on September 10th will help grow the funding needed to make saving land for public use and conservation purposes possible and more likely. Our gifts will enable a move toward securing the bounties that nature provides.

Just imagine:

Springs protected from foul or toxic runoff and impervious cover that impedes natural water flows...

Wildlife able to thrive in a protected environment rather than desperately striving to relocate and too often becoming "road kill"...

Bird nesting and feeding areas providing those incredible concerts and love songs...

Aquifer recharging through our natural karsts and watersheds without carrying contaminants right into the sources for our water sources...

Space in the natural settings for exploration, inspiration, fresher air and more...

Opportunities for trails and wilderness explorations that would go away with dense subdividing...

Protected set aside space for responsible fishing and hunting, nurturing the finest in earth's provisions...

Places for soulful healing and aesthetic promptings that may not be found when all is private home dweller living space...

Yes, your gift to CCCA can strengthen the reality of the inviting future of our precious Hill Country and the gifts of the many CAN and WILL make a difference long into the future! Just think, if such funds were currently available, a third spring-fed pond and surrounding wooded acres might be in the hands of the City of New Braunfels extending the lovely imaginative Fischer Park. Likewise, partnerships for protecting portions of the former Boy Scout Ranch (El Rancho Cima at Devil's Backbone) would be happening rather than merely hoping to find a way.

Let’s make it happen. Do plan to log in between 12:01 AM and midnight on **September 10th** to do your part. Even a modest gift will multiply with matching gifts from those stepping forward in a generous measure! Go to: [*www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/comal-county-conservation-alliance*](http://www.thebiggivesa.org/organizations/comal-county-conservation-alliance)*.*