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Billie Mims, Community Lender and Vice President, was selected as a 2009 Community Service Volunteer to recognize her work with the Kilgore Unit of the Boys & Girls Club of Gregg County. Mims is a charter member of the club's Kilgore Unit Advisory Council.

The Kilgore Unit of the Boys and Girls Club was established two years ago with the goal to provide low cost after-school and summer care for Kilgore youth in both Gregg and Rusk Counties. One

means used to pay for these youth programs included a "Celebrity Waiter" fundraiser. "I attended planning sessions, helped obtain items for the silent auction, solicited sponsors for two tables, and served as a celebrity waiter," said Mims. "My table sponsors were bank customers who I 'waited' on during the event's dinner, dance and auction."

As an advisory council member, Mims' volunteer contributions have centered on the club's finances. "One of the main concerns of the advisory council is fundraising, as well as, offering support to the local Unit Director," said Mims.

Mims joined Austin Bank in February 2008 with the merger of City National Bank where she had been employed since July 2001. At CNB, Mims was a bank officer who worked in Credit Administration. She attended Kilgore College.

A resident of Kilgore, Mims and her husband, Billy, have one daughter, Amy.

"The Boys and Girls Club-Kilgore Unit is only in its second year and has struggled financially. I am very proud of the achievement of the Unit's founders and their tenacity in staying with this project that benefits the Kilgore community. Until the opening of the Kilgore club, there was not an affordable provider for latch-key or at-risk kids needing after-school or summer care."

– Billie Mims

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