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## **Central Texas Water Coalition Receives Outstanding Nonprofit Award**

Highland Lakes Legacy Fund Honors Local Nonprofit That Protects Area Lakes

(MARBLE FALLS – December 22, 2014) Local nonprofit Central Texas Water Coalition was recently named “Outstanding Nonprofit of the Year” by the Highland Lakes Legacy Fund during the fifth annual “Celebration of Giving.” The event, which was recently held in Marble Falls, recognizes exceptional service and achievements by area philanthropists, nonprofit executives, community volunteers and nonprofit organizations.

Central Texas Water Coalition President Jo Karr Tedder said upon receiving the award, “It is an honor to be recognized. Our volunteer board and members work diligently to constructively address the water issues of the Lower Colorado River Basin. We’re honored that the work we do on behalf of all Central Texas has been acknowledged with this award.”

With a persistent drought still punishing Texas and low lake levels in Central Texas, water will continue to dominate public and political discourse when the legislature convenes next year.

Tedder added, “This award reinforces our desire to save the Highland Lakes from over-consumption by needless man-made dangers. This award is ultimately a testament to how important our water and its responsible management, and thus our work, are to Texans.”

The Lower Colorado River Authority reports that even with the rainfall this year, the Highland Lakes remain significantly below average.

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**Central Texas Water Coalition** brings together concerned individuals and groups to address Lower Colorado River Basin water issues. CTWC’s mission is to preserve and conserve the Highland Lakes’ water supply as an irreplaceable economic engine for the state of Texas and the source for drinking water for 1 million Central Texans.

The **Highland Lakes Legacy Fund** is a family of philanthropic funds administered by the Austin Community Foundation, a Texas nonprofit charitable corporation.