



MINUTES

MAY 20, 2026

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

WORKSHOP SESSION

1. Call to Order

A Workshop Session of the Commissioners' Court of Brazos County, Texas was held in the Brazos County Commissioners Courtroom in the Administration Building, 200 South Texas Avenue, in Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026 with the following members of the Court present:

Duane Peters, County Judge, Presiding;
Bentley Nettles, Commissioner of Precinct 1;
Chuck Konderla, Commissioner of Precinct 2;
Fred Brown, Commissioner of Precinct 3;
Wanda J. Watson, Commissioner of Precinct 4;
Karen McQueen, County Clerk, Absent;

The attached sheets contain the names of the citizens and officials that were in attendance.

2. Presentation and discussion on Community Support Contract requests for the proposed budget FY 2026-2027.

(a) Foundational Public Services

Public Safety/Justice/Health

- Aggieland Humane Society
- Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley
- Brazos County Health Department
- Brazos Dispute Resolution Center
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG)
 - Brazos Valley Wide Area Communication System (BVWACS)
 - County Indigent Health Care (CIHC)
- MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley

Court - Related/Judicial Support Services

- Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC)
- Scotty's House (Child Advocacy Center)
- Voices for Children (CASA)

Direct County Operational Services

- Junction 505
- Brazos Transit District

Emergency Response (Life Safety)

- 9-1-1 Emergency
- South Brazos County VFD
- Brazos County District 2 VFD
- Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD
- Brazos County Precinct 4 VFD

Governmental

- Brazos County Historical Commission

(b) Community Outreach and Development**Health & Human Services (Preventative/Support)**

- Brazos Valley Food Bank
- Health For All
- Brazos Maternal & Child Health Clinic (Prenatal Clinic)
- Easter Seals (Early Childhood Intervention)
- NAMI Brazos Valley
- Salvation Army

Youth/Education/Community Programs

- Big Brother Big Sister of Brazos Valley
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley
- North Bryan Community Center

Environmental/Quality of Life

- Keep Brazos Beautiful
- Brazos County Soil & Water Conservation District

Arts/Cultural/Community Enhancement

- Arts Center of Brazos Valley
- Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial
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Public Safety Prevention/Community Safety

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(c) Strategic Public Partnerships

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Budget Officer Nina Payne welcomed the outside agencies in attendance and called on the first presenter.

(a) Foundational Public Services**Public Safety/Justice/Health**

- Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley - Dee Murph explained what Amber Alert Network does for the community. She stated that they need the continued funding from the County to provide the same level of support to the community for the next year.

- Aggieland Humane Society - Executive Director Kristina Ross discussed the services that Aggieland Humane Society provides and shared what the County funding goes toward. Ms. Ross stated that they are requesting a 3.35% increase in funding for the next fiscal year.
- Brazos County Health Department - Director Santos Navarrete discussed the various programs the Health District provides and stated that they are requesting a \$100,000 increase from each contributing local entity for the next fiscal year. Commissioner Brown discussed the surplus that the Health District has in the General Fund.
- Brazos Dispute Resolution Center - Executive Director Tori Ellis shared the mission of the Center and how their services help to prevent costly trials within the Courts. Ms. Ellis stated that they are requesting a \$10,000 increase over last year's funding due to inflation.
- Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) - Executive Director Terri Cloud discussed the multiple funding requests for their organization. Ms. Cloud stated that they are in need of an increase for both Brazos Valley Wide Area Communication System (BVWACS) and County Indigent Health Care (CIHC)
- MHMR Authority of Brazos Valley - Executive Director Bill Kelly stated that MHMR serves to help adults and children with severe and persistent mental illness. He discussed his funding request, noting that he is requesting the same level of funding from the County as last fiscal year.

Court - Related/Judicial Support Services

- Sexual Assault Resource Center (SARC) - Executive Director Alisha Rice discussed the services provided and noted a rising need for those services in the growing community.
- Scotty's House (Child Advocacy Center) - Board Member John Godfrey shared the mission for Scotty's House and the child advocacy services provided. He stated that due to the population increase, there are more cases. They are requesting a \$40,000 investment from the County.
- Voices for Children (CASA) - Executive Director Amy Faulkner shared the services provided by Voices for Children and stated that they are requesting \$60,000 in funding from the County.

At 9:56 a.m. the County Judge announced a brief recess. The meeting reconvened at 10:12 a.m.

Direct County Operational Services

- Junction 505 - Operations Manager Jon Glaze stated his appreciation for the partnership with Brazos County. He discussed the services provided by the organization and requested a \$90 per site, per month, increase to their funding. The Court discussed a collection site issue in Precinct 1.
- Brazos Transit District - Chief Administrative Officer Jo Marlow shared the services provided by BTM, noting they provide a vital service to the community. The Court discussed covered bus stops and the level of funding requested.

Emergency Response (Life Safety)

- 9-1-1 Emergency - Executive Director Patrick Corley discussed their funding request with the Court, noting that an increase is needed due to an additional staff member and pay scale changes.
- South Brazos County VFD, Brazos County District 2 VFD, Brazos County Precinct 3 VFD, and Brazos County Precinct 4 VFD - South Brazos County Fire

Chief Joe Don Warren explained the challenges in recruiting efforts and the expenses associated with training efforts. While the VFD's request was to remain at the same level of funding as last year, the Court expressed interest in an increased level of funding. Commissioner Konderla suggested an additional \$10,000-\$15,000 over last year.

Governmental

- Brazos County Historical Commission - Historical Commission Representative Allison Kay discussed the mission of the organization and explained the need for an increase in funding for the next fiscal year.

At this point, Ms. Payne called the remaining organizations in attendance for the morning session.

- Greater Brazos Partnership - Director Tom Johnson stated that they are requesting the same level of funding as the previous fiscal year, noting that they are requesting equal amounts from each entity. The Court then discussed the SpaceX Project.
- North Bryan Community Center - Executive Director Mattie Carter shared the various programs and services that the Center has to offer. She then engaged with the Court in discussion on the enrollment statistics for the school year and summer programs. Helen Washington also spoke in support of the Center, stating that it is an investment in the youth that will pay off later.

At 11:07 a.m. the County Judge stated that the meeting would recess until 1:30 p.m.

At 1:30 p.m. the meeting was reconvened and Ms. Payne called the next organization to the podium.

(b) Community Outreach and Development

Health & Human Services (Preventative/Support)

- Brazos Valley Food Bank - Executive Director Teresa Mangapora discussed the Food Bank's Backpack Program to assist in feeding school age children. She stated that they are requesting \$15,000 in County funding.
- Health For All - Director Liz Dicky discussed the services provided by the organization noting that 70% of the patients are Brazos County residents. Ms. Dicky stated that they are requesting a slight increase over last year.
- Brazos Maternal & Child Health Clinic (Prenatal Clinic) - Executive Director Lynn Cleary Yeager discussed the mission of the Prenatal Clinic and the statistics of the women they serve. She then stated that they are requesting the same level of funding as last fiscal year.
- Easter Seals (Early Childhood Intervention) - Director Dena Day shared what the organization has accomplished in early childhood intervention throughout the last year. She went on to discuss how the funding from the County is utilized.
- Salvation Army - Tatiana Rivera discussed the various services provided by the Salvation Army including Pathway of Hope and the food pantry. She requested an additional \$15,000 in County support to assist more families this next fiscal year. Ms. Payne noted that Salvation Army has not requested payment via invoice for the current fiscal year. Ms. Rivera stated that she would send the invoice.
- NAMI Brazos Valley - Operations Manager Carly Burson shared the mission of NAMI and the services provided. She requested continued support from Brazos

County.

At 2:30 p.m. the Court took a brief recess. The meeting was reconvened at 2:43 p.m.

Youth/Education/Community Programs

- Big Brother Big Sister of Brazos Valley - Development Director Bonnie Davila shared the mission of the organization and stated that they served 288 youth last year. She discussed a requested increase in funding due to rising operational costs and a growing need within the community.
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley - CEO Rhonda Watson stated that they are requesting an increase in County support. She went on to share the services provided by the organization.

Environmental/Quality of Life

- Keep Brazos Beautiful - Executive Director Brooke Arellano discussed their recent community projects and beautification efforts. She explained that they are requesting an increase of \$1,000 from each funding source.
- Brazos County Soil & Water Conservation District - Board Chairman Ken Dunlap stated that they appreciate the past support that the County has provided and are asking for \$5,000 in continued support.

Arts/Cultural/Community Enhancement

- Arts Center of Brazos Valley - Executive Director Leslie Bowlin stated that she appreciates the continued support from the County. She requested an increase to offset expenses due to rising costs.
- Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial - Board President Michael Bottiglieri stated that they are not requesting an increase for the next fiscal year. He then discussed what the organization does.
- Brazos Valley Thin Blue Line Foundation - Board Member Larry Hodges shared the mission of the organization and stated that they hope to receive continued support from the County to give back to first responders.

Public Safety Prevention/Community Safety

- Brazos County Crime Stoppers - President Pam Cemino thanked the Court for the continued support and shared what that support does for the organization. She stated that they are requesting an increase to offset costs for P3 school tips.

Ms. Payne then discussed the funding for BVCNet, the Chamber of Commerce, and the TIRZ with College Station. Marci Turner provided clarification regarding the TIRZ. Ms. Payne went on to discuss the 10th Court of Appeals, and EMS Agreements.

Once the presentations were concluded, Ms. Payne requested that the Commissioners submit their requests regarding Community Support Contracts to her by email.

3. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.



**BRAZOS COUNTY
BRYAN, TEXAS**

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

WORKSHOP SESSION

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

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Building, 200 S. Texas Avenue, Suite 106, Bryan, TX 77803

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BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

20 DAY OF May, 2026
9:00 AM/PM, Budget Workshop

Name

(PLEASE PRINT)

Joe Don Warren

Santos Navarrete

Barbara Jeffers

Nina Payne

Aubrey Leggett

Spencyr Mays

Leobardo T Flores

Jennifer Patricia

John Glaze

Arthur O. Davis

Bhargish Patil

Tori Ellis

Felicia Benford

Georgette Herring

Laura Blackburn

Organization

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Brazos Co. Precinct 4 Fire Dept.

BCHD

BCHD

Budget

Comm. Court

Budget

BCHD

Junction 505

Junction 505

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Brazos DRC

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Brazos County 911 District

BRAZOS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

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Name

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Alison Prince

Paul Malone

Kevin Harris

Bill Kelly

Robert Reed

Terril Wouda

Katie Connor

Patrick Corley

David Dibello

Camy Baker

Michelle Carter

Dee Dawn Mays

Mary Ann

John Adger

Drian Pratt

Organization

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Scotty's House

Bcso

CSPD

MHR

MHR

BUCOE

Co. Judge asst.

Brazos Co. 9-1-1

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Scotty's House

N. Bryan Com. Ctr.

Amber Alert Network BV.

Co. Judge

Scotty's House

Brazos County Ad. 40y

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Ben Roper	Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial
Tatiana Rivera	The Salvation Army
Bonnie Daulta	Big Brothers Big Sisters Brazos Valley
Chris Leijlley	The Salvation Army
Theris Mongyosor-	Brazos Valley Food Bank
Liz Dickey	Health For All
Marcituma	auto
Michael Battiglieri	Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial
Dana Day	EASSEL SEALS - ECI
Rhonda Watson	Boys & Girls Clubs of the BV
Larry Hodges	BV Thin Blue Line Foundation
Pam Gemino	Brazos County Crime Stoppers
Tom Turbiville	BV Veterans Mem
J. Brooke Arellano	Keep Brazos Beautiful
David Villanueva	BCSO/Crime Stoppers
Marye Anderson	Co. Judge

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Name

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Holly Ulbrich

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Kathryn Battles

Marc Turner

Jo Marlow

Tori Stout

Amanda Fisher

Katrina Ross

Peggy Sherman

Delia Sandoval

Amy Faulkner

Allison Kay

Leah Dunlap

Wynne Cary Yunker

Conley Burson

Organization

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Brazos County Health District

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Purchasing

auto

Brazos Transit District

Brazos Transit District

SARC

Aggrieland Humane

Aggrieland Humane

Comm. Court

Voices for Children

Brazos County Hist. Commission

Brazos County SWCD

Brazos Maternal + Child Health Clinic
(All Pediatrics)

Nami Brazos Valley



**BRAZOS COUNTY
BRYAN, TEXAS**

DEPARTMENT:

NUMBER:

DATE OF COURT MEETING:

5/20/2026

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TO: Commissioners Court

DATE: 02/03/2026

FISCAL IMPACT: False

BUDGETED: False

DOLLAR AMOUNT: \$0.00

Brazos County, Texas
Contracts for Community Support
General Fund & County Health Endowment Fund

Account #	Account Title	2022 Adopted Budget	2023 Adopted Budget	2024 Adopted Budget	2025 Adopted Budget	2026 Adopted Budget	2027 Requested Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Court Support - Civil: 11020000 - DIVISION CHANGED IN FY 21 DUE TO CODING TO PROJECTS								
72192000	VOICES FOR CHILDREN (Guardian Ad -LITEM)	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
	Total Court Support Civil	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	-
Alternative Dispute Resolution: 11070000								
73400000	Dispute Resolution Center (\$25,000 base contribution)	-	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	60,000	10,000
	Total Alternative Dispute Resolution	-	40,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	60,000	10,000
Community Support: 11002000								
73006000	AMBER ALERT NETWORK BRAZOS VALLEY	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
73008000	BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS	30,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	40,000	50,000	10,000
73030000	BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF BV	47,000	50,000	55,000	60,000	60,000	65,000	5,000
73060000	BRAZOS BEAUTIFUL	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	16,000	1,000
73061000	BRAZOS COUNTY CRIMESTOPPERS				5,000	5,000	12,629	7,629
73070000	NORTH BRYAN COMMUNITY CENTER		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
73100000	B/CS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	10,000	10,000	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
73110000	READ BY THIRD	3,000						-
73120000	AGGIELAND HUMANE SOCIETY	155,000	168,000	190,000	209,000	209,000	270,000	61,000
73150000	BRAZOS VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL	8,000	10,000	10,000	12,000	12,000	13,200	1,200
73160000	B.V.COMMUNITY NETWORK	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
73180000	B.V.COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT - MEMBERSHIP DUES	27,500	27,500	27,500	73,033	76,349	79,049	2,700
73181000	BRAZOS TRANSIT DISTRICT				316,667	400,800	400,800	-
73182000	BRAZOS VALLEY THIN BLUE LINE FOUNDATION				5,000	5,000	5,000	-
73190000	BRAZOS FOOD BANK	8,500	8,500	8,500	10,000	10,000	15,000	5,000
73210000	BRAZOS COUNTY HIST COMM	5,000	6,125	8,300	8,300	8,300	10,000	1,700
73250000	B.V.VETERANS MEMORIAL	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
73251000	NEVER FORGET GARDEN VETERANS MEMORIAL		10,000					-
73320000	CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT	928,348	984,207	1,087,678	1,313,025	1,415,843		(1,415,843)
73410000	EASTERWOOD AIRPORT (Contract)	100,515	102,023	107,124	127,260	129,805	210,500	80,695
73420000	ECONOMIC DEVEL CORP: Greater Brazos Partnership (GBP)	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	350,000	-
73425000	ECONOMIC DEVEL: (Synthetic TIRZ)	119,000				230,000	230,000	-
73480000	FEDERAL SOIL CONSERV DIST	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
73510000	HEALTH DEPT-COUNTY SUPPORT	478,029	478,029	478,029	478,029	478,029	578,029	100,000
73520000	HEALTH FOR ALL, INC.	25,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	5,000
73530000	EASTER SEALS	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	-
73540000	MHMR OF BRAZOS VALLEY	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	478,708	478,708	-
73570000	ECONOMIC DEVEL. FOUNDATION	137,500						-
73590000	911 EMERGENCY SYSTEM	1,177,090	1,250,267	1,345,771	1,407,212	1,482,359	1,740,036	257,677
73600000	PRENATAL CARE	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	87,500	75,000	(12,500)
73610000	NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL HEALTH	30,000	30,000	30,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	-
73680000	SALVATION ARMY OF BRYAN/COLLEGE STATION				25,000	25,000	40,000	15,000

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Community Support: 11002000 Cont.								
73690000	RAPE CRISIS CENTER (SEXUAL ASSAULT RES. CENTER)	35,000	45,000	45,000	60,000	60,000	75,000	15,000
73730000	REGIONAL MOBILITY AUTHORITY		32,000					-
73790000	10TH COURT OF APPEALS	2,700	2,700	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	-
	Total Community Support	3,926,182	3,928,351	4,119,902	4,881,526	5,790,693	4,930,951	(859,742)
County Fire Protection: 11003000								
73265000	Bryan EMS Protection (Contract)	308,606	316,321	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	-
73266000	College Station EMS Protection (Contract)	308,606	316,321	500,000	500,000	500,000	500,000	-
73930500	VFD-PRCT 1	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	39,000	39,000	-
73932000	VFD-PRCT 2	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	39,000	39,000	-
73933000	VFD-PRCT 3	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	39,000	39,000	-
73934000	VFD-PRCT 4	29,000	29,000	29,000	29,000	39,000	39,000	-
	Total County Fire Protection	733,212	748,642	1,116,000	1,116,000	1,156,000	1,156,000	-
I.T. Services: 14000200 (FY 2023 - Budget under each department)								
73650000	REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM	95,362	97,895	106,788	117,391	118,692	149,263	30,571
	Total County Radio System	95,362	97,895	106,788	117,391	118,692	149,263	30,571
Indigent Health Care: 34000100								
73180000	B.V.COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT	96,700	96,700	96,700	96,700	106,360	106,370	10
73500000	HEALTH & HUMAN SERV IGT	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	-
	Total Indigent Health Care	896,700	896,700	896,700	896,700	906,360	906,370	10
Family Protection Service: 39000100								
73700000	SCOTTY'S HOUSE	10,000	10,000	80,900	20,000	29,250	40,000	10,750
	Total Indigent Health Care	10,000	10,000	80,900	20,000	29,250	40,000	10,750
Environmental Protection: 56005000								
71025000	Junction 505	222,011	237,557	237,557	237,557	237,557	244,684	7,127
	Total Environmental Protection	222,011	237,557	237,557	237,557	237,557	244,684	7,127
Total Contracts for Community Support in General Fund		5,943,467	5,979,145	6,617,847	7,329,174	8,348,552	7,547,268	(811,284)

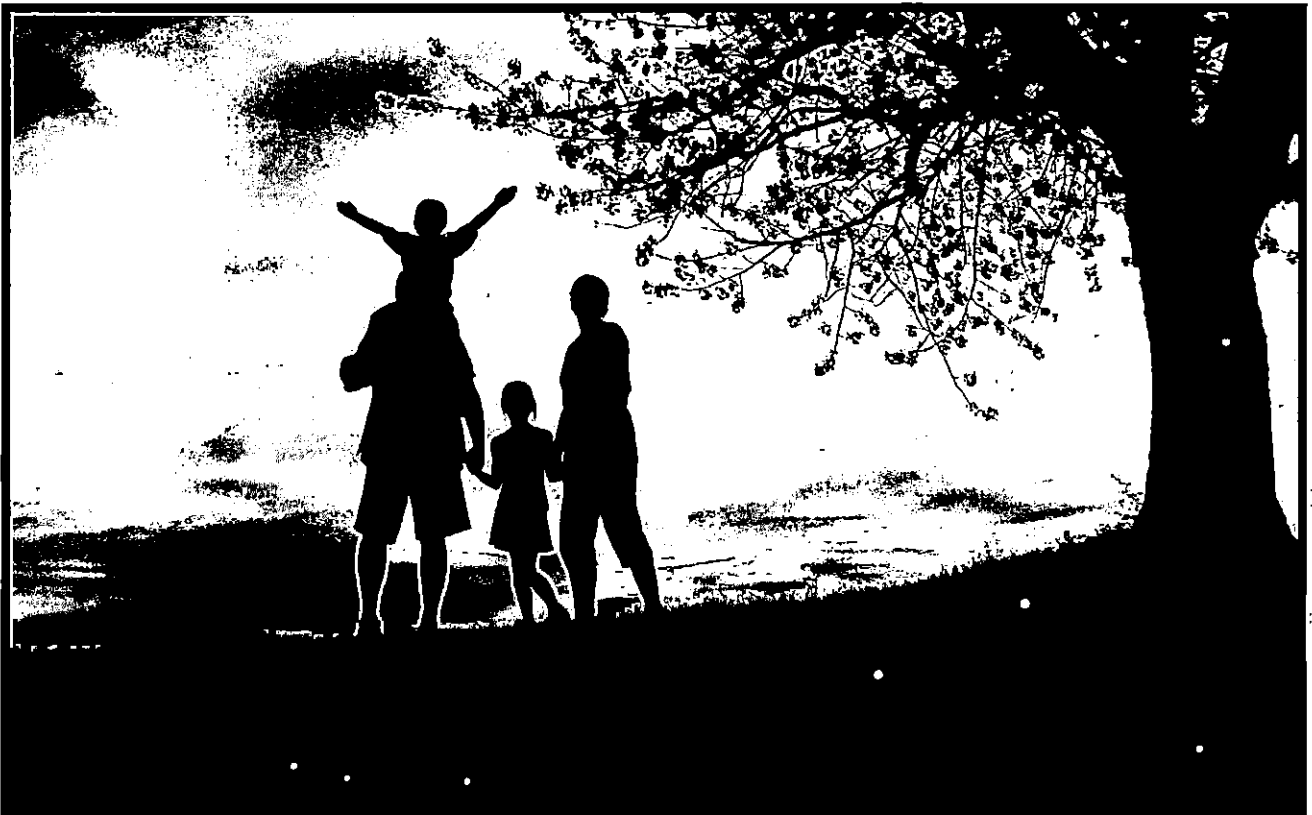
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County Health Endowment Fund (0200) - Move funding to General Fund - 01000 on 7/26/22								
73999000	Community Public Health	987,000						
	Total County Health Endowment Fund	987,000						
Alternative Dispute Resolution Fund (17000) -Moved to 01000-11070000 for FY 23								
73400000	Dispute Resolution Center (\$25,000 base contribution)	61,000						
	Total Alternative Dispute Resolution	61,000						
Total Contracts for Community Support		\$ 6,991,467	\$ 5,979,145	\$ 6,617,847	\$ 7,329,174	\$ 8,348,552	\$ 7,547,268	\$ (811,284)

**AMBER ALERT. NETWORK
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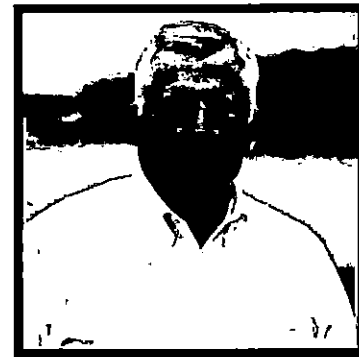
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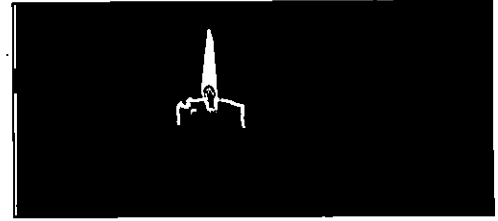


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FROM OUR STAFF



The Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley was originally formed in 2003 and serves as the only missing persons non-profit in the Brazos Valley. In October 2020, we moved into full-time operations to provide effective notification, response, education, and family services.

Since that time, we have worked diligently to earn and maintain the trust of family members of the missing and local law enforcement, emphasizing collaboration among agencies and a focus on the goal of quickly and safely locating missing children and adults.

During 2025 we experienced our highest levels of involvement in these very important cases, and we believe that this level of activity is the result of effective and consistent partnerships that allow all parties to emphasize their strengths and expertise.

We thank you for all the support from our local communities, and we pledge to work every day to be good stewards of your trust.

CHUCK FLEEGER

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
AMBER ALERT NETWORK BRAZOS VALLEY**

I want to extend my appreciation to the Board and to the supporters of Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley. Since joining in September of 2025, I have seen not only the value of the operations of our organization, but also in the partnerships made and the collaboration among our community interest groups that focus on the missing and those who seek them. The increased number of support cases, training needs, public education, and awareness reflects both the value and the need for this resource.

Looking ahead, we have many opportunities to grow awareness and support for the missing in our community and in the Brazos Valley. Again, I thank you all for this opportunity and look forward to increased community education regarding the value Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley has throughout the region.

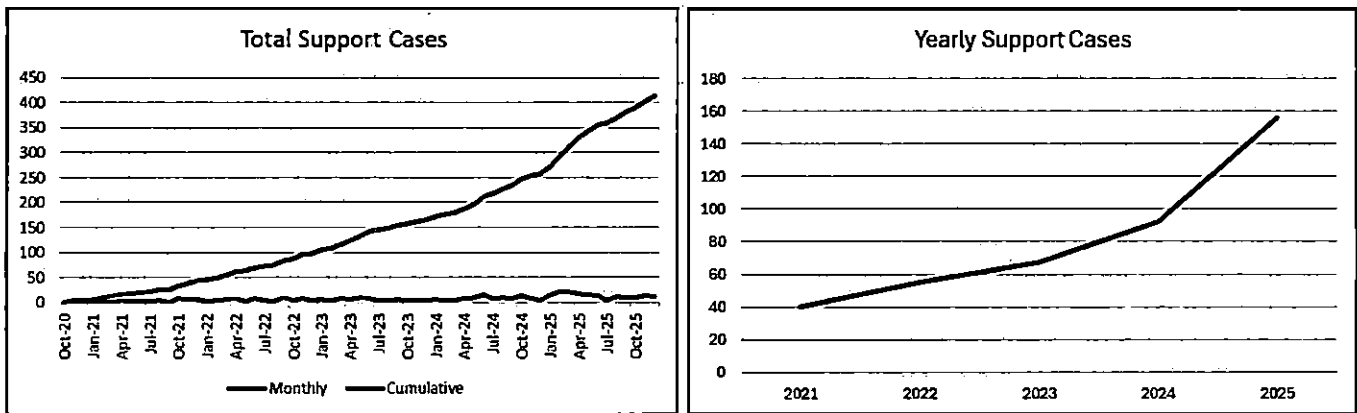
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**CASE MANAGER/NOTIFICATION SPECIALIST,
AMBER ALERT NETWORK BRAZOS VALLEY**

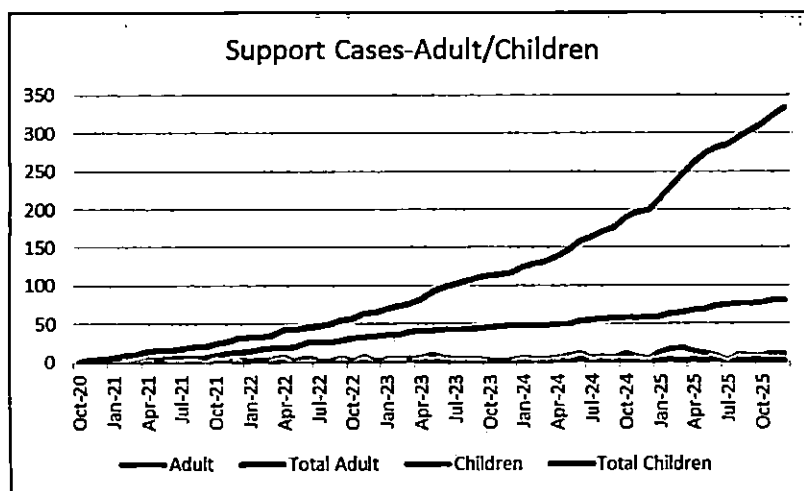
SUPPORT CASES

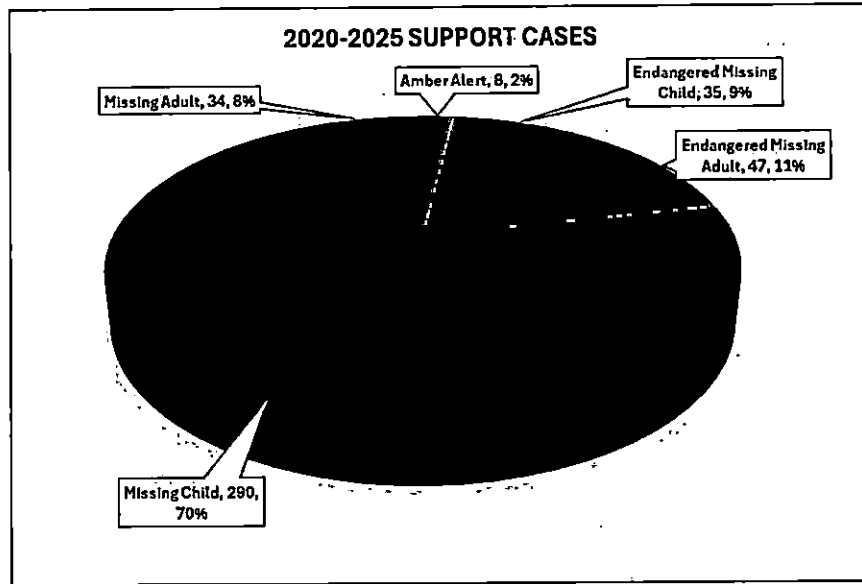
In 2025 we became involved in a record number of support cases, totaling 156, which represents a 69.5% increase as compared to 2024.

An increase of this magnitude does not however indicate a similar rise in overall missing child and adult incidents reported to local law enforcement, but rather a more consistent and proactive approach and teamwork among relevant stakeholders.



Our collaboration with local law enforcement allows for earlier notification of incidents involving missing children, and this leads to increased opportunities for a faster recovery! Since October 2020, in over 300 cases involving missing children, we found that when notification efforts began within the first 3 days after a child was reported missing, the average recovery time was over 10 times faster than if these efforts were delayed. We firmly believe that earlier notification leads to earlier recovery, and with our amazing law enforcement partners we are able to accomplish this!



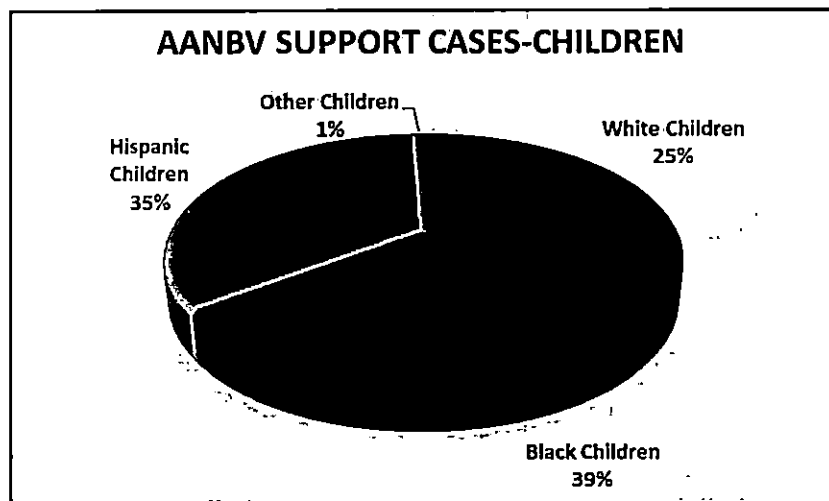


While originally created as a supplement to the State of Texas Amber Alert program, we know that not every missing person incident involves a child, and not every missing child qualifies for an Amber Alert, however they are still someone's loved one and it is important to assist regardless of age or if they qualify for a named alerting program. As such, we will assist in any missing persons incident as long as there is a local law enforcement report and investigation.

RACIAL DEMOGRAPHICS

Missing person reports in the Brazos Valley continue to reflect national trends with an overrepresentation of persons of color being reported missing as compared to their demographics in the population.

Our case support work, particularly involving reports of missing children, show this same trend with 75% of missing children support cases involving children of color.



PUBLIC AWARENESS

In addition to our support case work, we strive to maintain public awareness about ongoing and long term-missing cases that are still active. Every night across the Brazos Valley, dozens of families go to bed each night not knowing where their loved one is.

In 2025 we held our 7th annual observance of "Missing In The Brazos Valley Day" where we heard from family members of missing persons and read a proclamation signed by all seven County Judges from here in the Brazos Valley.

We also were able to conduct our 2nd annual "Honk For The Missing" where we took time to shine a light on long term missing person cases to let families know that their loved ones have not been forgotten.



We also take advantage of opportunities to meet the public and raise awareness about issues related to all missing children and adult cases. We frequently host informational tables at events like National Night Out, 1st Friday, and Halloweentown.

In 2025 we hosted our 15th annual regional "Missing Children's Day Poster Contest" for area 5th graders! Entries were evaluated and our winners received plaques and recognition at their school and all participants got to have a pizza party!!



PUBLIC SUPPORT

We grew as an organization in 2025, adding an additional staff position of Case Manager/Notification Specialist. This was only possible because of the incredible support of community members, local businesses, and regional governmental entities. In April we hosted our 4th annual "Drive For The Missing" with special guests, Aggie football legends Stephen McGee and Ryan Swope! In December, we were very fortunate to again partner with Santa's Wonderland as one of their "Cocoa For A Cause" non-profit organizations! We continue to be humbled by the overwhelming generosity of so many within the Brazos Valley!



TRAINING

Training for local law enforcement and other responders continues to be a high priority for the Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley. In 2025 we were able to help facilitate 10 different training sessions that included topics such as alerting processes and resources, cases studies and a tabletop exercise. These training sessions impacted over 250 attendees and delivered over 450 hours of training.

We continue to help manage and train our regional child abduction response team (Brazos Valley Child Abduction Response Team-BVCART) and our tabletop exercise was a requirement in the continued certification of this team through the Department of Justice. Since its creation in 2009, the Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley has helped deliver 47 different training classes specifically for BVCART with over 1350 attendees and over 9,700 total training hours.



TESTIMONIALS

This annual report is an attempt to capture and demonstrate the impact of the work that we are doing on behalf of the missing and those who seek them. It is easy to show numbers and trends with graphs and charts, but it is just as important to tell of the human impact that is felt by those involved in these very important cases.

Each of the cases we become involved with involve families and loved ones who are experiencing an event that we all would hope to never have to go through ourselves. We feel that it is very important to let them know that they are not forgotten and that we, and all of our partner agencies, are here for them, throughout the duration of the case and beyond.

Our work is possible because of you. Our efforts are enhanced by the sharing of flyers and social media posts about the missing from among us. It is possible because of the generosity of so many people within the Brazos Valley. We thank you so very much for all that you do!

Thank you for everything!!!
4:25 PM

I know this was difficult for y'all but you all did great standing for her

I appreciate it [redacted] We don't know what we would have done without your help

Hi [redacted]! We are doing better
How are you?
1:08 PM

I'm so glad to hear that.
Is [redacted] doing good?
1:25 PM

Yes they are. [redacted] is super nice and understanding
1:49 PM

Thank you so much for all you've done

Please let us know if we can assist your family any further....
1:19 PM

Thank you for helping us bring our son [redacted] home today

We are always here to help

Im still hanging in there [redacted] thanks for asking and checking up. I believe and have Faith in my Lord Jesus Christ that one day my daughter will come home. Idk when but I have Faith she will. Thank you so much for your help. [redacted] and may God continue to help, bless and protect your organization always and forever!!!

Thanks for all that you did for my nieces.

Many blessings to you, your family and your organization.

Brazos County Sheriff's Office
8h · 🌐

11:57 p.m. Update: We are happy to report that [redacted] has been found safe!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped in the search, including the Brazos County Precinct 4 Volunteer Fire Department, Robertson County Sheriff's Office, Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley, Department of Public Safety, Brazos County Emergency Management, and the Search Dog Network.

Your dedication and quick action made all the difference. We truly appreciate the community's support in bringing him home safely!

Nov 18 at 9:02 AM

How are things going
9:02 AM

All right 🙌
9:28 AM

Thanks for checking on me.
9:28 AM

We received word that [redacted] was found today!
6:28 PM

Thank you so very much for all the efforts you have put forth in helping find my granddaughter!
Thank you so very much

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On
Until All The
Missing Come
Home***

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FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

We are here to help you
through your missing child
or adult incident, from initial
reporting, to conclusion, and
beyond



**Public
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Partner**

For more information visit our website

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REMEMBER, YOU ARE NOT ALONE

The Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley is a non-profit missing persons organization created to support the missing and those who seek them. We provide:

- 24/7 support for local law enforcement and family members of the missing
- Flyer creation and distribution through traditional and social media channels
- Family liaison assistance with local law enforcement
- Partnership and referral for local service agencies

If your loved one is missing, call law enforcement immediately, there is no waiting period to report a missing person.

Important information to obtain:

Case Number: _____

Agency Phone: _____

Agency Point of Contact:

Call us, we are here to help

877-98-AANBV

AMBER ALERT NETWORK BRAZOS VALLEY



The Amber Alert Network Brazos Valley (AANBV) is a partnership between our regional law enforcement agencies and local broadcasters that provides a mechanism to quickly notify the public in the event of a child abduction.

20+

agencies within our region have signed on as a partner of AANBV.

On average, there are over

25

missing persons in the Brazos Valley on any given day!



Established in 2003, our regional Amber Alert network serves a seven county area and is used as a model plan in training across the State.



Law enforcement agencies throughout the Brazos Valley have joined together to participate in a multi-agency effort to rescue abducted children and allocate their resources to missing and endangered children cases. This effort is a program of AANBV and is known collectively as the Brazos Valley Child Abduction Response Team, or BVCART.

BVCART includes a roster of over

100+

TRAINED MEMBERS

from more than

30

agencies in the Brazos Valley!



BVCART is a Department of Justice CERTIFIED CHILD ABDUCTION RESPONSE TEAM

For more information about AANBV and BVCART, please visit our websites and follow us on social media.

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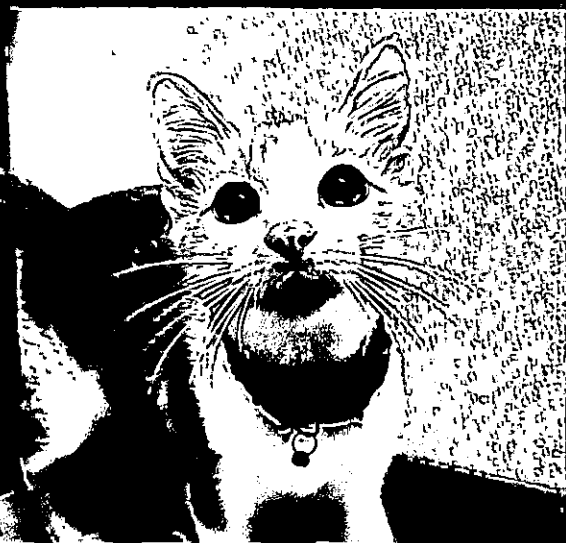


OUR MISSION

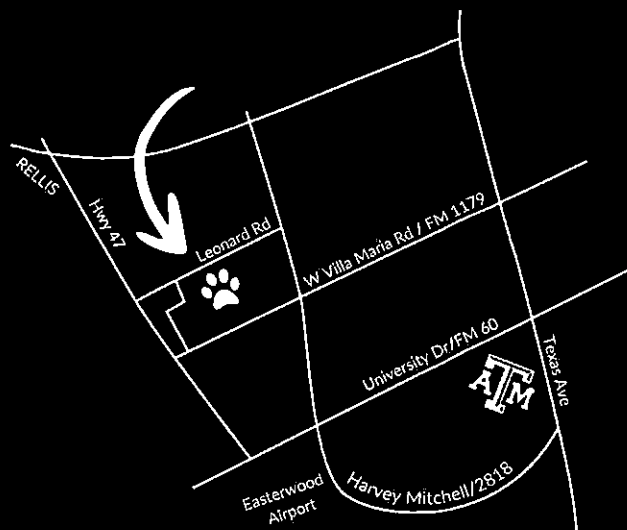
The Aggieland Humane Society provides humane care and placement for homeless and abandoned animals, promotes the human-animal bond, and promotes responsible pet ownership to enhance the quality of life for the people and animals in our community.

OUR VISION

Our vision is to be a leader among animal welfare organizations in Texas.



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HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday - Friday: 12 PM - 6 PM
Saturday: 12 PM to 5 PM
Sunday: Closed

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AGGIELAND
Humane Society

Don't buy love, ADOPT it

ADOPT



The Aggieland Humane Society receives pets in all shapes, sizes, and breeds. Pets come into our care daily, so keep checking our website. Keep an eye out on our social media for adoption specials.

ADOPTION FEES

Dogs \$100 | Puppies \$150 | VIP \$200+
Cats \$75 | Kittens \$100

ADOPTION PACKAGE

- Spay/Neuter surgery
- Age-appropriate vaccinations
- Heartworm test (Dogs over 6 months)
- Goody bag of food and pet-related coupons
- Free general physical coupon
- One Month Health & Personality Return Policy

VIEW OUR PETS

Visit us online at aggielandhumane.org
OR come visit us during business hours!

DONATE



Donations provide homeless pets with everything they need until they find their forever home. Through your generosity, we can provide pets with food, shelter, medical care, and qualified staff to care for them.

WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Direct donations via cash, check, or credit card
- In-kind donations of supplies or services
- Company matching
- Shop with Kroger Community Rewards
- Donate a vehicle
- Shop our wishlists

Aggieland Humane is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, and donations are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Our Tax ID Number is 74-2150288.

LEARN MORE

Make your donation today or view our wishlist at aggielandhumane.org/support

VOLUNTEER



Volunteers are crucial to the success of Aggieland Humane. We have plenty of opportunities for you to help pets in our community. From dog walking to fostering to special events, we have a place for you.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Dog walking
- Cat enrichment
- Mobile adoption events
- Dog Day Out
- Office support
- Volunteer team leaders
- TNR (Trap Neuter Return)
- Mobile Spay/Neuter Unit
- Fostering
- Photography

BECOME A VOLUNTEER

- Complete the Volunteer Application online
- Attend a Volunteer Orientation
- Sign up for your first shift & start volunteering!

ANIMAL TALK

SPRING 2026

*YOU take
lifesaving to
the next level!*

INSIDE THE ISSUE:

- Home begins with you
- The “YES” that started it all
- For the love of Oates



Howdy friends,

Thank you for supporting another year of tail wags, purrs, and lifesaving success at Aggieland Humane! **Your love inspires the mission and innovations that happen every day**, propelling the pets into loving arms.

Last summer, lifesaving got a major upgrade with the addition of our new Shelter Medicine Veterinarian, Dr. Alex Pruett! Vulnerable pets who arrive at Aggieland Humane, like Jack, the adorable kitten on the cover of this issue, can now receive the specialized medical care they deserve. Thank YOU for making happy endings like his possible.

Over 25,000 meals have been distributed from our Community Pet Food Pantry since its doors opened last May! Hundreds of pets in the Brazos Valley have found comfort and nourishment because of your dedication.

In this issue, we're thrilled to show some of the miracles YOU create every day. Thank you for holding the pets of Aggieland near and dear to your hearts, now and forever!

With gratitude,

Katrina

Katrina Ross, MSc | Executive Director



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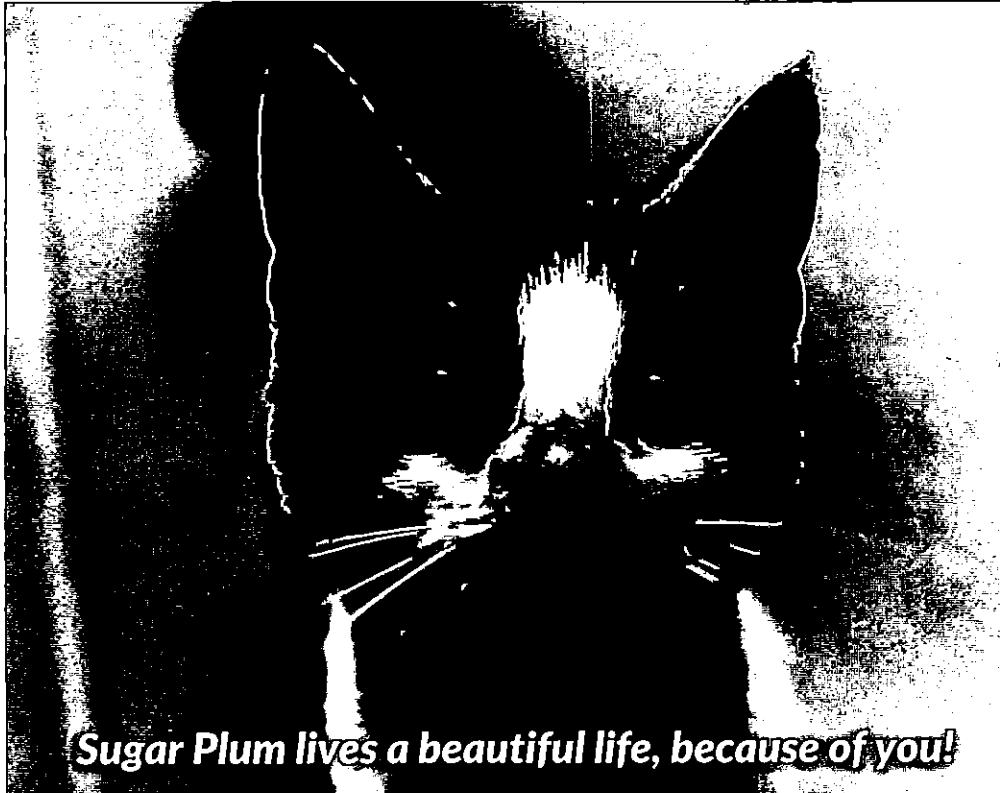
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Sugar Plum lives a beautiful life, because of you!

TAILS from HOME

Every tail has a story, and every story has YOU!



Woody | *Adopted February 2025*

As soon as I got to his kennel, he pressed himself against it so I could pet him and I just knew he was my dog! The next morning I went and got my boy! **He is a love missile and now a 90-pound lap dog who loves toys, swimming, and cuddles.** Some may say he is too much but I'm so glad he is my too much! - Addisyn



Aggie | *Adopted September 2025*

She's perfect! **Screams HELLOOOO in the most valley girl voice.** Seems to like everyone in our family and isn't bothered by the sweet chaos of a busy family. She is out of her cage more than she is in, and has the BEST manners. -Valerie



Leo & Poppy | *Adopted 2024 & 2023*

Leo has been having the most fun time with his big sister, Poppy, who we also adopted from Aggeland Humane! We've moved to Dallas and Leo has been enjoying his new spoiled life, with lots of cuddles from his sister and human parents! - Cindy

Make happy endings possible all year long!

Become a monthly donor: aggielandhumane.org/make-a-monthly-gift/



MEDICAL RESCUE — TO THE RESCUE —

YOU are a superhero for
the pets in need!

15 YEARS AND COUNTING, THANKS TO YOU

Flashback to 2011 - Cari Cole knew she wanted a job helping pets in our community. Her passion led her to Aggieland Humane with a desire to make a difference. Little did she know how big a difference she would make.



Today, Cari serves as our dedicated Animal Placement Manager, overseeing the Foster and Medical Rescue Programs and helping thousands of pets heal and find forever homes.

Whenever a pet needs a safe haven to recover and grow, Cari is there, often guiding them every step of the way. **“I love seeing the process go full circle. Watching a pet go from sick or injured, to recovering in a loving foster home, and then into a forever family.”**



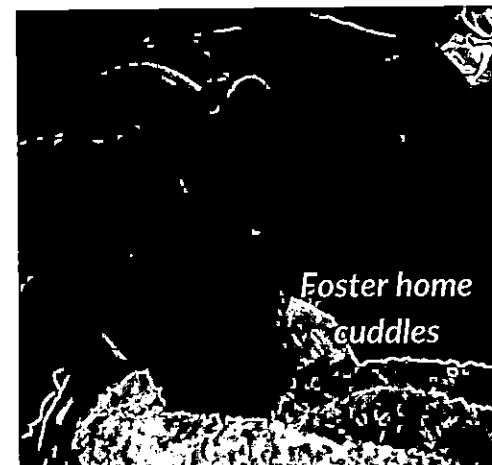
GENEROSITY SPARKED A LEGACY

Neptune's journey would go on to change lives far beyond his and Cari's. A senior dog who arrived at Aggieland Humane in 2016, Neptune faced multiple serious medical issues and severe complications.

In 2016, Aggieland Humane didn't have a Medical Rescue Fund. But Cari had a plan, and thanks to one generous donor who covered Neptune's care, everything changed.

Neptune's road to recovery took nearly a full year in foster care, specialized veterinary treatment, and lots of love.

On Day 399 of his journey with Aggieland Humane Society, Neptune finally found his forever home at one of our adoption events at Sterling Subaru!



Neptune's story helped inspire the Medical Rescue Fund that now saves countless lives every year - all because one person said YES!

TOGETHER, WE ACHIEVE MORE

After 15 years, what keeps Cari motivated is simple: knowing that when a pet leaves our care, they're going home to a safe, loving family. **"If all I am remembered for is saving a bunch of cats and dogs, I am totally okay with that.** I cannot control what happens in the world, but I know I can make a difference for the pets that come to our shelter."

But Cari said, that's where you come in: "Donors are the only reason we're able to provide lifesaving medical care. Without them, pets wouldn't receive the treatment they need. **Your donations literally save lives every single day.**"

YOU can make "YES" happen for the next pet in crisis.

Make a lifesaving gift online: aggielandhumane.org/make-a-one-time-gift/

THE MEDICAL RESCUE FUND - MADE POSSIBLE BY YOU!

Pets who come to Aggieland Humane sick, injured, or suffering receive a second chance at life. Your support helps provide:

- Critical surgeries and emergency care
- Heartworm treatment
- Diagnostics, medications, and recovery support

Your generosity continues this legacy, giving hope and healing to pets in need!



Nearly a decade after Neptune, **YOUR lifesaving legacy continues...**

Neptune's impact lives on in every pet helped, and Oates' recovery is a direct result of that ongoing legacy. By giving to the pets, you ensure that Neptune's story continues, bringing hope and healing to pets like Oates every day.



Scared, but finally safe



Surgery was a success!



Waiting for his family ❤️

Frozen with fear and visibly injured, Oates desperately needed help. Thankfully, Oates had you by his side - and Neptune's legacy guiding him.

Rescued from a rural road in Brazos County, Oates had been living with an old, untreated injury to his front leg that healed in a painful position - he couldn't even put weight on it.

Because of YOU, Oates was in the expert hands of Dr. Pruet, Aggieland Humane's new full-time Shelter Medicine Veterinarian, and that made all the difference. Dr. Pruet quickly stepped in, prescribing medications to manage his pain and infection. Oates slowly began to trust again, even wagging his tail for the first time.



Soon after, Dr. Pruet performed Aggieland Humane's very first on-site canine limb amputation to give Oates a pain-free, hopeful future.

And it was a success! Oates was able to recover with a loving, experienced foster family until he was ready for adoption. At our Cocoa for a Cause event at Santa's Wonderland, Oates found his family - **another happy ending YOU made possible.**



YOUR IMPACT

Based on our 24-25 Fiscal Year Report

2,745 PETS FOUND HAPPY FAMILIES, THANKS TO YOU!

Look at all the lives YOU changed with YOUR generosity!

433
FAMILIES
REUNITED



4,561
PETS
SPAYED OR
NEUTERED



12k+
MEALS
PROVIDED



1,643
PETS
FOSTERED

Purrfect Pageant

The crown is up for grabs.
Will your cat take it?

The Purrfect Pageant is THE annual cat-to-cat fundraising competition to raise funds for LOCAL pets in need

REGISTER YOUR CAT OR VOTE NOW:
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King Maui

Hope starts with YOU.
Healing happens because YOU care!



BARK LEADER 2025 WINNERS



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Head Bark Leader



Zuri
Senior Bark Leader



Midnight
Junior Bark Leader



Darla
Fan Favorite

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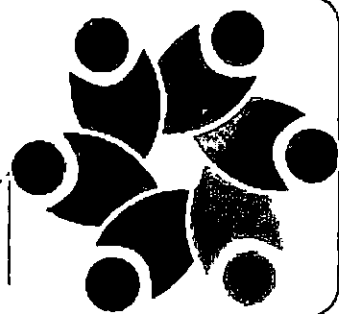
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Brazos Dispute Resolution Center

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Conflict is Expensive but Mediation Services at the DRC are not.

Mediations are \$175 per party, and we have sliding scale fee reductions for lower income and/or indigent Parties.

Let us help you clear up your docket.

Encourage Early Resolution

Mediation allows parties to resolve disputes before they escalate into costly and time-consuming litigation. By sending a case to a DRC, the judge gives the parties a chance to reach a mutually acceptable agreement without going to trial.

Reduce Court Backlogs and Cost

DRCs help lighten the court's docket, saving taxpayer money and reducing the time and resources needed for trials.

Increase Access to Justice

DRCs often serve underserved populations and provide free or low-cost mediation services, making dispute resolution more accessible to people who might otherwise avoid the formal legal system.

Promote Community Based Solutions

Mediation is a voluntary, confidential process where an impartial mediator helps parties communicate and work toward a "win-win" solution. This approach can preserve relationships and avoid adversarial outcomes.

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Brazos Dispute Resolution Center

CIVIL MEDIATIONS

Civil mediation is an informal, cooperative process in which individuals or groups in dispute meet with an impartial mediator to find a resolution outside the courtroom.

ABOUT US

The Brazos DRC is a private, non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, committed to providing high-quality, low-cost mediations and arbitrations to Brazos and the surrounding counties.

WHY CHOOSE US:

- Saves the Time of Going Through an Extensive Court Case
- Cost Effective (\$175 per mediation)
- Improves Communication between the Parties to keep the Relationship
- Easy to Schedule Online or In Person
- Private (No Court Record)



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Brazos Dispute Resolution Center

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WHY CHOOSE US:

- In-Person and Online Mediations
- Cost Effective (\$175 per Party-Four Hour mediations)
- Flexible and Fast Scheduling to Save Time and Resources
- Experienced Mediators with a Toolbox of Options

Fee Reductions and
Wavers Available

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**Brazos Dispute
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CPS/APS MEDIATIONS

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WHY CHOOSE US:

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- In-Person and Online Mediations
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MEDIATION PROGRAMS & FEE SCHEDULES

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Mediation is an alternative to litigation, trial, destructive confrontation, and violence. However, mediation does not replace the need for legal advice. It is often helpful for parties to enter mediation with some understanding of the law. For that reason, parties are encouraged to seek independent legal counsel to understand their rights, but this is not a requirement for you to mediate.

The DRC staff / volunteer mediators do not provide legal services or legal advice as part of the mediation process.

Family/Civil Litigation Issues

Issues include, but are not limited to:

***Separation *Divorce * Child Custody * Property Distribution * Parent-Child Relations * Community and
Neighborhood Relations * Church * School * Real Estate * Landlord/Tenant
* Personal Injury * Family Law Modifications * Probate ***

Cases may have been filed in Small Claims Court, County Court, or District Court. Matters may be referred without being filed or without court orders. By Law, allegations of child or elder abuse must be reported.

MEDIATION FEES

Mediations are scheduled for a 4-hour window at a flat rate of \$175.00 per attending party (e.g. Petitioner, Respondent, Intervener, or any other interested party). Each additional hour over the allotted 4 hours will be charged at \$75.00 per hour per each party. The DRC accepts cash (with exact change), check from an attorney's office and credit cards (Visa/Mastercard/Discover/American Express). We do NOT accept any payment by Venmo or any other online payment portal.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION POLICY

A \$50 non-refundable deposit (per party) will be required to hold your mediation date. In the event of rescheduling, a new deposit will be required. Any exceptions to this policy will have to be approved by the DRC Director.

Fees are payable to the Brazos Valley DRC and are due prior to the start of mediation unless other arrangements have been approved by the DRC Director.



REQUEST FOR AN ADJUSTED FEE AND/OR TO WAIVE FEES

Please complete and return the enclosed "Statement of Inability to Afford Payment" form listing your income and debts to help us to determine if you meet the guidelines for financial assistance with the Brazos Valley Dispute Resolution Center ("DRC"). The DRC will look at your debt-to-income ratio and make a decision as to a fair and equitable fee for you to mediate your dispute. The standard fee, as stated on the enclosed "Fee Schedule", is \$175.00 for a half-day mediation.

Mediation is less expensive than litigation, it is at the discretion of the Dispute Resolution Center, based on the information you provide, to reduce or waive the mediation fee for the individual participant.

If your Attorney is court appointed or representing you on a pro-bono basis, then the DRC will waive your mediation fee with documentation from your Attorney. Unless your Attorney is court appointed or taking the case pro-bono, there will be a fee of an amount **no less than \$50**.

We are here to work with you in any way we can to make your mediation successful. We appreciate your understanding regarding our need for documentation regarding this matter. Do not hesitate to get in touch with us at 979-822-6947 should you have further questions.

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MAIN: (979) 822-6947
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NOTICE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS SENSITIVE DATA



Cause Number: _____
(The Clerk's office will fill in the Cause Number when you file this form)

Plaintiff: _____
(Print first and last name of the person filing the lawsuit.)

And

Defendant: _____
(Print first and last name of the person being sued.)

In the *(check one):*
 District Court
 County Court / County Court at Law
 Justice Court

Court Number _____ Texas
 County _____

Statement of Inability to Afford Payment of Court Costs or an Appeal Bond

1. Your Information

My full legal name is: _____ My date of birth is: ____/____/____
First Middle Last Month/Day/Year

My address is: *(Home)* _____
(Mailing) _____

My phone number: _____ My email: _____

About my dependents: "The people who depend on me financially are listed below."

Name	Age	Relationship to Me
1 _____	_____	_____
2 _____	_____	_____
3 _____	_____	_____
4 _____	_____	_____
5 _____	_____	_____
6 _____	_____	_____

2. Are you represented by Legal Aid?

I am being represented in this case for free by an attorney who works for a legal aid provider or who received my case through a legal aid provider. I have attached the certificate the legal aid provider gave me as 'Exhibit: Legal Aid Certificate.'

-or-

I asked a legal-aid provider to represent me, and the provider determined that I am financially eligible for representation, but the provider could not take my case. I have attached documentation from legal aid stating this.

or-

I am not represented by legal aid. I did not apply for representation by legal aid.

3. Do you receive public benefits?

I do not receive needs-based public benefits. - or -

I receive these public benefits/government entitlements that are based on indigency:
(Check ALL boxes that apply and attach proof to this form, such as a copy of an eligibility form or check.)

- Food stamps/SNAP TANF Medicaid CHIP SSI WIC AABD
- Public Housing or Section 8 Housing Low-Income Energy Assistance Emergency Assistance
- Telephone Lifeline Community Care via DADS LIS in Medicare ("Extra Help")
- Needs-based VA Pension Child Care Assistance under Child Care and Development Block Grant
- County Assistance, County Health Care, or General Assistance (GA)
- Other: _____

4. What is your monthly income and income sources?

"I get this monthly income:

\$ _____ in monthly wages. I work as a _____ for _____.
Your job title Your employer

\$ _____ in monthly unemployment. I have been unemployed since (date) _____.

\$ _____ in public benefits per month.

\$ _____ from other people in my household each month: *(List only if other members contribute to your household income.)*

- \$ _____ from Retirement/Pension Tips, bonuses Disability Worker's Comp
 Social Security Military Housing Dividends, interest, royalties
 Child/spousal support
 My spouse's income or income from another member of my household *(if available)*

\$ _____ from other jobs/sources of income. *(Describe)* _____

\$ _____ is my total monthly income.

5. What is the value of your property?

"My property includes:	Value*
Cash	\$ _____
Bank accounts, other financial assets	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Vehicles (cars, boats) <i>(make and year)</i>	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Other property (like jewelry, stocks, land, another house, etc.)	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total value of property	→ \$ _____

6. What are your monthly expenses?

"My monthly expenses are:	Amount
Rent/house payments/maintenance	\$ _____
Food and household supplies	\$ _____
Utilities and telephone	\$ _____
Clothing and laundry	\$ _____
Medical and dental expenses	\$ _____
Insurance (life, health, auto, etc.)	\$ _____
School and child care	\$ _____
Transportation, auto repair, gas	\$ _____
Child / spousal support	\$ _____
Wages withheld by court order	\$ _____
Debt payments paid to: <i>(List)</i>	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Monthly Expenses	→ \$ _____

*The value is the amount the item would sell for less the amount you still owe on it, if anything.

7. Are there debts or other facts explaining your financial situation?

"My debts include: *(List debt and amount owed)* _____

(If you want the court to consider other facts, such as unusual medical expenses, family emergencies, etc., attach another page to this form labeled "Exhibit: Additional Supporting Facts.") Check here if you attach another page.

8. Declaration

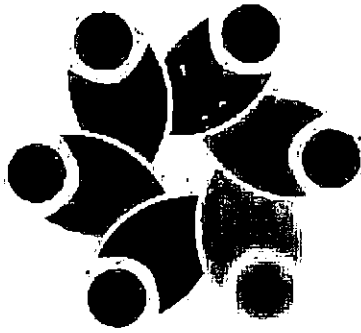
I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. I further swear:

- I cannot afford to pay court costs.
 I cannot furnish an appeal bond or pay a cash deposit to appeal a justice court decision.

My name is _____ My date of birth is : ____ / ____ / ____.

My address is _____
Street City State Zip Code Country

▶ _____ signed on ____ / ____ / ____ in _____ County, _____
Signature Month/Day/Year county name State



DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER

THE REASONABLE APPROACH TO RESOLUTION

ANNUAL REPORT

2026

DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTER-CENTRAL BRAZOS VALLEY, INC

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MISSION, VISION, AND GOALS STATEMENT

MISSION

To facilitate the peaceful resolution of conflicts by utilizing impartial third parties who apply mediation and other alternative dispute resolution techniques within Brazos and the surrounding counties.

VISION

The Dispute Resolution Center will become known throughout the Central Brazos Valley for its effectiveness in resolving disputes.

GOALS

Improve public awareness of the mediation process and the Dispute Resolution Center.

Increase contact with judges throughout the seven counties within Central Brazos Valley.

Increase the number of mediations brought to the Dispute Resolution Center.

Increase the number and qualifications of mediators serving the Dispute Resolution Center with particular emphasis on Family Mediation training.

Develop personnel to assist in performing the functions of a professionally run administrative office.

Increase the use of marketing tools available to the Dispute Resolution Center.

Ensure the continuing education of staff and mediators.

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As I look back over the past year, I am struck by the extraordinary dedication, compassion, and collaboration that define our mediation center. Each day, I am reminded that our work—helping people navigate conflict with dignity and understanding—is only possible because of the remarkable individuals and partners who stand beside us.

First and foremost, I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to our Volunteer Board of Directors. Your leadership has been a steady compass, guiding us through a year of both challenges and opportunities. You have given generously of your time, expertise, and wisdom—often behind the scenes—to ensure that our mission remains strong and our vision clear. From strategic planning sessions to community outreach, your commitment has shaped the direction of our organization in ways that will have a lasting impact for years to come.

To our office staff, I extend my deepest gratitude. You are the backbone of our daily operations, ensuring that every client, mediator, and attorney experiences the professionalism, empathy, and efficiency that define our center. Whether it's answering a call from someone in crisis, coordinating complex case schedules, or managing the countless details that keep our programs running smoothly, you do it all with grace and compassion. Your work may not always be visible to the public, but you are absolutely essential to every success we celebrate.

Our volunteer mediators deserve special recognition for the heart and skill you bring to each case. You step into situations that are often tense, emotional, and deeply personal, and you create a space where understanding can grow. Your ability to listen without judgment, to guide conversations with patience, and to help people find common ground is a gift to our community. Many of you balance this work alongside careers, families, and other commitments, yet you continue to show up—week after week—because you believe in the power of dialogue to transform lives.

We are also profoundly grateful to the judges and attorneys who refer cases to us. Your trust in our services is a testament to the quality and integrity of our

work. By directing individuals and families to mediation, you help ensure that more people have access to a process that is less adversarial, more collaborative, and often more healing than traditional litigation. These referrals not only strengthen our partnerships within the legal community but also expand our reach to those who might not otherwise know that mediation is an option.

This year, we have seen firsthand the difference that collaboration makes. We have helped neighbors resolve disputes that once seemed impossible, guided families through difficult transitions with compassion, and supported workplaces in building healthier communication. Each success story is a reminder that conflict, when approached with respect and openness, can be an opportunity for growth and understanding.

As we move into the year ahead, I am filled with optimism. We will continue to expand our services, strengthen our partnerships, and invest in training and resources that empower our mediators and staff. Most importantly, we will remain steadfast in our commitment to providing a safe, respectful, and accessible space for all who seek resolution.

To every board member, staff member, volunteer mediator, judge, and attorney who has contributed to our mission—thank you. Your belief in our work fuels our progress, and your dedication inspires me every day. Together, we are building not just a stronger mediation center, but a more compassionate and connected community.

With deep gratitude,

Tori Ellis

Executive Director

Board of Directors and Office Staff

Board Members for 2025

AJ Reynold, *Chair*

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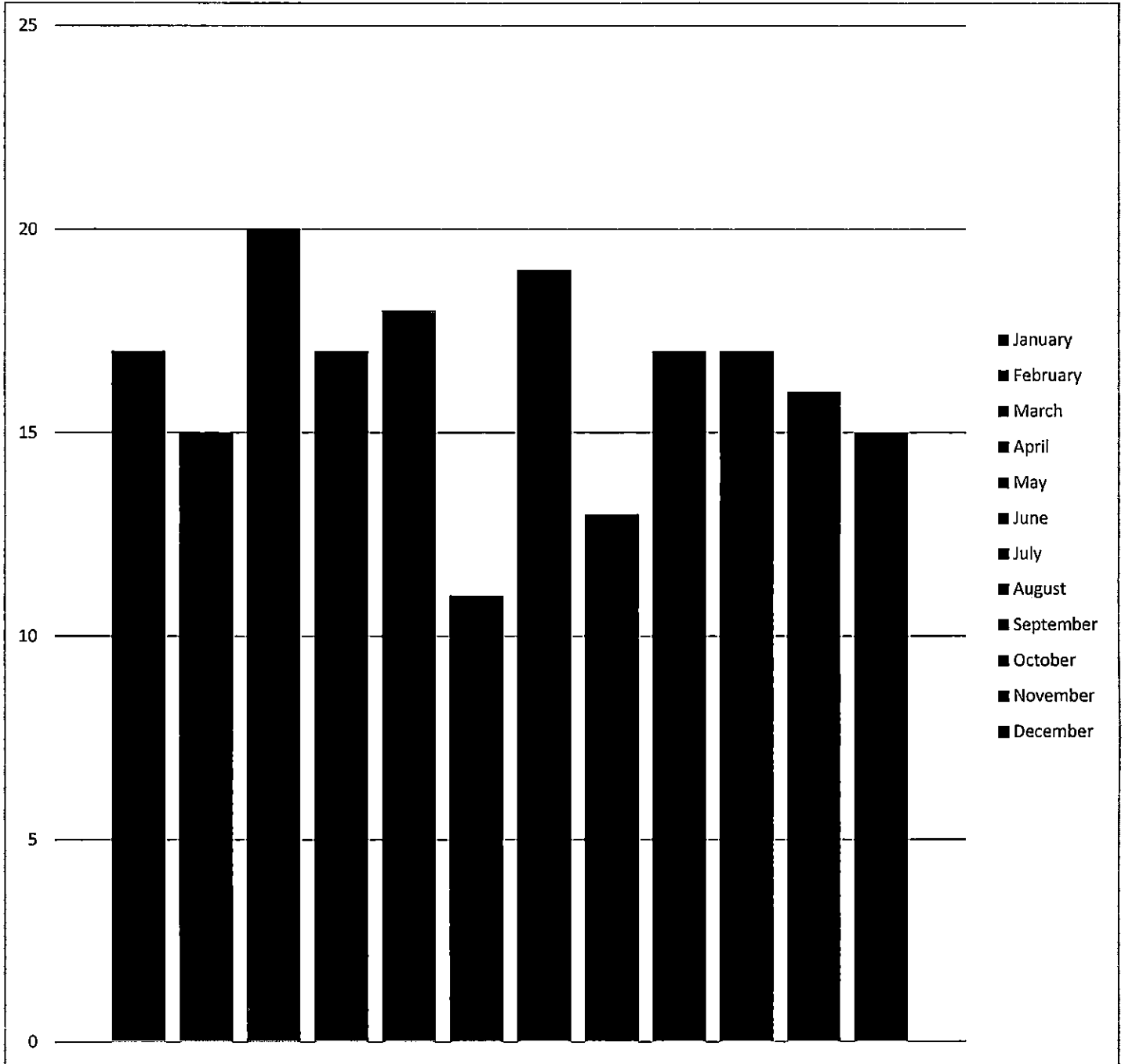
Melissa Flippin, *Director of Administration*

Whitney Wolf, *Case Manager*

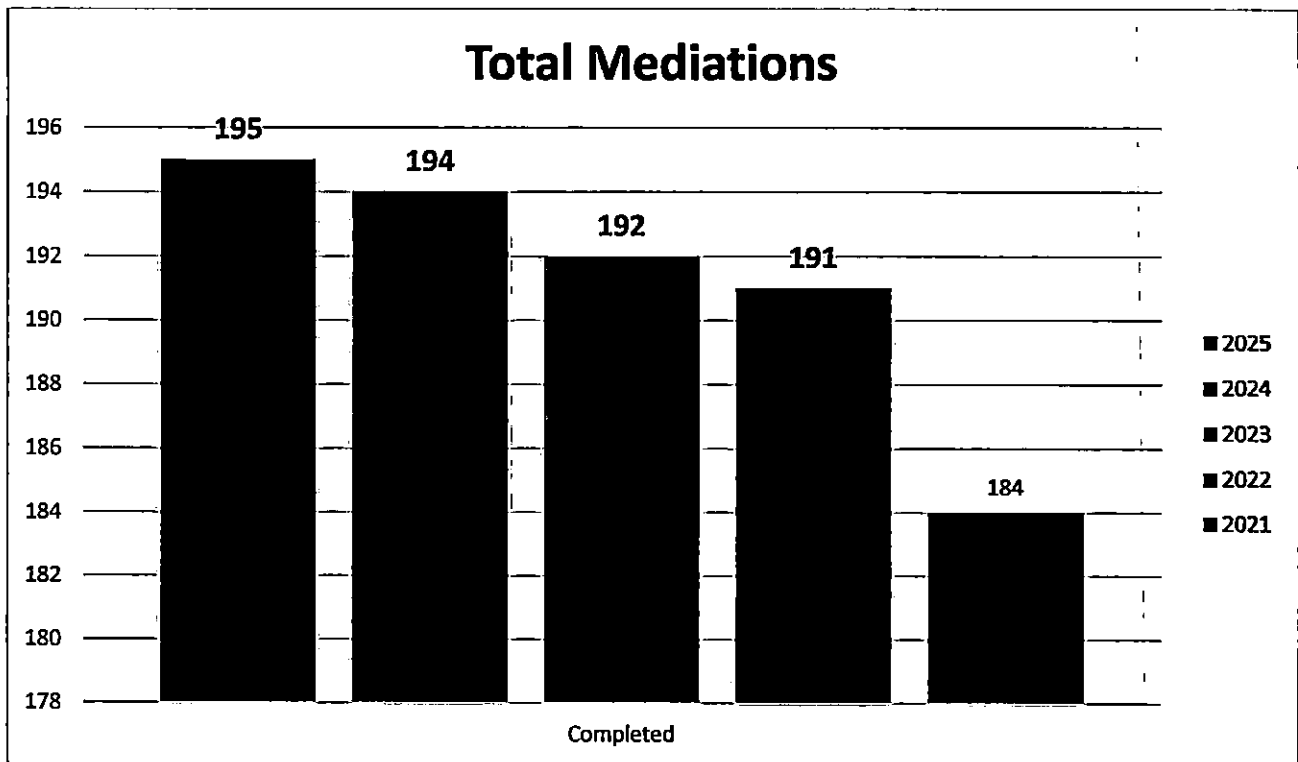
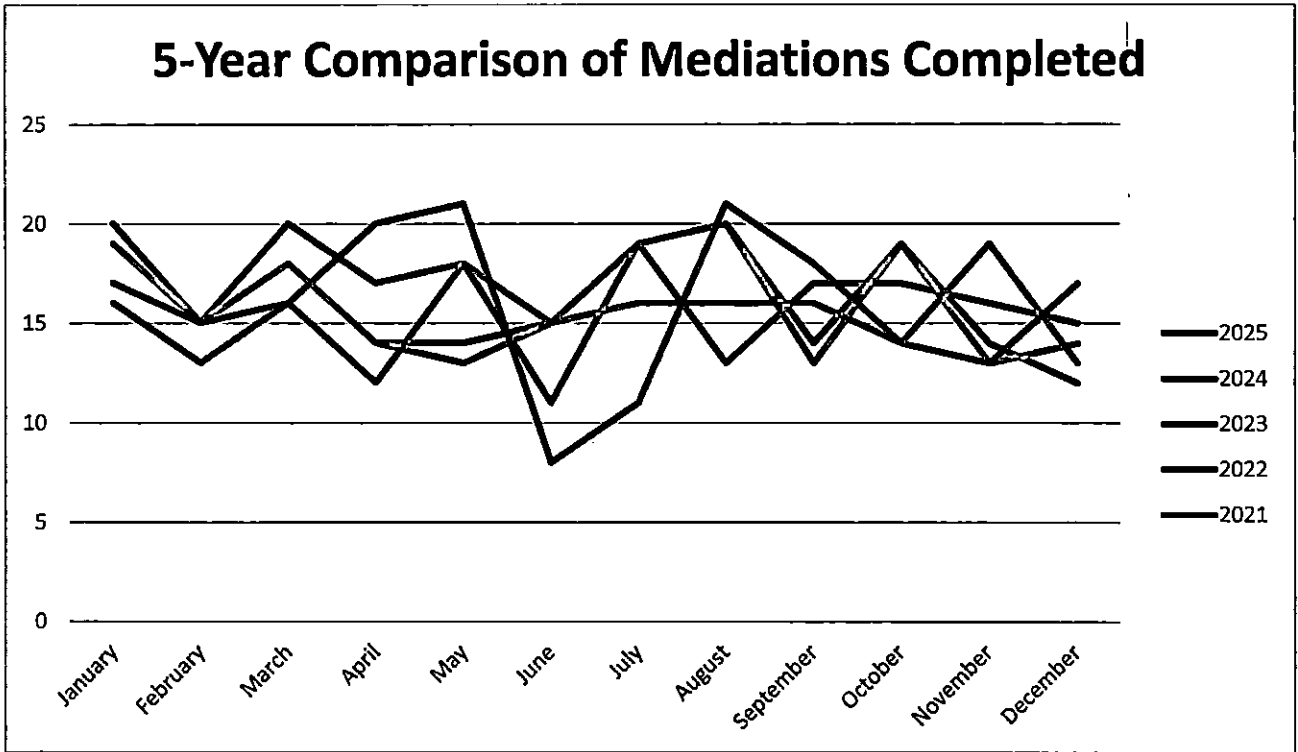
Mediation Statistics

Total Mediations Completed for 2025 = 195

(Total Mediations Scheduled for 2025 = 204)



Mediations Completed



Active Mediators in 2025

Cody Allen
Brandi Burkett
Debbie Cotton
Mike Davis
Tori Ellis
Melissa Flippin
Melinda Fox
Dr. Jim Guinn III
DJ Hohertz
Gregg Lancaster
Wes Linnenbank
Honorable Judge Jim Locke
Jacob Miller
Mireya Moreno
Cheyenne Murphy
Nilam Patel
Noelle Perry
Mary Jane Petty
Ron Petty
Nicole Pottberg
Robert Pottberg
Dan Usiak
Judy Wells
Whitney Wolf
Ali Zamanian

DRC Volunteer Mediator of the Year: Whitney Wolf

DRC New Mediator of the Year: Noelle Perry

Mediation Training in 2025

Training for New Mediators:

February 4 th -6 th	40-Hour Basic Mediation Training
March 6 th -7 th	30-Hour Family Mediation Training
April 21 st -22 nd	20-Hour CPS Mediation Training
June 3 rd -5 th	40-Hour Basic Mediation Training
July 7 th -8 th	30-Hour Family Mediation Training
August 21 st -22 nd	20-Hour CPS Mediation Training
October 21 st -23 rd	40-Hour Basic Mediation Training
November 13 th -14 th	30-Hour Family Mediation Training

Continuing Education for Current Mediators:

Muffins with Mediators/Lunch and Learns (1-hour training)

- January 28th- Asset Management in Mediations
- February 11th- Civil Mediation Court Paths
- May 15th- How to Deal with Difficult People in Mediation
- June 26th- The Basics of QDROs
- July 15th- Custody and Visitation in Family Mediations
- August 12th- Car and Boat Title Transfers (information presentation)
- September 15th- Family Mediation Court Paths
- October 16th- Our Family Wizard Presentation for Mediators
- November 18th- The Difference in Civil, Family, and CPS Mediations

Roundtable Discussions (3-hour training)

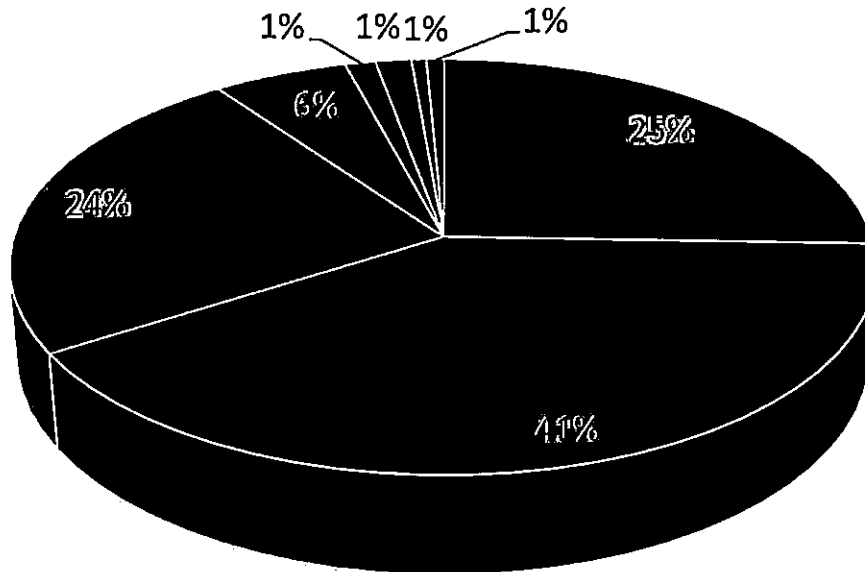
- April 9th- TAM Annual Conference Recap

Texas Association of Mediators Annual Conference (multi day)

- March 28th and 29th in El Paso, Texas

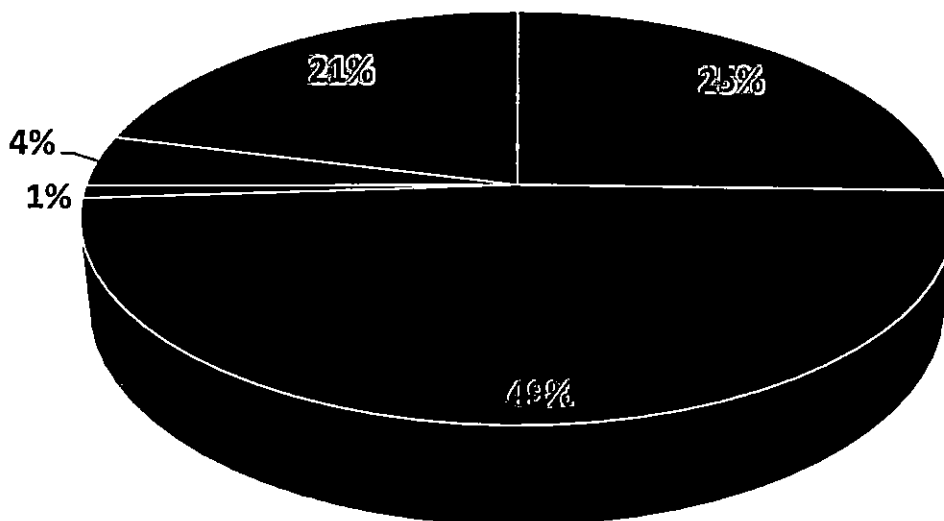
Financial Analysis

2025 Income



- Mediation Fees
- Brazos County Court Fees
- Brazos County Grants
- Grimes County Grant
- Grants
- Training Fees
- Room Rentals
- Interest Income

2025 Expenses



- Rent
- Salaries and Wages
- Community Involvement
- Training Expenses
- Operating Expenses



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BRAZOS VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Stories of Hope

I had a teenage client return to counseling for additional services. When our time together was ending and she was graduating from services, she told me how much Scotty's House had helped her. She said to me, "It isn't just some sort of program, it actually helps. I consider you part of my family now because I don't know what I would do without you."

- Scotty's House Counselor

WHERE THE
Healing **BEGINS.**



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BRAZOS VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Join Our Giving Circle

Every child deserves a *chance*.

Your scheduled gift can provide
hope to children who need it most.



Scan the QR Code to
make an impact now!



Help *every child* reclaim
their childhood!



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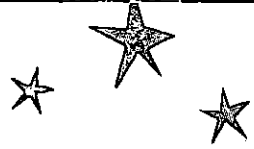
30 Years OF COMMUNITY IMPACT



Who We Are

Scotty's House provides safety, healing, and justice for children victimized by abuse through professional assessment, counseling, and education in a compassionate and collaborative approach.

About Us



For many children that come to Scotty's House, the most important interaction of their lives happens within our walls.

Scotty's House is the child advocacy center for the Brazos Valley, dedicated to supporting child victims of crime. Since 1995, we've provided a safe, collaborative space where law enforcement, CPS, and medical professionals come together to reduce the trauma that kids experience.

Our goal? To make sure children don't have to relive their trauma over and over again. By offering everything from forensic interviews to medical exams and counseling in one facility, we support child victims of crime on their path to recovery.

Through a multidisciplinary team of individuals, including law enforcement, child protective services, prosecution, and medical and mental health professionals, we coordinate the collaborative response and investigation of child abuse cases.

At Scotty's House, we help children not only begin their healing, but reclaim their childhood.

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Services

To support our child victims of abuse and their non-offending family members, the Scotty's House team of highly-trained professionals offers valuable healing services. Scotty's House is the only organization within the seven-county region that provides free access to the following core services:



FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

A child's recorded statement conducted by specially trained professionals to gather factual information from a child in a neutral, child-friendly setting.



FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMS

Medical exams conducted by specially trained Forensic Nurses to collect physical evidence and document injury, along with an overall physical check-up.



COUNSELING SERVICES

Evidence-based, trauma-informed interventions that allow child victims and their non-offending family members the chance to heal from the trauma of abuse.



FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

Support for families navigating the investigative process that focuses on emotional, economic, and basic needs of children and their non-offending family members.



COMMUNITY EDUCATION & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

High-quality prevention education and awareness programs provided to caregivers, child care professionals, educators, faith communities, and corporate and civic groups, along with engaging volunteer opportunities.

Our Impact in 2025

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

1,019

FORENSIC INTERVIEWS

671

interviews conducted

FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAMS

155

exams conducted

FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICES

624

families served

COUNSELING SERVICES

2,933

counseling sessions

Contact Us



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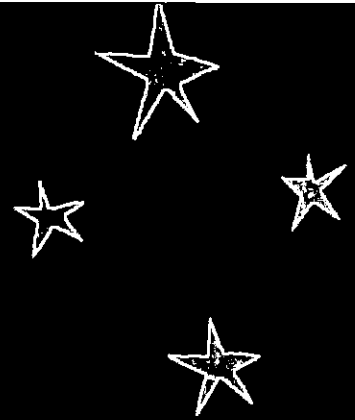


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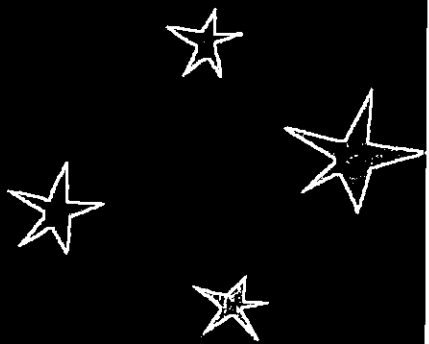




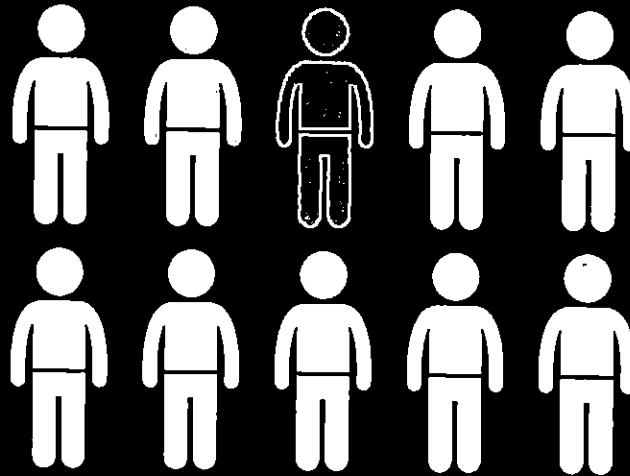
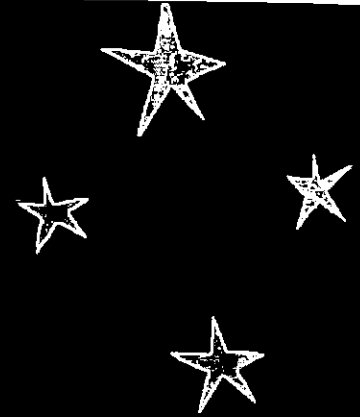
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BRAZOS VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

Unfortunatelly...



**1 in 10 children will be sexually
abused before their 18th birthday**



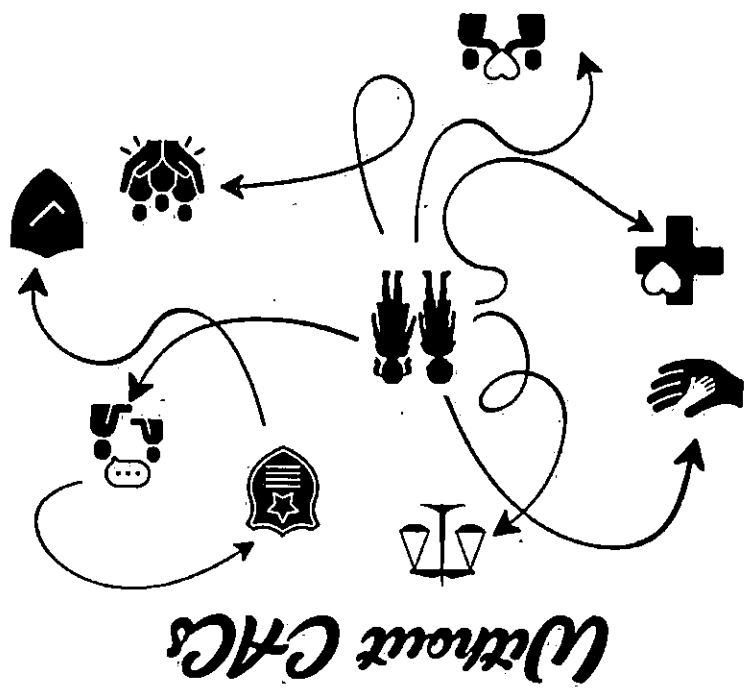
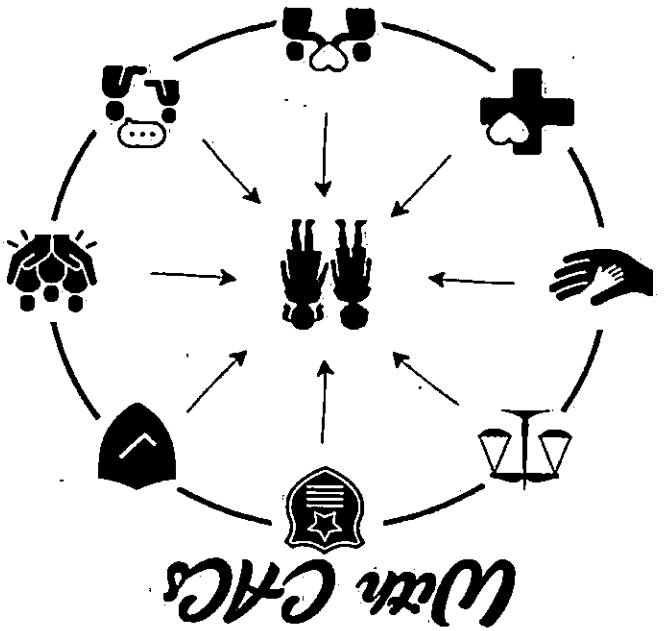
90% will *never* tell anyone about the abuse

Impact of Child Abuse



Children who are abused often experience severe social and psychological trauma that may include:

- Nightmares
- Hyper-Vigilance
- Sleep Difficulties
- Poor Self-Esteem
- Social Isolation
- Increased Use of Drugs and Alcohol
- School Failure
- Depression and Suicidal Ideation
- Higher Rates of Crime and Incarceration



Why a Children's Advocacy Center?



About Us



Scotty's House provides safety, healing, and justice for children victimized by abuse through professional assessment, counseling, and education in a compassionate and collaborative approach.

Founded in 1995, Scotty's House is dedicated to the memory of Scotty, the son of a local pediatrician. In 1982, four-year-old Scotty was tragically taken from his daycare by his father and later killed. His memory inspires our mission to protect and support children who have suffered abuse or neglect.



Regional Snapshot



- 5,109 Square Miles
- 379,255 Individuals in the Region
- Scotty's House Case Criteria:
 - Child victims of crime
 - Child victims of sexual assault
 - Child victims of severe physical abuse
 - Children at risk of abuse
 - Drug-endangered children
- 50+ community partners agencies including:
 - 20+ Police Departments
 - 7 Sheriff's Offices
 - 10 District and County Attorneys
 - 2 Hospital Systems
 - 6 Contract Counselors
 - 5 Statewide Department of Family and Protective Services Divisions
 - Many Community Nonprofits

Client Journey



Scotty's House
BRAZOS VALLEY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

1 AN OUTCRY OR A REPORT OF ABUSE



Every child abuse case reported to the Child Protective Services in our region is also reviewed by the Scotty's House team. This ensures that no child falls through the cracks.

3 FORENSIC INTERVIEW



A child's recorded interview conducted by specially trained professionals to gather factual information in a neutral setting

2 MULTIDISCIPLINARY CASE COORDINATION



Scotty's House coordinates a multidisciplinary team (MDT) approach by facilitating a comprehensive, coordinated response to investigations. This ensures services are provided in a trauma-informed manner.

4 FAMILY SUPPORT



Support to families navigating the investigative process focused on emotional, economical, and basic needs of the children and families.

5 MEDICAL EXAM



Medical exams conducted by specially trained nurses to collect physical evidence and document injuries, along with an overall check-up that are completed when needed. Forensic medical exams can address concerns, minimize trauma, and help the child heal.

6 COUNSELING AND GRADUATION



Evidence-based, trauma-informed interventions that allow child victims and their non-offending family members the chance to heal from the trauma of abuse. The Scotty's House team celebrates a client's graduation from the counseling program.

Our Services



Our Impact in 2025

**TOTAL UNDUPLICATED
CHILDREN SERVED**

1,019

**FORENSIC
INTERVIEWS**

671

interviews conducted

**FORENSIC MEDICAL
EVALUATIONS**

155

exams conducted

**FAMILY SUPPORT
SERVICES**

644

families served

**COUNSELING
SERVICES**

2,933

counseling sessions

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Our Services - Brazos County



Our Impact in 2025

**TOTAL UNDUPLICATED
CHILDREN SERVED**

531

**FORENSIC
INTERVIEWS**

339

interviews conducted

**FORENSIC MEDICAL
EVALUATIONS**

86

exams conducted

**FAMILY SUPPORT
SERVICES**

299

families served

**COUNSELING
SERVICES**

1,648

counseling sessions

WHERE THE *Healing* BEGINS.

Brazos County - Financial Impact



Scotty's House Funding Sources:

- Victims of Crime Act (Federal) - 21%
- Health and Human Services Commission (State) - 25%
- Private Donations and Fundraising Efforts - 54%

**Children Served in
Brazos County in 2025**

531

**Annual Cost to Provide
Complete Services to
One Child**

\$2,000

**Total Cost to Serve
Brazos County in 2025**

\$1,062,000

WHERE THE *Healing* BEGINS.

Critical Role in Brazos County



Scotty's House provides **specialized child abuse investigation support to Brazos County**

- Works closely with:
 - Brazos County District Attorney's Office
 - Brazos County Sheriff's Office
- Services include:
 - Forensic Interviews to support investigation
 - Expert testimony in prosecutions
 - over 50 hours of expert testimony and court preparation in 2025
- All services provided at ***no cost to the county or their residents***

WHERE THE *Healing* BEGINS.



Introduction

Questionnaire for Outside Agency: 2026-2027

This questionnaire represents the Brazos County Commissioners Court's efforts to compile sufficient information on an Outside Agency so that an adequate assessment and evaluation of the agency, its programs, and its needs can be compiled for the Commissioners Court records.

The word "Agency" will be used where possible and will also mean organization, order, corporation, association and individual. The information provided should only apply to the agency that serves Brazos County. Please answer all questions that are pertinent and to the best of your knowledge. If your agency is not yet established, please attempt to provide reasonable estimates.

Deadline for submitting the completed questionnaire and all supporting documentation to the Brazos County Budget Office is April 10, 2026.

Call Nina Payne at (979) 361-4186 or Spencyr Mays at (979) 361-4543 if you have any questions.

Organization Information

Organization Name*

Scotty's House Brazos Valley Child Advocacy Center, Inc.

Address*

Street Address

2424 Kent Street

Address Line 2

City

Bryan

State

TX

Postal/Zip Code

77802

Website*

www.scottyshouse.org

Mission Statement

The mission of Scotty's House Child Advocacy Center (CAC) is to provide safety, healing, and justice for children victimized by abuse through professional assessment, counseling, and education in a compassionate and collaborative approach.

Chief Executive Officer Name*

Cary Baker

Chief Executive Officer Email*

cbaker@scottyshouse.org

How Was Your Agency Established?*

Is This Your First Time to Request Funding from Brazos County?*

- Law
- Articles of Incorporation
- Voluntary Association
- Non-Profit Association

- Yes
- No

Does Your Agency Have a State-Approved Charter?*

- Yes
- No

Does Your Agency Have Written and Adopted Bylaws?*

- Yes
- No

Is Your Agency Established for:*

- Profit
- Limited Profit
- Non-Profit

Is Your Agency Tax Exempt at the:*

- State Level
- Federal Level
- Both

Contact Person

First Name*

Alison

Last Name*

Prince

Job Title

Director of Development

Phone*

(979) 535-5035

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aprinced@scotttyshouse.org

Program/Project Info

Program / Project Information

Program / Project Name*

Scotty's House: Providing Forensic and Healing Services to Child Victims of Abuse

Program / Project Description*

Scotty's House provides a child-centered, trauma-informed response to child abuse through forensic interviews, medical exams, counseling, and family advocacy, all at no cost to families. Using the proven Children's Advocacy Center (CAC) model, we coordinate services to reduce trauma, support healing, and strengthen investigations and legal outcomes.

Scotty's House is seeking funding to sustain these critical, life-changing services for local children and their non-offending family members. Serving over 1,000 children annually across the Brazos Valley, more than half from Brazos County, Scotty's House is the only organization in the region providing these essential, no-cost services to child victims and their non-offending caregivers. By removing financial barriers, we ensure every child has access to safety, healing, and justice.

After receiving a reported case of child abuse from CPS or law enforcement, the CAC model includes the following services:

Forensic Interviews: Giving Children a Voice

Specially trained interviewers speak with children in a neutral, trauma-informed way. Conducted in a warm, child-friendly setting, these interviews are observed by CPS and law enforcement to reduce repetition and strengthen investigations.

Forensic Medical Exams: Providing Peace of Mind

The Forensic Nursing team at Baylor Scott & White conduct exams related to sexual and physical abuse, either in our on-site medical suite or at the local hospital. These sensitive exams provide reassurance to the child and their families and critical documentation and evidence collection for investigations.

Mental Health and Therapeutic Services: Focusing on Healing

We offer evidence-based therapies that help children and their non-offending family members process trauma and rediscover joy, including:

- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR)
- Play Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Parent Education and Therapy
- Superhero Academy – a resilience-building, 3-day, group therapy camp

Family Support and Case Management: Offering Resources and Care

Family Case Managers assess family needs, explain the investigative process, and provide referrals to additional services, offering support to non-offending caregivers throughout a child's healing journey.

Summary of Scotty's House Services in Brazos County, 2025

- CPS Intake Reports Reviewed: 2,195
- Forensic Interviews Conducted: 339
- Forensic Medical Exams Conducted: 86
- Cases reviewed by Multidisciplinary Team: 491
- Mental Health and Therapeutic Services, Children Served: 123 children, 1,259 sessions
- Mental Health and Therapeutic Services, Adults Served: 40 adults, 389 sessions
- Expert Testimony and/or Case Consultation by Scotty's House Staff: 54 hours
- Total Unduplicated Children Served: 531

Is This a New Program?

(Less Than One Year in Existence)

Yes

No

How Many Years has This Program Been in Existence?

31

Funding Use Classification Information

If Awarded, How Will Funding Be Used?*

- Direct Client Services
- Operational Expenses
- Service Continuity or Expansion
- Staff Salary
- Other

If Requested Funding is for More Than One Use Case, or You Selected Other, Please Briefly Describe

Funds will be used to fund the forensic services department, including forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, and family advocacy and support.

Eligibility and Impact

Eligibility and Impact Information

What are the Eligibility Criteria for People to Participate in the Program/Project? *

Eligibility criteria are the requirements that must be met for an individual to be included and participate in your program/project.

Children are eligible to receive services at Scotty's House when there is an active investigation by Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement involving allegations of abuse. Services are also extended to the child's non-offending family members as part of the support and healing process.

Will Fees Be Collected from Participants? *

- Yes
 No

How Many Individuals Do You Plan to Impact or Engage With During the Program/Project? *

Note: The impact needs to be a measurable goal to assess. Example: The program will serve 50 families with individual and family counseling sessions for 12 weeks by a licensed professional counselor.

During the program year, Scotty's House anticipates serving approximately 525-575 unduplicated children in Brazos County who are involved in active abuse investigations, along with their non-offending family members. Each child served will have access to coordinated, trauma-informed services designed to reduce re-traumatization and support both healing and the investigative process.

Goals of the program include:

- Ensure every child victim has access to specialized forensic interviews, medical evaluations, counseling, and advocacy—at no cost.
- Empower non-offending caregivers with resources, education, and support.
- Foster long-term healing through evidence-based therapeutic services.
- Support children and their families through the prosecution of crimes against children through expert consultation and courtroom testimony.
- Serve as a trusted regional leader in child advocacy and abuse prevention.

Select One or More Categories That Closely Align With the Program/Project *

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Care Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Arts and Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Human Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Military and Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior Assistance | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapeutic Justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Outreach |

Target Population Information

Select One or More Populations Served By Your Agency *

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Families | <input type="checkbox"/> Formerly Incarcerated |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless/Unhoused | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigrants/Refugees | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Consumer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Military and Veterans | <input type="checkbox"/> Seniors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Youth/Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | |

What Geographical Area Does Your Program/Project Serve? *

Please list cities, counties and geographical areas served on a regular basis.

Scotty's House is the Child Advocacy Center for the Brazos Valley, serving: Brazos, Burleson, Grimes, Leon, Madison, Robertson, and Washington counties. Residents of the seven-county region are served, however over 50% of the cases we respond to occur in Brazos County.

Request for Funding

What is the Amount of Your Current Request for Funds?

Brazos County*	City of Bryan*	City of College Station*
\$40,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00

Other Entities/Grants*

Please list, with \$ amounts

Projected funding not yet received:

Victim of Crime Act: \$481,856

OVAG: \$49,500

HHSC/CAC Texas: \$561,327

Multiple Other Grants, Donations, and Events: \$1,400,000

Please Explain in Detail What These Funding Amounts Will Be Used For*

Funds will be used to fund the services provided directly to clients by the Forensic Services Department, including forensic interviews, forensic medical exams, and family advocacy and support.

If Your Request is an Increase Over Last Year's Request, Please Explain in Detail Why the Increase is Needed and What These Increased Funds Will Be Used For

Also include details of whether there will be any cost savings if this increase in funding is approved.

Scotty's House is requesting \$40,000 from Brazos County, an increase from last year's allocation of \$29,250, to help meet the growing demand for services and ensure continued access to care for child victims of crime.

The comprehensive, trauma-informed services provided by Scotty's House, including forensic interviews, medical exams, counseling, family advocacy, and court support, cost approximately \$2,000 per child. In 2025, Scotty's House served 531 children in Brazos County, representing an estimated \$1,062,000 in services provided directly to local families.

Based on projected need, Scotty's House anticipates serving 525-575 Brazos County children in the coming year. The requested \$40,000 investment would directly support comprehensive services for only 20-25 children, underscoring both the efficiency and high return on investment of county support.

In addition to direct services for children and families, Scotty's House provides substantial cost savings to Brazos County by reducing the financial and operational burden associated with investigating and prosecuting child abuse cases.

Our forensic interviewers play a critical role in both criminal and civil investigations by conducting neutral, legally sound interviews that help establish facts while minimizing further trauma to the child. These professionals also provide expert testimony regarding the forensic interview process and the dynamics of child abuse disclosures, strengthening the County's ability to pursue successful prosecutions.

Scotty's House also provides expert consultation and courtroom testimony at no cost to Brazos County. In the past year alone, staff contributed approximately 54 hours of expert witness preparation and testimony in Brazos County cases. At an estimated \$250 per hour for comparable expert witness services, this represents approximately \$13,500 in in-kind savings to the County.

By providing these services free of charge, Scotty's House reduces the financial burden on Brazos County while ensuring that child victims receive coordinated, high-quality, trauma-informed care and that law enforcement and prosecutors have the expert support needed to pursue justice effectively.

With your continued investment, Scotty's House will remain a critical partner to Brazos County, supporting law enforcement, child protection, and the courts while ensuring safety, healing, and justice for the most vulnerable children in our community.

Amount of Funding Appropriated in FY 2025-26

Brazos County	City of Bryan	City of College Station
\$29,250.00	\$4,160.00	\$2,000.00

Other Entities/Grants

Please list, with \$ amounts

Victim of Crime Act: \$481,856

OVAG: \$49,500

HHSC/CAC Texas: \$581,354

Multiple Other Grants, Donations, and Events: \$1,300,000 (Projected totals)

If Funding was Awarded in FY 2025-2026, Have All Contractual Obligations Been Met with the County?

Yes

No

Amount of Funding Appropriated in FY 2024-25

Brazos County

\$20,000.00

City of Bryan

\$4,000.00

City of College Station

\$2,000.00

Other Entities/Grants

Please list, with \$ amounts

Victim of Crime Act: \$499,050

OVAG: \$49,500

HHSC/CAC Texas: \$581,354

Multiple Other Grants, Donations, and Events: \$1,435,721

Amount of Funding Appropriated in FY 2023-24

Brazos County

\$80,900.00

City of Bryan

\$4,000.00

City of College Station

\$2,000.00

Other Entities/Grants

Please list, with \$ amounts

Victim of Crime Act: \$471,252

OVAG: \$49,500

HHSC/CAC Texas: \$596,260

Multiple Other Grants, Donations, and Events: \$1,281,539

Amount of Funding Appropriated in FY 2022-23

Brazos County

\$20,585.87

City of Bryan

\$0.00

City of College Station

\$0.00

Other Entities/Grants

Please list, with \$ amounts

Victim of Crime Act: \$481,855

OVAG: \$45,000

HHSC/CAC Texas: \$619,761

Multiple Other Grants, Donations, and Events: \$1,271,904

Amount of Funding Appropriated in FY 2021-22

Brazos County	City of Bryan	City of College Station
\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Other Entities/Grants

Please list, with \$ amounts

Victim of Crime Act: \$479,885

OVAG: \$45,000

HHSC/CAC Texas: \$498,544

Multiple Other Grants, Donations, and Events: \$1,271,354

Required Documentation

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Please Upload Your Audited Financial Statements for the Previous Year, including Management Letter

SH FY 25 Audit Report - Final.pdf

353.59KB

Files must be in PDF format. Max upload size is 25 MB.

If Audit is Not Completed, Please Explain Why

Please Upload a Copy of Your Current Line-Item Operating Budget with Up-to-date Actuals for FY 2025-26 *

You must include both revenue and expenditures. DO NOT SUBMIT BANK STATEMENTS.

Scotty's House Budget to Actuals 9-2025 to 3-2026.pdf

293.06KB

Files must be in PDF format. Max upload size is 25 MB.

Please Upload a Copy of Your Proposed Line-Item Budget for FY 2026-27 *

You must include both revenue and expenditures.

Scotty's House FY 27 Budget Draft - Brazos County.pdf

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Final Instructions

All agencies will be required to present their request to the Brazos County Commissioners Court on May 20, 2026. Additional information will be sent out later regarding presentation requirements and length.

Deadline for submitting this completed questionnaire and all supporting documentation to the Brazos County Budget Office is April 10, 2026.

Call Nina Payne at (979) 361-4186 or Spencyr Mays at (979) 361-4543 if you have any questions.

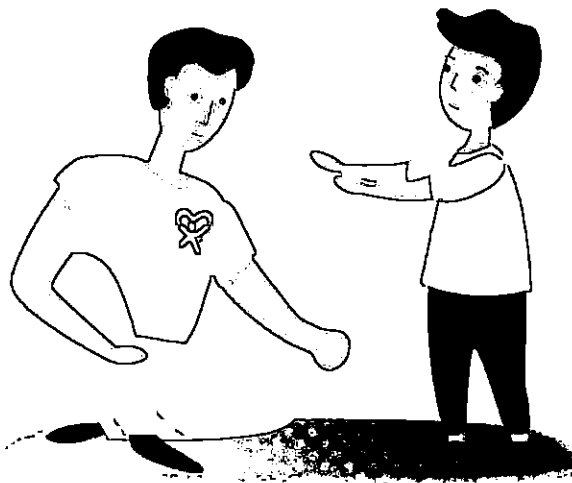
HOW DOES A CASA HELP?



CASA volunteers provide a consistent presence in a child's life while working collaboratively with everyone involved on the case. CASA volunteers stay by the child's side during their time in foster care, advocating for the child's voice to be heard and for the needs of the child and family.

A CASA VOLUNTEER WORKS TO:

- Identify and address risks to the child's safety,
- Establish supportive connections for the child and provide information on support available to those connections for better placement stability,
- Ensure appropriate physical and mental health assessments are completed and any health needs are understood by the family and everyone involved in the case, and
- Verify educational assessments are completed and educational supports are in place.



VOLUNTEER.

Ready to advocate for a child and family? Take the first step towards becoming a CASA volunteer by visiting BecomeACASA.org.

NOMINATE.

If you know someone who has what it takes to speak up for children and families, let them know by nominating them today at NominateACASA.org.



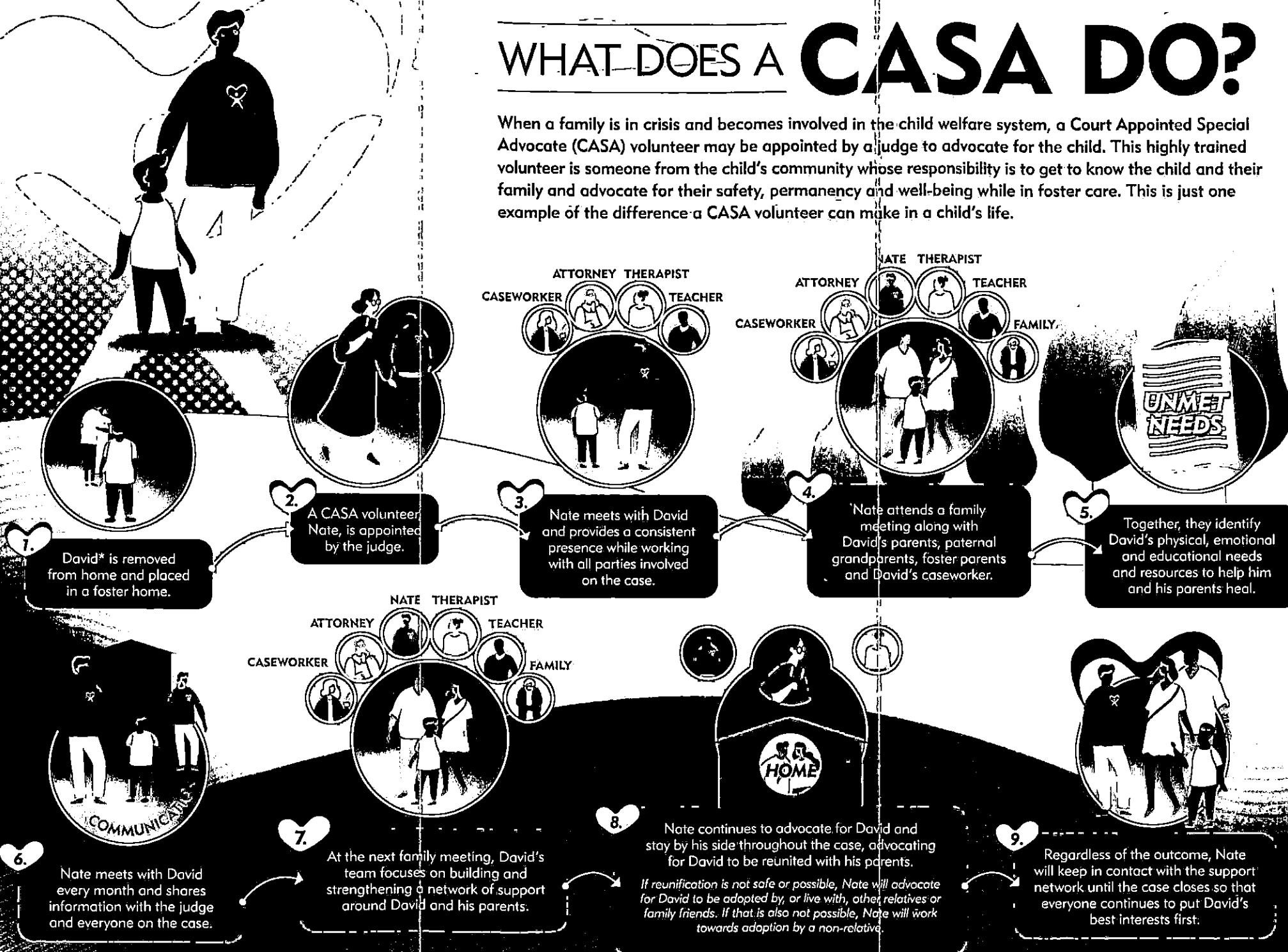
WHAT DOES A CASA DO?



BECOMEACASA.ORG

WHAT DOES A CASA DO?

When a family is in crisis and becomes involved in the child welfare system, a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteer may be appointed by a judge to advocate for the child. This highly trained volunteer is someone from the child's community whose responsibility is to get to know the child and their family and advocate for their safety, permanency and well-being while in foster care. This is just one example of the difference a CASA volunteer can make in a child's life.



*This is a fictional story based on real-life situations that many children in the Texas foster care system face. This is one example and does not reflect the process and ending of all cases.

VOICES FOR CHILDREN, CASA



CASA volunteers are an unwavering source of stability in a rapidly changing child welfare system.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers amplify the voices of children in foster care and help ensure they don't fall through the cracks. Our volunteers are essential to improving outcomes for children because:

1

CASES ARE MORE SEVERE THAN EVER

Even though fewer children are entering foster care, those who do face deeper trauma, greater mental health needs, and fewer placement options.

2

A STRAINED SYSTEM MEANS CARE GAPS

Child welfare services now differ by region, and CASA has quickly adapted. Volunteers must remain agile and exhaust more resources in an increasingly complex system.

3

CASA VOLUNTEERS CHANGE LIVES

Without CASA, the children assigned to Tracy may not have received the support, advocacy, and stability needed for safe reunification with their mother.

CASA ADVOCACY — SUPPORTING CHILDREN, STRENGTHENING FAMILIES



27,343

Texas Children
in Foster Care



74

Local CASA
Programs

Serving 217 Counties



6,991

CASA
Volunteers



324,820

Hours of
Service



17,431

Texas Children
Served by CASA



266

Children Served by
Voices for Children

7 IN 10 CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE ARE MOVED OUT OF THEIR HOME COUNTY

They're moved away from their homes, relatives, and everything they know. CASA volunteers continue to show up — traveling over a MILLION miles annually to ensure children have a consistent advocate in their lives.



YOUR PARTNERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

Thank you for helping us build brighter futures and a stronger Texas.

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CASA VOLUNTEERS CHANGE LIVES

When Tracy became a CASA volunteer, one case immediately stood out to her: two siblings, including a young boy on the autism spectrum. As the grandmother of a child with autism herself, Tracy understood the challenges the family was facing.

The children had been removed after their mother became involved in an unsafe living situation. But from the beginning, Tracy saw a mother determined to rebuild her life.

"I know I messed up," the mother told her, "but I'll do whatever I need to do to get my kids back." Throughout the case, Tracy became a steady source of encouragement for the children's mother as she navigated court requirements and her son's autism diagnosis.

Because of her own experience and background, Tracy was able to help the mother understand evaluations, therapies, and support services. She connected the family with autism-specific therapy, parenting resources, and support programs. When a lengthy diagnostic test left the mother anxious about how her son would handle the process, Tracy reassured her and helped her feel more prepared for what was ahead.

Even though the young boy was nonverbal, Tracy found ways to communicate with him through his actions, behaviors, and routines. While others may have struggled to understand him, Tracy knew how to recognize when he needed space, patience, or comfort.

For Tracy, some of the most meaningful advocacy came through emotional support, encouragement, and reassurance. "I wanted her to know she was doing a great job and that she was on track," Tracy said. "Don't give up. Don't look back. Just keep moving forward." The mother secured stable housing, completed her services, and created a safe home for her children. Less than a year after the case began, the children were reunited with their mother.

"I felt blessed to watch this family come back together," Tracy said. "Sometimes people just need support, encouragement, and someone who believes they can do better."

ABOUT VOICES FOR CHILDREN, CASA

Voices for Children, CASA is the local CASA program serving the Brazos Valley, supporting children and youth who have experienced abuse or neglect and are involved in the foster care system.

Founded in Bryan, Texas in 2000, Voices for Children, CASA trained its first class of volunteers in 2001 and has been serving the community ever since by recruiting, training, and supporting volunteers who advocate for the best interests of each child.

For 25 years, Voices for Children, CASA has stood alongside children in foster care thanks to a community that chooses to invest in advocacy. This work reflects what we call The CASA Effect: what happens when a trained, consistent volunteer shows up for a child and helps shape safer, more stable futures.

Voices for Children, CASA serves five counties, providing children with a consistent, caring adult who ensures their needs are met and their voices are heard in court, at school, and in the community.

With the support of trained volunteers and community partners, Voices for Children, CASA works to help every child achieve a safe, permanent home while preserving family connections whenever possible and supporting long term stability.

Counties Served: Brazos; Burleson, Grimes, Leon, and Madison

FROM OUR COMMUNITY, FOR OUR COMMUNITY



25

Years of Service



100

CASA Volunteers in 2025



12

Voices for Children, CASA Staff



72,954

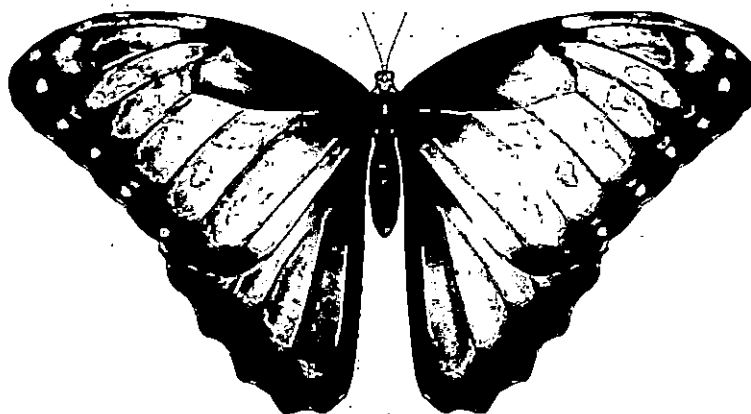
Miles Traveled for Advocacy in 2025

VOICES FOR CHILDREN, CASA ANNUAL REPORT

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25



THE CASA EFFECT



Our mission is to equip trained volunteers to advocate for the best interest and wellbeing of children in the foster care system, until they are placed in safe, permanent homes.

“Small moments today make a big impact tomorrow”

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

For 25 years, Voices for Children has stood alongside children in foster care thanks to a generous community that chose to invest in advocacy. This milestone reflects more than time - it represents The CASA Effect: what happens when a trained, consistent volunteer shows up for a child and helps shape safer, more stable futures.

Over the past 25 years, more than 765 dedicated volunteers have served as Court Appointed Special Advocates, collectively supporting over 2,200 children in our community. This year alone, 100 CASA volunteers advocated for 266 children where the heart of this work remains just as strong today. Your investment fuels advocacy that prioritizes safety, preserves family connections whenever possible, and connects families to resources that support stability and lasting change.

We are also deeply grateful to our community partners; CPS professionals, attorneys, judges, and service providers. Their collaboration is essential to effective advocacy. CASA works because it is rooted in partnership and shared commitment to children and families.

This year, donor generosity was powerfully felt. Our second annual Pickleball Palooza raised just over \$50,000 to support CASA advocacy, and our 25th anniversary Jubilee in March brought our community together in celebration while raising vital funds to sustain our work. These moments are reminders that behind every dollar is a child who benefits from consistent, informed advocacy.

To our donors, staff, and volunteers: thank you for believing in the power of one committed advocate to change a child's story. As you continue through this report, I invite you to meet the children, families, and volunteers whose experiences reflect The CASA Effect and show exactly why your support matters.



AMY L. FAULKNER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

OUR STORY

The CASA movement begins in Seattle, Washington.

A juvenile court judge recognizes a critical gap in child welfare cases: judges are being asked to make life-changing decisions for children without having all the information they need. Community volunteers are appointed to advocate solely for a child's best interests — and the CASA movement is born.

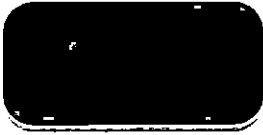
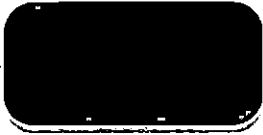


The CASA movement expands to Texas.

Texas CASA is established, laying the groundwork for a statewide network of local programs committed to ensuring children in foster care have a powerful, consistent voice in court. There are currently 74 CASA programs in the state of Texas.

Voices for Children, CASA is founded in Bryan, Texas.

In response to growing local need, Voices for Children is established to recruit, train, and support community volunteers to advocate for children navigating the foster care system in the Brazos Valley.



Voices for Children trains its first class of CASA volunteers.

From the beginning, the program is built on the belief that trained community members can bring stability, insight, and compassion to a child's life during an uncertain time.

Voices for Children, CASA serves five counties.

Today, Voices for Children supports more than 135 trained CASA volunteers advocating for children in Brazos, Burlison, Grimes, Madison, and Leon counties — ensuring children's voices are heard until they are placed in safe, permanent homes.



2025 IMPACT SNAPSHOT

5 County service area	3,600 Square miles in coverage area	266 Children Served	\$2,500 Cost to train a new volunteer	2,298 Hours meeting with children & families
5,644 Documented Volunteer Hours	85 Children achieved Permanency		100 Active CASA Volunteers	72,954 Miles Driven by Volunteers

SAVE THE DATE

 <p>February 16-27</p> <p>COFFEE CRAWL</p> <p>Participants explore local coffee shops across Bryan-College Station while supporting advocacy for children in foster care.</p>	 <p>September</p> <p>MAHJONG</p> <p>A social mahjong event, a traditional tile-based game, benefiting CASA volunteers and children in foster care.</p>
 <p>March 28</p> <p>PICKLEBALL PALOOZA TOURNAMENT</p> <p>The Pickleball Palooza Tournament is one of Voices for Children's fundraising events, bringing the community together for friendly competition and meaningful impact.</p>	 <p>October 20</p> <p>BRAZOS VALLEY GIVES</p> <p>An 18-hour online giving event that unites the Brazos Valley in support of local nonprofit organizations.</p>
 <p>April 18</p> <p>THETA 5K</p> <p>CASA is the national philanthropy for Kappa Alpha Theta. "Theta" hosts the CASA 5K annually in April. Proceeds from the event benefit Voices for Children and the Theta Foundation.</p>	 <p>October-November</p> <p>HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE</p> <p>An annual toy drive that brings joy and comfort to children during the holiday season.</p>
 <p>May-June</p> <p>SHOP FOR CASA</p> <p>This back-to-school drive is meant to provide basics like clothing and backpacks so that a child can feel confident going back to school. The goal is to provide two new outfits and a backpack for each child.</p>	 <p>October-November</p> <p>PAGES & PINTS</p> <p>A community fundraiser hosted by a local brewery and bookstore. Come enjoy a pint, discover some great reads, and support kids in foster care!</p>

“THEY NEED PEOPLE. AND WHEN YOU SHOW UP, YOU DON'T JUST CHANGE A CASE... YOU CHANGE A LIFE.”

As a child in foster care, Shawnee learned early that adults could disappear. Visits were scheduled, hopes were high — and sometimes no one came. But his CASA did.

“My CASA would show up to my visits,” he said. “Sometimes my parents didn’t, so I’d be left there waiting until my foster family came. He would come and bring something to eat... or a little gift card with five dollars.”

It wasn’t the food or the money that stayed with him. It was what those moments meant: *I see you. You matter.* “It didn’t feel like someone was just recording my life down,” he explained. “It felt like someone actually cared about me — from the heart.”

That consistency became a turning point for Shawnee. In foster care, social workers changed. Lawyers came and went. Decisions were made by adults with deadlines and pressure. But his CASA offered something different: a steady relationship and a voice that didn’t disappear.

“That made me feel more worthy of myself,” he said. “When your life is being ripped apart, it’s hard to believe you’re worthy.”

Years later, that memory became his motivation. Shawnee has now served as a CASA volunteer with Voices for Children for more than three years — building relationships with young children, staying connected to their placements, and showing up in the moments that matter.

In one case, nearly everyone pushed toward returning a child to her mother before a full investigation — but Shawnee knew the option was unsafe based on the time he had spent listening to, observing, and learning from the child and her family.

“It felt like a setup for failure,” he said. “I wasn’t worried about who I offended. I’m here for the truth — and for the safety and well-being of the child.”

Before reunification could happen, the mother tested positive for cocaine — confirming what he had feared.

“I don’t know what would have happened if she would have gone back,” he said. “That’s why this role matters.”

His perspective is shaped not only by his childhood, but also by his career: he works in a prison system. He sees what happens when children grow up without stable support, without tools, without anyone to guide them toward healthy relationships.

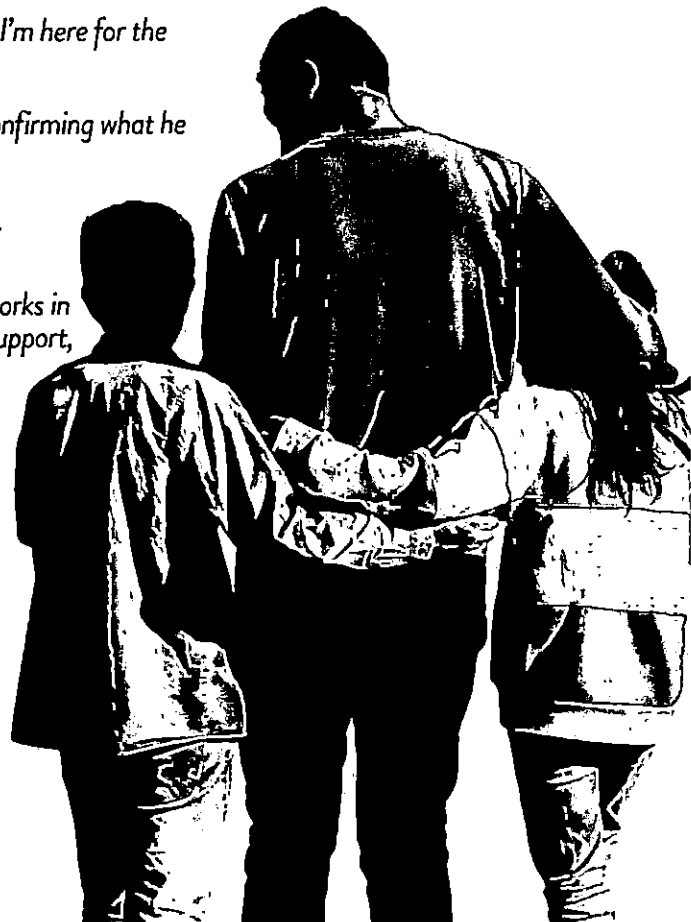
“I see the end of the story every day,” he explains. “Prison. Addiction. Homelessness. Those outcomes don’t start in adulthood — they start in childhood.”

“That’s the difference we’re making. It’s not just case-by-case. It’s a lifelong impact.”

To him, CASA is more than advocacy. It’s an example of what safe, consistent care looks like — and proof to a child that they are worthy of patience, belonging, and a future.

“They need healthy adults with compassion and care,” he said. “They need people. And when you show up, you don’t just change a case... you change a life.”

- Shawnee (CASA Volunteer)



CBVF: GROWING TO GIVE BACK

The endowment fund established by the CASA of the Brazos Valley Foundation works to provide funding in perpetuity for Voices for Children, Inc. At the close of 2024, the Foundation managed \$175,390.58 in assets, including our unrestricted endowment, the Wikse Continuing Education Fund, and the Jan & Gary Barnett Scholarship Fund. Investments returned 9.58% under the guidance of our outside investment firm.

The Foundation Board—Jean Phelps, Andy Winn, Mark Browning, and Ernie Wright—is committed to growing the main endowment to \$500,000 through donor contributions and reinvested earnings. Once reached, annual distributions will directly support Voices for Children’s operations.



Learn more at www.vfcbrazos.org/foundation or contact us at foundation@vfcbrazos.org.

BUILDING BRIGHTER TOMORROWS, ONE GIFT AT A TIME

Supporter Spotlight: Carmella & George Edwards

Carmella and George Edwards have called the Brazos Valley home since the 1970s. Deeply connected to the community, they believe in leaving it better than they found it. They included Voices for Children in their estate plan because they know that early intervention can change the course of a child’s life.

Creating an endowment to support the operations of Voices for Children will give the organization a reliable source of funding and greater potential to engage in long-term planning.

Have you remembered Voices for Children in your will?

“
It’s especially satisfying to be able to provide assistance at a critical point in a young person’s life.
”

George Edwards III
CBVF Supporter

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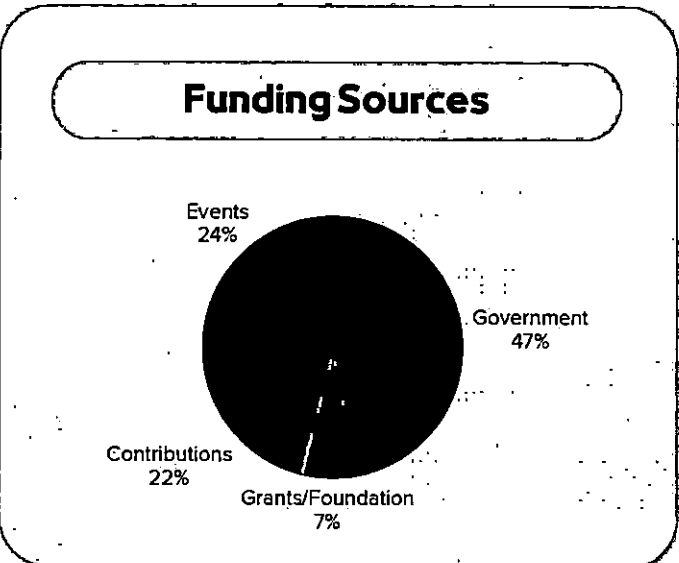
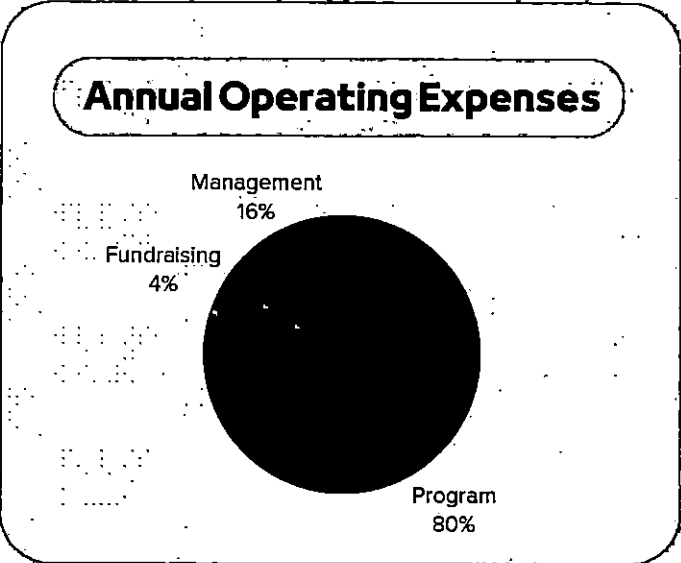
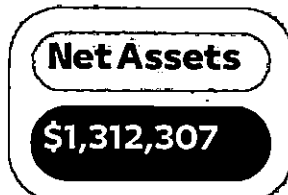
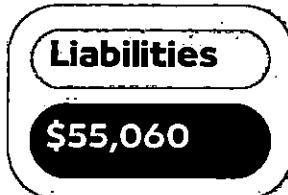
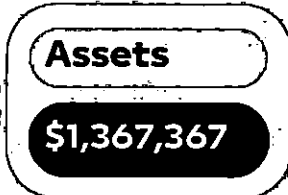
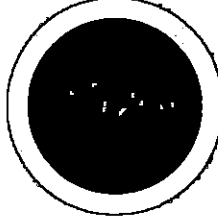
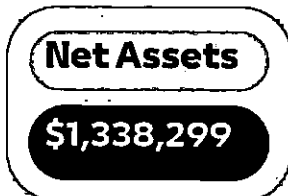
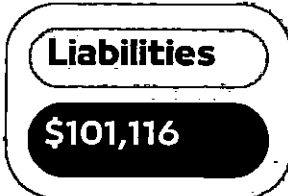
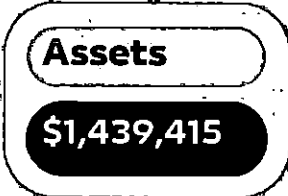
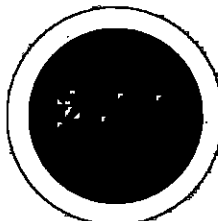
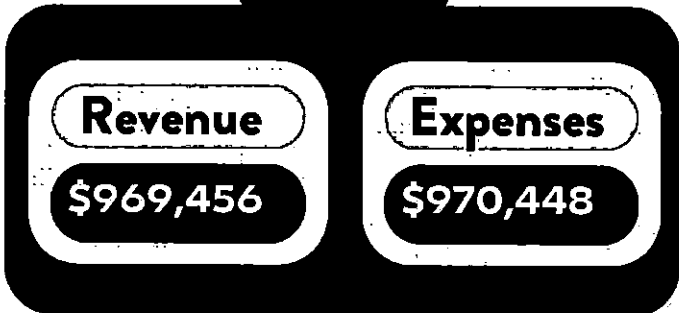
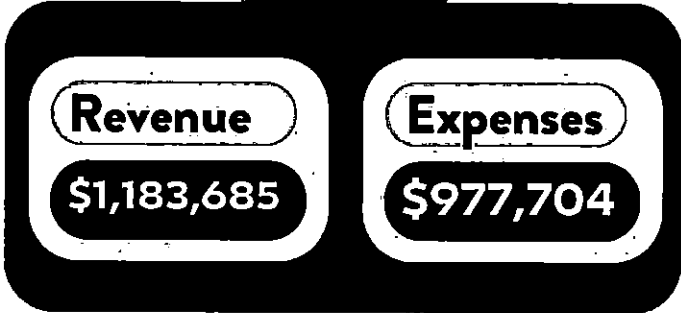
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2025-2027

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Gaines County, Banking
2025-2027

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

2024

2025



“I DIDN'T CHANGE THE WORLD — BUT I CHANGED THAT KID'S WORLD.”

Katie became a CASA volunteer in 2017 after seeing the impact of advocacy firsthand within her own family. A relative was fighting for custody of a grandchild, and the presence of a CASA volunteer in court made a critical difference.

Years later, Katie found herself on a case that reminded her exactly why persistence and consistency matter. Two children had been brought to Texas from another state and placed in foster care. The adults who knew them best were hundreds of miles away. The case was complex, constantly shifting, and moving toward an outcome that felt easier on paper: non-relative adoption.

During a routine visit, while coloring and placing stickers together, one of the children began talking about the beach — and about someone they loved deeply: “MiMi.”

To anyone else, it might have sounded like a nickname in a child's story. To Katie, it sounded like a real family connection that hadn't been identified.

As the case progressed, pressure to close it increased. There were delays. There were doubts. The mother refused to provide information about relatives, and no one could identify who “MiMi” was.

On the paternal side, the children's father had expressed interest in taking custody — but an arrest from decades earlier raised concerns, despite a long history of stability since. Katie refused to let the case move forward without fully exploring family placement.

She documented everything. She asked difficult questions. She advocated across state lines. She pushed — sometimes uncomfortably — for the children's story to be fully understood before permanent decisions were made.

The day before court, she found the missing piece: “MiMi.”

By identifying her, Katie demonstrated that the children had an existing, loving family network — one that knew them, remembered them, and wanted them. That discovery forced the case to slow down and reopened conversations about family reunification rather than non-relative adoption.

In court, Katie told the caseworker, “I found her. Please don't start the process for non-relative adoption.”

With renewed momentum — and with the children's attorney taking a deeper look at all family options — the father was ultimately approved for placement.

When he arrived for a supervised visit, the children ran to him. He cried. They hugged him tightly. Watching from behind the two-way mirror, the attorney turned to Katie with tears in her eyes and said, “You were 100% right. I'm so glad we got this outcome.”

For Katie, the moment mattered not only because the children were reunified with their father — but because they were returned to an entire network of belonging: a loving aunt, familiar cousins, and family connections that would have been lost through non-relative adoption.

“It wasn't just returning them to one person,” Katie said. “It was returning them to a whole family — people who already loved them.”

Katie describes herself simply: persistent, consistent, and willing to be “a pain” when it counts. But the reason she continues to serve as a CASA volunteer is straightforward. “I didn't change the world,” she says. “But I changed that kid's world.”

- Katie (CASA Volunteer)



BECOME A MONTHLY DONOR

MAKE A DIFFERENCE. MONTH AFTER MONTH.

Behind every CASA volunteer is a community of supporters who make consistent advocacy possible. Monthly giving provides the stability Voices for Children needs to recruit, train, and support CASA volunteers — ensuring children in foster care are never without a voice.

When you give monthly, you're not responding to a crisis. You're helping prevent one by making sure advocacy is there from the beginning — and stays for as long as a child needs it.

Why Monthly Giving Matters:

Stability

Reliable funding allows us to plan, train volunteers, and meet children's needs without interruption.

Continuity

Children's cases can last months or years. Monthly support ensures advocacy lasts just as long.

Impact

Your gift directly supports volunteer training, child visits, court preparation, and advocacy resources.

Friend \$25/month

IMPACT: Supplies a CASA with resources for child visits

BENEFIT: Quarterly email updates + annual thank-you letter

Supporter \$50/month

IMPACT: Supports travel costs for child advocates

BENEFIT: All Friend benefits + name listed in annual report

Advocate \$100/month

IMPACT: Provides advocacy for a child for a full year

BENEFIT: All Supporter benefits + special impact story

Champion \$250/month

IMPACT: Covers training costs for a new class of CASA volunteers

BENEFIT: All Advocate benefits + recognition on social media



Voices for Children, CASA serves a five-county area spanning more than 3,600 square miles.

Providing advocacy at this scale requires careful planning, trained volunteers, and sustained operational support.

75+

New Monthly Donors

\$25, \$50, \$100

Help us reach our goal in the new year!

CORPORATE & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNER WITH US. CHANGE LIVES LOCALLY.

Local businesses play a vital role in strengthening advocacy for children in foster care. Corporate partnerships provide steady, dependable funding that allows Voices for Children to expand programs, train volunteers, and reach more children across the Brazos Valley.

When businesses partner monthly, they invest directly in the well-being of children in their own communities.

Why Partner as a Business:

Local Impact

Your support stays in the Brazos Valley, directly benefiting children and families here.

Sustained Advocacy

Monthly partnerships help maintain a steady pipeline of trained CASA volunteers.

Community Leadership

Corporate partners demonstrate a commitment to children, families, and long-term solutions.



Advocate

\$200/month

IMPACT: Covers technology updates for staff and volunteers

BENEFIT: Name listed on website, annual report & quarterly impact updates



Champion

\$425/month

IMPACT: Provides advocacy for 5 children for a full year

BENEFIT: All Advocate benefits + social media spotlight once a year



Leader

\$600/month

IMPACT: Funds recruitment, training, and ongoing support for CASA volunteers

BENEFIT: All Champion benefits + logo in all newsletters & event signage



Visionary

\$1000/month

IMPACT: Funds the Continuing Education of staff and volunteers

BENEFIT: All Leader benefits + featured story in our annual report & spotlight at signature events



Being there — consistently — is what makes the difference.”

-CASA Volunteer



THANK YOU



TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

AGGIELAND
CREDIT UNION

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X ARE
B TEXAS
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ACTIVITY PROGRAM



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DIVINE CUISINE

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CATA-SALAZAR VALLEY FOUNDATION
Supporting
Voices for Children, CASA

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BANK

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FINANCIAL SERVICES
Experience. Commitment. Results.

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Katie DeHaven, Broker Associate

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KINGDOM

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Foundation

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As a volunteer-based organization, social media helps us extend our reach and share the impact of advocacy.

Follow along to stay connected.



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Junction

Five-O-Five

A BUSINESS
DEMONSTRATING THAT
ABILITY COUNTS

Junction Five-O-Five is Community Rehabilitation Provider for TWS-VRS. To learn if you are eligible for services contact (979) 595-2880.

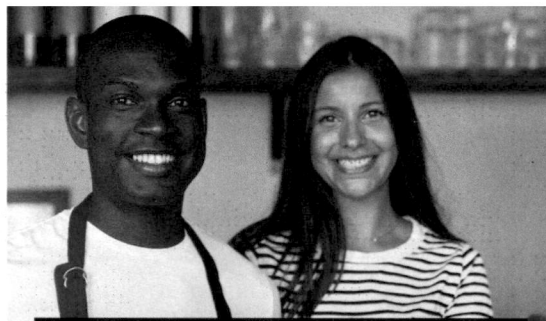
J505 serves people in the Bryan/College Station area with:

- intellectual and developmental disabilities
- traumatic brain injury
- chronic mental illness
- spinal cord injury
- hearing impairments
- orthopedic disorders
- learning disabilities
- visual impairments
- and all combinations of these

Competitive Integrated Employment:

Independent work in the community in a service field or professional setting. Junction Five-O-Five assesses the applicant's abilities, assists with resume development, job search, interviewing, and training. This would include employment locations such as:

- Brookshire Brothers
- Reynolds & Reynolds
- Habitat for Humanity Restore
- Lilleker Antique Auto Restorations
- Texas A&M University
- Chic-fil-A
- Compass Chartwells
- Premiere Cinemas
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply



Based on dignity and respect for all people, Junction Five-O-Five is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for adults with disabilities by providing them with the opportunity to enter the workforce.

Supported Employment

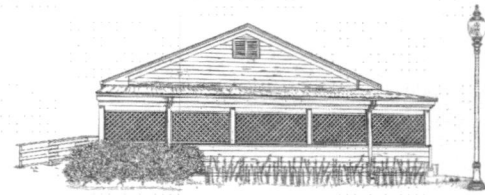
Supported Employment (SE) services are based on a "Place, Then Train" model, designed to provide customers with the most significant disabilities the supports they need to achieve competitive integrated employment. SE services include individualized job development and placement services, ongoing supports such as intensive job skills training, and arrangement of extended services (funded, paid, and/or natural supports) to help customers sustain meaningful long-term employment.

Job Training

A highly adaptable and versatile Employment Specialist provides the new employee with one-on-one training and support at the job site. This on-site assistance is reduced as the employee becomes proficient in completing the job independently.

Ongoing Support

Continued involvement is provided by natural supports or by the employment specialist for as long as the individual is employed.



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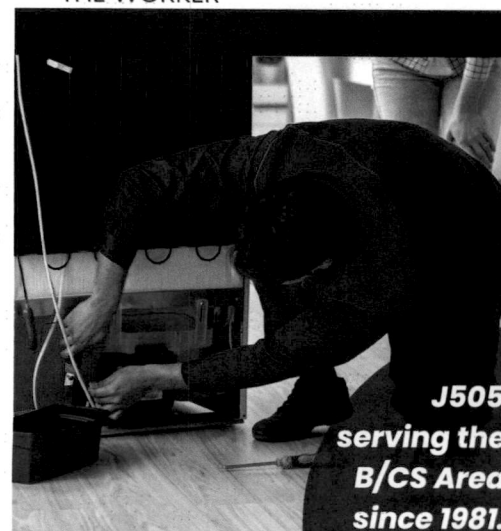
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Job Placement Services

- RESUME DEVELOPMENT
- INTERVIEW SKILLS TRAINING
- JOB REFERENCES AND WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE TRAINING
- JOB SEARCH TRAINING
- JOB APPLICATIONS TRAINING
- JOB ACCEPTANCE
- PREPARING FOR THE FIRST DAY

Qualified individuals are assisted in locating available jobs in the community. Many factors are considered when an individual is matched to a position, such as:

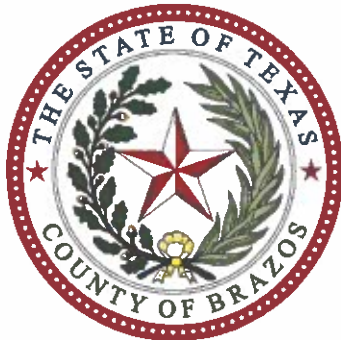
- JOB DUTIES
- JOB LOCATION AND WORK HOURS
- THE WORKER'S SKILLS AND INTERESTS
- EMPLOYER EXPECTATIONS
- TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE TO THE WORKER





FY 2027 Brazos County Dispatch Funding Request

The funds being requested will pay for the County's portion of our combined emergency communications center in support of the following public safety agencies.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

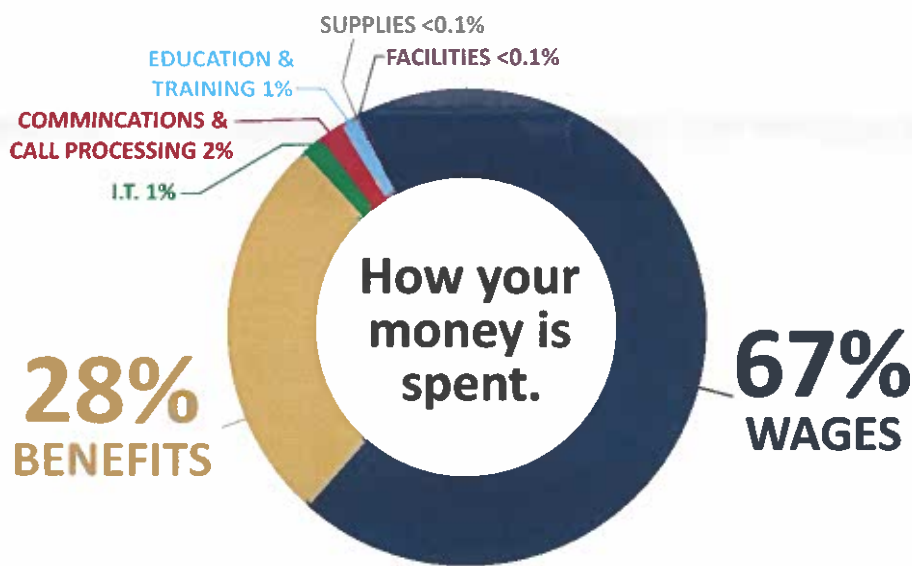
- Sheriff's Office
- Pct. 1 Constable
- Pct. 2 Constable
- Pct. 3 Constable
- Pct. 4 Constable

FIRE/EMS

- South Brazos County FD
- District 2 VFD
- Pct. 3 VFD
- Pct. 4 VFD

BRAZOS COUNTY DISPATCH	FY 2026	PROPOSED FY 2027	+/- FROM FY 2026
WAGES	\$1,042,633	\$1,156,554	\$113,921
BENEFITS	\$393,732	\$480,525	\$86,793
EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$12,132	\$22,025	\$9,893
SUPPLIES	\$629	\$646	\$17
FACILITIES	\$4,676	\$4,178	(\$498)
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$13,591	\$19,372	\$5,781
COMMUNICATIONS & CALL PROCESSING	\$14,577	\$35,191	\$20,614

BRAZOS COUNTY DISPATCH TOTAL:	\$1,481,970	\$1,718,492	\$236,522
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THE FY 26 PROPOSAL IS A

15.96% ↑

INCREASE COMPARED TO FY 26

County fire departments responded to almost 5,800 calls for service in 2025, a 22% increase vs. 2022.

Key Takeaways...

- Adding 1 additional dispatcher to work the Brazos County fire radio position
- County paying for 38% of the shared dispatch operation (up 1% vs. FY '26)
- Starting pay for our dispatchers will increase from \$22/hr to \$22.50/hr
- Other dispatcher positions increase by roughly 2.9%
- Health insurance premiums are anticipated to increase

Proposed Communications Pay Scale 2026-2027

LEVEL	Communications Specialist											
	TRAINEE	CS-1	CS-2/PT-1	CS-3	CS-4/PT-2	CS-5	CS-6	CS-7	CS-8	CS-9	CS-10	CS-M
Hourly	\$22.50	\$23.17	\$23.80	\$24.52	\$25.25	\$26.01	\$26.79	\$27.52	\$28.27	\$29.05	\$29.85	CS-10 Plus Merit
Annually	\$46,800	\$48,194	\$49,504	\$51,002	\$52,520	\$54,101	\$55,723	\$57,242	\$58,802	\$60,424	\$62,088	

Reminder: The District provides dispatch services at-cost to support the safety and welfare of the citizens of Bryan and Brazos County.





HEALTH For All

675 (79%)
of our 855 **patients**
served last year
were residents of
Brazos County

WHY IT MATTERS



The uninsured are less likely to seek preventative health care or receive treatments for symptoms that can have deadly consequences.



This leads to more ER visits and emergency surgeries that the uninsured can't afford.

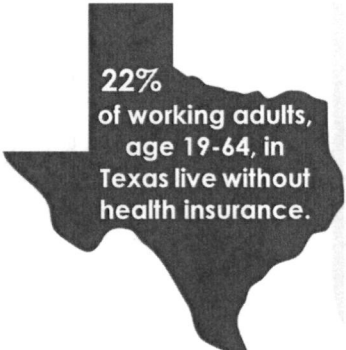
Which forces Texas taxpayers and employers to pay about \$9.2 billion a year to subsidize health care for the uninsured.

Health For All directly prevents more than \$1.5 million annually in ER utilization alone, with additional long-term savings through early intervention and chronic disease management.

FY 2026–2027 Request

\$35,000

THE NEED



22%
of working adults,
age 19-64, in
Texas live without
health insurance.

We're neighbors helping neighbors.
We receive ZERO state or federal dollars.

We're a volunteer-based community-supported free clinic.

Our patients DO NOT have Medicaid.

Volunteer medical professionals provide care for low-income adults who do not have health insurance or qualify for government programs. Health For All helps neighbors access primary care before issues become emergencies. We provide more than 4,000 visits each year. By providing an alternative to expensive ER visits we save this community millions of dollars each year.

OUR SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Primary Medical Care
Medications
Labs & X-Rays
Counseling Services
Chronic Disease Management & Education
Case Management
Well Woman Program
Foot Care
Vision Care
Preventative Dental Care

HOW WE DO IT



SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS



DEDICATED STAFF



GENEROUS DONORS & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER

your time and talents. We need volunteers of all types, from medical professionals to students.

DONATE

Give the gift of health. Local donors provide 100% of Health For All's budget with zero state or federal tax dollars spent. Give online at www.hlth4all.org or by mail.


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Our mission is to provide and expand access to **free**, high quality and **comprehensive**, primary and preventative health care for **low income, medically uninsured individuals** in the Brazos Valley.

The Prenatal Clinic Bryan, Texas



“Helping babies to a healthy start in life”

2025 Annual Report



A United Way of the Brazos Valley Agency

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 15, 1991

Dear Friends:

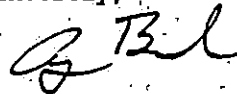
I was delighted to learn of your outstanding work in behalf of your community. Your generosity and willingness to serve others merit the highest praise, and I am pleased to recognize you as the 483rd "Daily Point of Light."

Since taking office as President, I have urged all Americans to make community service central to their lives and work. Judging by your active engagement in helping others, it is clear that you understand this obligation.

We must not allow ourselves to be measured by the sum of our possessions or the size of our bank accounts. The true measure of any individual is found in the way he or she treats others -- and the person who regards others with love, respect, and charity holds a priceless treasure in his heart. With that in mind, I have often noted that, from now on in America, any definition of a successful life must include serving others. Your efforts provide a shining example of this standard.

Barbara joins me in congratulating you and in sending you our warm best wishes for the future. May God bless you always.

Sincerely,



Volunteers and Staff of the
Brazos Maternal and Child
Health Clinic
1720 Barak Lane
Bryan, Texas 77802

Information and History of the Prenatal Clinic

- The Prenatal Clinic was founded in 1985.
- The mothers of over 5% of the babies born in Brazos County are seen at the Prenatal Clinic annually.
- The Prenatal Clinic annually serves close to 700 lives (350 unduplicated women and their unborn child). The acuity of high risk patients seen at our clinic has increased by 50% since 2016 which makes early entry to care critical in preventing and/or improving chronic conditions which may have previously been undiagnosed.
- The number of Brazos County women who give birth with no prenatal care has been reduced by 76% since 1987, but there are still women who deliver without any prior care.
- In 2016, The Prenatal Clinic entered into an agreement with the Texas A&M Health Science Center to provide board certified physicians along with second and third year resident physicians who added an advanced OB tract to their residency. This has proven to be an excellent partnership.
- The number of Prenatal Clinic patients starting their prenatal care in the first trimester has risen from 30% in 1987 to 61%* in 2025. *This number reflects the trimester in which the patient entered care at The Prenatal Clinic. Those who are recorded as entering in the 2nd or 3rd trimester may have actually entered care during their first trimester at another clinic prior to transferring to The Prenatal Clinic.
- The number of fetal deaths in Brazos County declined by 26% since 1992. However, Texas has one of the highest rates of maternal mortality in the country.
- A Strategic Planning Committee was appointed for fiscal year 2023 to review current services, research gaps and determine what additional services our clinic should offer to bring the best possible benefit to our clients. Our plan is reviewed annually and adjusted as needed.

Services Provided

Prenatal Care:

- Medical care during pregnancy, including physical examinations, lab draws, ultrasound and genetic testing
- Provide prenatal vitamins
- Provide laboratory testing

Postpartum Care:

- Medical care up to 8 weeks post partum
- Oral Contraception Rx
- Referrals for other birth control options
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Education and Information:

- Enhanced educational opportunities for high risk patients, specifically diabetes, hypertension and a history of pre-term labor
- Prenatal nutrition
- The physical and emotional changes during pregnancy and birth
- Prenatal and postpartum exercise
- Preparation for labor and birth
- Contraceptive options
- Parenting skills
- Breast-feeding
- Newborn care and feeding

Family Planning:

- Education
- Tubal ligation referral when medically necessary

Social Services Referrals:

- Modified case management
- Individual counseling when needed
- Income verification assistance
- W.I.C. food supplement program
- Dental care
- Family planning care
- Medical care not related to pregnancy
- Medicaid and T.A.N.F. programs
- Food stamp program

Our Mission

The Prenatal Clinic provides community-centered prenatal care and health education to medically indigent pregnant women in Brazos County.

Our Goal

Our goal is to reduce illness and death associated with the prenatal (pregnancy) and perinatal (around the time of birth) time frame, specifically to reduce the number of low birth-weight infants and the rate of newborn mortality.

Our Outcomes

Since 1985, The Prenatal Clinic has welcomed and helped more than 23,700 low-income women into our care to provide the best chance possible for their baby to be born healthy. We measure our success one healthy baby at a time. In 2025, the clinic provided services to 362 new expectant mothers and we celebrated 196 new babies born to our patient families. Approximately 5% percent of the babies born in Brazos County were to patients of The Prenatal Clinic.

The local hospital reported less than 20* “no prenatal care” deliveries which continued our history of ensuring that all women have access to prenatal care, regardless of their ability to pay. *This number reflects all patients reported at the local hospital and will include women who would not be eligible for care at the Prenatal Clinic for income or private insurance reasons.

Brazos County, our primary service area, also continues to have one of the lower “low-birth-weight” and “infant mortality” rates in the state.

Of specific interest:

- **80% of patients are residents of Brazos County**
- **63% self-report that they are Female Head of Household**
- **100% of patients are at or below the federal poverty guidelines with 73% in the extremely low category**
- **82% of patients are between 18 and 34 years of age with the over 35 year old comprising 15% of the women in our care**
- **83% of women enter care in their first and send trimester**
- **High Risk Patients**
 - **15% are diabetic compared to 8-10% nationally**
 - **9% are develop preeclampsia compared to 5-8% nationally**
 - **7% are hypertensive compared to 8-13% nationally**
 - **38% are considered high risk compared to 6-8% nationally**
- **Our Delivery Outcomes**
 - **The Prenatal Clinic had 196 deliveries**
 - **Only 2% of our patients experienced a pregnancy loss**
 - **4% of the babies were born at a low birth weight compared to 8.5-9% national average**

2026 Prenatal Clinic Board of Directors

Executive Committee

Yvette De La Torre, President

Jill Fouch, Vice President

Marla Ramirez, Secretary

Tami Bolton, Treasurer

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Ryanne Harvey

Kappa Delta Sorority Student Representative, ex officio/non-voting

Average Delivery Costs

Babies born in a pregnancy with complications can incur huge costs!

Here are some figures that show just how expensive birth can be.

Average costs in the Brazos Valley

Obstetrician's Delivery Fee

\$6595

Medical Doctor's Fee

\$3895

Normal Hospital Delivery

\$2197

C-Section Hospital Delivery

\$3725

*To compute total cost for delivery, add physician and hospital fee.

These costs don't even begin to compare with those of babies born with low birth weights. The costs incurred to babies with low birth weight can be much more!

According to the March of Dimes,

"The average first-year medical costs, including both inpatient and outpatient care, were about **14 times greater** for preterm infants."

In 2025, the average cost of prenatal care at The Prenatal Clinic was \$1560/patient.

These figures further justify the need for quality prenatal care, which ultimately helps reduce the costs of overall healthcare. Most importantly, early entry to prenatal care helps bring more healthy infants into our world!

Healthy Babies Impact on a Community

- **Healthy babies are more likely to grow into healthy children**
- **Healthy children are most prepared for kindergarten**
- **Students who are ready for kindergarten are more likely to reach at grade level by third grade**
- **Students who are reading at grade level by third grade are more likely to graduate high school**
- **High school graduates are more likely to go to college or enter a career after high school**
- **Attending college or securing a steady job leads to financial well-being.**
- **Adults who are employed are more stable financially are more likely to have resources needed to raise healthy children themselves**
- **Healthy adults can eventually support their own aging parents.**

ECI Infant Program- Brazos County
 Easter Seals of Greater Houston
 May 20, 2026

Changes:

- As of February 2026, we have a new CEO - Elise Hough retired and our new CEO is Curt Harrison

Cheers:

- Current monthly enrollment = 308 children
- Total served in 2025 = 1313
- 2025 delivered direct service hours = 10,951; service coordination hours = 1774
- 2025 evaluations completed = 1030; Nutrition hours delivered = 70
- 2025 playgroups = 811
- Hosted 5 Trainings in 2025 for Staff to get Continuing Education Hours
- Blinn Christmas Party for Clients, Kyle Field Day, St. Mary's Angel Tree Project

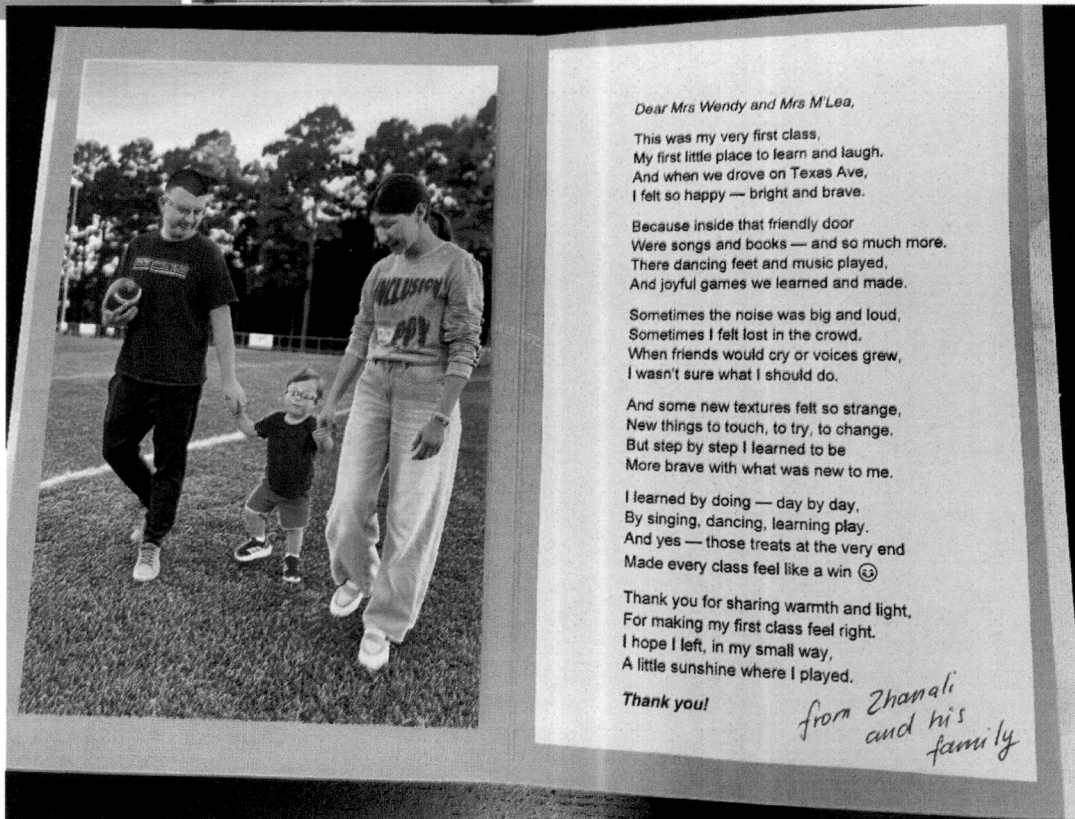
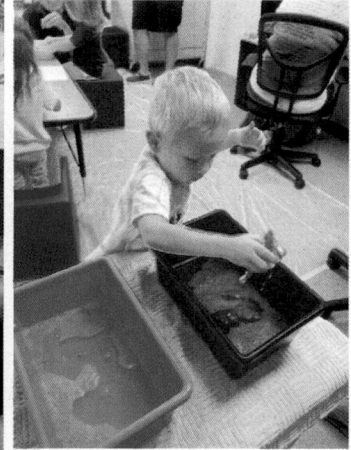
ECI State Metrics:

fy26 Metrics	Quarter 1	Quarter 2
Served (Target 100% of 2406 - can't go below 90%)	2304 - 95.75%	2220 -92.27%
Delivered	2.52	2.5
28-day Timeline (Target 100%- can't go below 90%)	96%	96.75%
45-day Timeline (Target 100% - can't go below 90%)	99.81%	99.86%
Transition Steps (8A) (Target 100% - can't go below 90%)	100%	100%
Transition Notification (8B) (Target 100% - cant' go below 90%)	99.61%	100%
Transition Conference (8C) (Target 100%- can't go below 90%)	98.68%	99.02%
Timely TKIDS Data Entry (Target 100% - can't go below 90%)	20,949 doc entered, >1 % late	19,914 doc entered, >1% late

Community Collaborations:

- Local School Districts and Head Start Programs for Transition
- St. Mary's Catholic Church (Brazos County)
- Clara B Mounce Library (Brazos County)
- Project Unity (Brazos County)
- St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church (Brazos County)
- Texas A&M University - Center on Disability and Development (Brazos County)

Playgroup Pictures and Parent Comments



- It was a very nice guide for us to work at home with all the provided materials and instructions on so many different aspects. Plus, very good opportunity for social interaction for my kid.
- In hind sight, because small changes add up to influence a child's behavior, I think that my grandchildren's ability to imitate gradually increased to the point that they can communicate with me and my husband much better. Also, they are more able to sit still and learn. The pace was quick, which made them practice transitioning and was hard for them to do in the beginning until the routine became familiar. I know this is not easy to change, but a bigger room for activities would have been less distracting for my grandsons.
- I think he is more social and able to follow directions better in a class room structure
- Helped a lot. My son could barely speak now he is singing songs
- He's talking so much more, and becoming more open with friends!

The 10 Common Warning Signs of a Mental Health Condition

- ❗ Feeling very sad or withdrawn for more than two weeks
- ❗ Trying to harm or end one's life or making plans to do so
- ❗ Severe, out-of-control, risk-taking behavior that causes harm to self or others
- ❗ Sudden overwhelming fear for no reason, sometimes with a racing heart, physical discomfort or difficulty breathing
- ❗ Throwing up, using laxatives or not eating to lose weight; significant weight loss
- ❗ Seeing, hearing or believing things that aren't real
- ❗ Excessive use of alcohol or drugs
- ❗ Drastic changes in mood, behavior, personality or sleeping habits
- ❗ Extreme difficulty concentrating or staying still, leading to physical danger or failing at school
- ❗ Intense worries or fears that get in the way of daily activities

Mental health is a topic that few talk about in schools and in the community.

Start the conversation!

To locate or schedule a presentation, course, or group, visit nami.org/local and contact the NAMI Affiliate in your area.



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24/7 Crisis Text Line:
Text "NAMI" to 741741



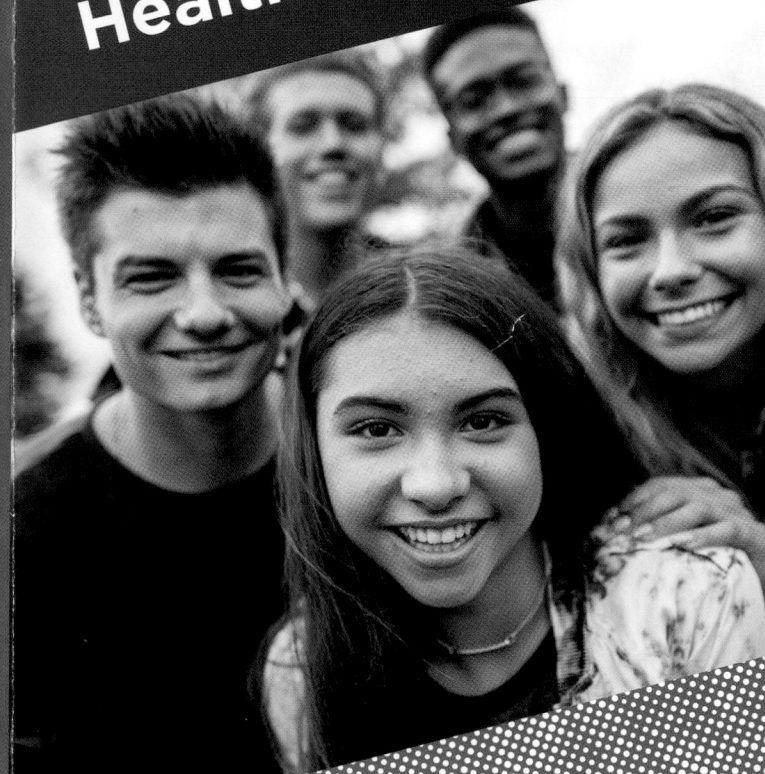
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Join the Mental Health Movement



Because Mental Health Matters

OK2TALK-ORG

- ✓ Share and learn from others in a safe and moderated online community
- ✓ Share your stories of hope, recovery, struggle and more through poetry, inspirational quotes, photos and messages of support

 Ok2Talk.org

NAMI Say it National Alliance on Mental Illness **Out Loud**

- ✓ Provides a toolkit for adults to hold conversations about mental health with teens
- ✓ Conversations about mental health with teens reduce stigma and encourages them to get help for themselves and others

 nami.org/sayitoutloud

NAMI On Campus National Alliance on Mental Illness

- ✓ Join the growing movement to better address mental health issues on campus through student-led clubs
- ✓ Help raise awareness, educate your campus, connect with students and advocate for effective services and positive change

 nami.org/namioncampus

Start the conversation.

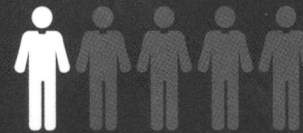
Share your story.

Make a difference.



High school students with depression are more than 2x as likely to drop out of school

1 in 5 teenagers have experienced a severe mental health condition



Only half of adolescents with a mental health condition get treatment each year

By joining our movement, you can make a difference in the lives of those affected by mental health conditions



NAMI Ending National Alliance on Mental Illness **the Silence**

- ✓ Presentation for middle/high school students, school staff and families
- ✓ Covers the early warning signs of mental health conditions and what to do if you see or experience them
- ✓ Includes personal stories, showing youth they are not alone and there is hope

 nami.org/endingthesilence

NAMI Basics National Alliance on Mental Illness

An informative program for parents and family caregivers of youth experiencing symptoms of a mental health condition.

Available in two different formats:

- ✓ NAMI Basics 6-session course offered through an in-person group setting
- ✓ NAMI Basics OnDemand course available online, developed to help meet the needs of caregivers who are unable to attend an in-person course

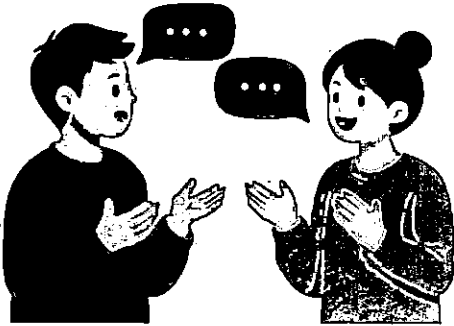
NAMI Basics and NAMI Basics OnDemand both:

- ✓ Provide families with the information they need to support their child and creates a sense of hope
- ✓ Are taught by those with experience raising a child with mental health challenges

Choose the course option that works best for your time constraints, or choose to participate in both versions of the course to start your path to hope and recovery through NAMI Basics.

 nami.org/basics

NAMI Brazos Valley is an organization of families, friends and individuals whose lives have been affected by mental illness. Together, we advocate for better lives for those individuals who have a mental illness.



- Free of cost to participants
- Designed for adults (18+) with mental health conditions
- Led by people with mental health conditions
- 90 minutes long and meets weekly, every other week or monthly (varies by location)
- No specific medical therapy or treatment is endorsed
- Confidential

NAMI Family Support Group

NAMI Family Support Group is a peer-led support group for any adult with a loved one who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. Gain insight from the challenges and successes of others facing similar experiences.

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group

NAMI Connection Recovery Support Group is a free, peer-led support group for any adult who has experienced symptoms of a mental health condition. You will gain insight from hearing the challenges and successes of others, and the groups are led by trained leaders who've been there.

Health Point Center
3370 S Texas Ave.
Bryan Texas, 77803

Family Support Group
Tuesdays from 6:30pm to 8pm
Connection Recovery Support Group
Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8pm

[Program Interest Form - NAMI Brazos Valley](https://namibv.org/support-and-education/program-interest-form/) - <https://namibv.org/support-and-education/program-interest-form/>





Thinking of harming yourself? **Call or text 988.**
Thinking of ending your life? **Call or text 988.**

Need someone to talk to right now? **Text 741741.**

Need immediate assistance? **Call 911 and ASK for the
Crisis Intervention Team for mental health crisis.**

MHMR Crisis hotline 888-522-8262

Want NAMIBV to help? **Call 979-774-4713.**

You're Not Alone. It's okay to ask for support when you need it.

If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately.

Each year more than 34,000 individuals take their own life, leaving behind thousands of friends and family members to navigate the tragedy of their loss. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death among adults in the U.S. and the 3rd leading cause of death among adolescents.

Suicidal thoughts or behaviors are both damaging and dangerous and are therefore considered a psychiatric emergency. Someone experiencing these thoughts should seek immediate assistance from a health or mental health care provider.

Know the Warning Signs

Identifying the suicide warning signs is the first step towards protecting your loved one:

- Threats or comments about killing themselves, also known as suicidal ideation, can begin with seemingly harmless thoughts like “I wish I wasn’t here” but can become more overt and dangerous
- Increased alcohol and drug use
- Aggressive behavior. A person who’s feeling suicidal may experience higher levels of aggression and rage than they are used to.
- Social withdrawal from friends, family and the community.
- Dramatic mood swings indicate that your loved one is not feeling stable and may feel suicidal.
- Preoccupation with talking, writing or thinking about death.
- Impulsive or reckless behavior.

Is There Imminent Danger?

Any person exhibiting these behaviors should get care immediately: They are putting their affairs in order and giving away their possessions They are saying goodbye to friends and family Their mood shifts from despair to calm They start planning, possibly by looking around to buy, steal or borrow the tools they need to commit suicide such as a firearm or prescription medication A licensed mental health professional can help assess risk.

Who is at Risk for Suicide?

Research has found that about 90% of individuals who die by suicide experience mental illness. Oftentimes it is undiagnosed or untreated. Experiencing a mental illness is the number one risk factor for suicide.

A number of things may put a person at risk of suicide:

- **Substance abuse**, which can cause mental highs and lows that exacerbate suicidal thoughts
- **Intoxication** (more than one in three people who die from suicide are found to be intoxicated)
- **Access to firearms** (the majority of completed suicides involve the use of a firearm)
- **Chronic medical illness**
- **Gender** (though more women than men attempt suicide, men are 4 times more likely to die by suicide)
- **History of trauma**
- **Isolation**
- **Age** (people under age 24 or above age 65 are at a higher risk for suicide)
- **Recent tragedy or loss**
- **Agitation and sleep deprivation**

Can Thoughts of Suicide Be Prevented?

Psychotherapy such as cognitive behavioral therapy and dialectical behavior therapy, can help a person with thoughts of suicide recognize unhealthy patterns of thinking and behavior, validate troubling feelings, and learn coping skills.

Medication can be used if necessary to treat underlying depression and anxiety and can lower a person's risk of hurting themselves. Depending on the person's mental health diagnosis, other medications can be used to alleviate symptoms.

See more at: <https://www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions/Related-Conditions/Risk-of-Suicide>

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Mental Health Professionals

There are many types of mental health care professionals who can help you achieve your recovery goals. Finding the right one is easier when you know about their different treatment roles. If you have insurance your plan needs to offer you the care providers you need. If one doctor does not accept insurance, they are obligated to find you another. Contact your health insurance provider for more information.

Prescribe and Monitor Medication

The following professionals are able to prescribe medication. They may also provide assessments, diagnoses and therapy.

Primary Care Physicians

Primary care physicians and pediatricians can prescribe medication but it may be wise to consider a visit to someone who specializes in mental health care. Primary care and mental health professionals should work together to determine the best treatment plan for each person. Shortages of health care professionals are not uncommon in many parts of the country. As a consequence, more primary care physicians are being trained and equipped to provide mental health care.

Psychiatrists

Psychiatrists are licensed medical doctors with medical and psychiatric training. They can diagnose mental health conditions and prescribe and monitor medications. Psychiatrists are also able to offer counseling and provide therapy. Some have special training in children and adolescent mental health, substance use disorders or geriatric psychiatry.

In some states physician assistants or nurse practitioners are also qualified to prescribe medication.

Therapy and Assessment

A therapist can help someone better understand and cope with his thoughts, feelings and behaviors. They provide guidance and help improve the ability to reach recovery goals. These mental health professionals may also help assess and diagnosis mental illness.

Clinical Psychologists

Clinical psychologists with a doctoral degree in psychology are trained to make diagnoses and provide individual and group therapy. Some may have training in specific forms of therapy like cognitive behavioral therapy or dialectical behavior therapy, along with other behavioral therapy interventions.

Psychiatric or Mental Health Nurses

Psychiatric or mental health nurses may have various degrees ranging from a registered nurse with an associate's degree to a nurse with a doctorate degree as a Doctor of Nursing Practice. Depending on their education and licensing they provide a range of services including assessment and treatment of mental health conditions, case management and therapy.

School Psychologists

School psychologists with advanced degrees in psychology are trained to make diagnoses, provide individual and group therapy and work with parents, teachers and school staff to insure a healthy school environment. They may also participate in the development of individualized

education plans (IEP) to help improve the school experience of the student with a mental health condition.

Counseling

Working with a counselor can lead to better ways of thinking and living. Counselors assist with developing life skills and improving relationships.

Clinical Social Workers

Clinical social workers have a master's degree in social work and are trained to make diagnoses and provide individual and group counseling, case management and advocacy. Clinical social workers often work in hospitals or clinics or in private practice. Licensed, independent social workers (LICSW) have undergone an extra certification process.

Counselors

Counselors are trained to diagnose and provide individual and group counseling. Counselors may focus on different areas: Licensed Professional Counselor, Mental Health Counselor, Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselor, Martial and Family Therapist.

Pastoral Counselors

Pastoral counselors are clergy members with training in clinical pastoral education. They are trained to diagnose and provide counseling.

Peer Specialists

Peer specialists have lived experience with a mental health condition or substance use disorder. They have often received training and certification and are prepared to assist with recovery by developing strengths and setting goals.

Social Workers

Social workers (B.A. or B.S.) provide case management, inpatient discharge planning services, placement services and other services to support healthy living.

See more at: <http://www.nami.org/Learn-More/Treatment/Types-of-Mental-Health-Professionals>

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Mental health crisis response services are a vital part of any mental health service system. A well-designed crisis response system can provide backup to community providers, perform outreach by connecting first-time users to appropriate services and improve community relations by providing reassurance that the person's needs are met in a mental health crisis.

What Makes an Effective Mental Health Crisis Service?

Mental health crisis services vary depending on where an individual lives. Becoming familiar with the available services and how to access them is an important step towards being prepared for a psychiatric crisis. The better prepared a person is when faced with a crisis situation the better the outcome. The following are pieces that together make up an effective response system.

- **24-Hour crisis lines** are often the first point of contact for a person in crisis or their loved one. Telephone crisis services provide assessment, screening, triage, preliminary counseling, and information and referral services.
- **Walk-in crisis services**, such as clinics or psychiatric urgent care centers offer immediate attention. They focus on resolving the crisis in a less intensive setting than a hospital, though they may recommend hospitalization when appropriate. Walk-in clinics may serve as drop-off centers for law enforcement to reduce unnecessary arrests.
- **Mobile crisis teams** intervene wherever the crisis is occurring, often working closely with the police, crisis hotlines and hospital emergency personnel. Mobile teams may provide pre-screening assessments or act as gatekeepers for inpatient hospitalization and can also connect an individual with community based programs and other services.

Respite Care and Residential Services

Crisis respite and residential services can help a person stabilize, resolve problems and connect with possible sources of ongoing support. Services that may be provided include physical and psychiatric assessment, daily living skills training, social activities, counseling, treatment planning and connecting to services. Crisis residential services can either be an alternative to hospitalization or a step-down setting upon leaving a hospital.

Crisis respite services are also beneficial because they can provide short-term relief to individuals who are caring for family members who might need more support outside of the home.

There are various models for providing respite care depending on how much support is needed:

- **Family-based crisis home support** is where the person in crisis lives with a screened and trained "professional family." In addition to practical and emotional support from "family" members, mental health professionals visit the home daily for planning

treatment.

- **Crisis respite centers and apartments** provide 24-hour observation and support by crisis workers or trained volunteers until a person is stabilized and connected with other supports. In some locations, peer support specialists provide encouragement, support, assistance and role models in a non-threatening atmosphere.
- **In-home support** is like a crisis apartment but in the person's own residence and may be used if separation from the everyday environment is not necessary.

Crisis Stabilization Units

Crisis Stabilization Units (CSU) are small inpatient facilities of less than 16 beds for people in a mental health crisis whose needs cannot be met safely in residential service settings. CSUs may be designed to admit on a voluntary or involuntary basis when the person needs a safe, secure environment that is less restrictive than a hospital. CSUs try to stabilize the person and get him or her back into the community quickly.

Extended Observation Units (23-Hour Beds)

23-hour beds, also known as extended observation units (EOUs) can be a stand-alone service or embedded within a CSU. Admission to an EOU is appropriate when the crisis can be resolved in less than 24 hours. EOUs are designed for persons who may need short, intensive treatment in a safe environment that is less restrictive than a hospital.

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Encouraging People to Seek Help for Early Psychosis



Youth and young adults first experiencing psychosis may feel worried and fearful about what is happening. Concerned family and friends seeing changes in a young person may not know what to do. However, help and support are available.

Addressing psychosis early or during the first episode offers the best outcomes for young people. However, many people experiencing early psychosis may not realize they need help or may not be willing to accept help. As part of supporting a loved one during this time, family and friends should learn more about early psychosis.

Early psychosis and what works

A young person experiencing early psychosis often shows one or more warning signs:

- Hearing, seeing, tasting or believing things that others do not
- Suspiciousness or extreme uneasiness with others
- Persistent, unusual thoughts or beliefs
- Strong and inappropriate emotions or no emotions at all
- Withdrawing from family and friends

- A sudden decline in self-care
- Trouble thinking clearly or concentrating

A young person's willingness to seek help is often complicated by delusions, fears, stigma and feeling unsettled. Families can find this situation extremely difficult, but engagement strategies exist to encourage a young person to seek help.

Engagement strategies

Start with a conversation in a quiet and calm location. Because a loved one is likely feeling afraid and worried, remain calm and controlled. Remember, if they are experiencing delusions, their feelings and beliefs are real to them.

Finding help and effective treatment

The most effective treatment for early psychosis is coordinated specialty care (CSC). CSC focuses on helping young people reach their goals with a team-based and person-centered approach. The NAMI HelpLine can share information about early psychosis and CSC programs.

Connecting with support

If your loved one is not ready to get help, don't give up. You may need several conversations and professional support before he or she is willing to get help. If you can't successfully engage your loved one, consider contacting a CSC program for help. NAMI is also here to support and help you and your family. You are not alone.

Need help to start the conversation?
NAMI offers tips on the next page.

Tips for Starting the Conversation

DO

- Stay calm, speak quietly and avoid body language that shows distress.
- Share your observations. "I've heard you talking in your room when you're alone, and I'm worried." Perhaps mention activities the person is no longer doing. "I'm concerned that you no longer leave the house and do things you used to enjoy, like spending time with friends."
- Listen carefully and reflect what you hear so the person knows you're listening. Be open and accept what the person shares. "I know it must be frightening to think that your thoughts are being transmitted. I'd feel the same way."
- Ask about the person's goals and concerns and share how getting help can address them.

If possible, provide examples. "I noticed you're having trouble with sleeping/school/thinking clearly. There are services and supports that can help. They provide skills and strategies that will help you sleep better/stay in school/think more clearly."

- Suggest that the person try getting help. Reassure him or her that, if the support doesn't feel right, then you'll work together to find another option.
- Share that programs also provide non-clinical services that support education and employment goals; if those are important to the person.
- Be hopeful, supportive and encouraging. "I'm here to support you. We'll get through this together."

DON'T

- Become confrontational, be judgmental or argue with what the person is telling you, even when the person's thoughts and beliefs may not be based in reality.
- Talk about psychosis because the person may not be ready to hear this. Focus on getting help to keep the young person's life on track.



Contact NAMI to learn more



Visit NAMI's website:
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THE SALVATION ARMY OF BRYAN COLLEGE STATION

RENTAL & UTILITY ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

2024: 409
2025: 960
Total: 1,358
Served: 209 in FY*

Funding began Oct 2024

*ADDITIONAL 112 FAMILIES SERVED THROUGH THE SALVATION ARMY'S DONATIONS

THE NEED IS RISING

135% INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS FROM 2024 - 2025

INCREASE BY CITY

106% INCREASE IN BRYAN
178% INCREASE IN COLLEGE STATION

2026 CONSERVATIVE PROJECTION:

1,440 SUBMISSIONS

THE DEMAND HAS MORE THAN DOUBLED IN BRYAN & TRIPLED IN COLLEGE STATION

CONTRIBUTING FACTORS:

- Rising Housing Costs** - An average of \$150 yearly rent increase
- SNAP Benefits Reduced** - Over 300 families local households are affected *daily*
- Unemployment/Underemployment** - 3.6% in Brazos County in 2025

WORKING TOWARDS A SOLUTION

The Salvation Army is requesting \$40,000 to help families in Brazos County avoid eviction, utility shutoffs, and homelessness through direct rent and utility assistance. All funds awarded go directly to families in need.

With the additional funding, along with donations, we anticipate serving 400 families.

DOING THE MOST GOOD

INSIDE VOLUNTEERING: MENTORSHIP AT A GLANCE

bigmentor.org



Big Brothers Big Sisters believes in the power of one-to-one mentoring as a tool for youth to achieve their fullest potential.

Requirements:

Children aged between 6-16 are eligible for the program, and Bigs must be over 18 years of age, finished with high school, not anticipating any life changes in the next 6 months, and able to commit to at least one year of being matched. Bigs are required, at a minimum, to meet with their Little once a month.

Evidence-based Model:

By developing a relationship with their Littles, Bigs invest in a child's future which has been proven to hold life-changing consequences for children's success.

Children who participate in Big Brothers Big Sisters are:

- 27% less likely to start drinking
- 46% less likely to use drugs
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 85% expect to attend college

Key Terms:

Big = Mentor

Little = Mentee

Match = pairing of Big and Little

Safety:

Safety is our top priority. Bigs undergo extensive screenings, including a background check, and attend five training sessions: Mentor Orientation, Mentoring 101, the 40 Assets, BBBS Kids: Cultural Competency, and "Breaking Up is Hard to Do." Parents are also required to attend trainings, namely Parent Orientation, Parent/Child Safety Training, and Raising Highly Capable Kids.

Impact:

By becoming a Big, one not only develops a friendship with their Little, but they are able to change the trajectory of their Little's life away from harmful behavior and towards beneficial, constructive opportunities through positive, consistent, and supportive mentorship.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

When young people have trusted mentors, they build confidence, improve their academic performance, and develop the resilience needed to thrive. Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) partners with the community to provide mentorship opportunities that support young people's personal and academic growth.

1 Community-Based Mentoring

Youth (Littles) are matched with caring adult mentors (Bigs) who meet regularly in the community for positive, one-on-one experiences.

Benefits include:

- ✓ Increased confidence & emotional well-being
- ✓ Exposure to new experiences & opportunities
- ✓ Long-term, life-changing relationships with a mentor

2 Workplace Mentoring

Littles visit a corporate partner's workplace to meet with professional mentors, learning about career paths and workplace skills. Benefits include:

- ✓ Career readiness through real-world exposure
- ✓ Guidance on setting & achieving professional goals
- ✓ Stronger connections between education and future opportunities

3 High School Bigs Mentoring

High school students mentor younger students at their school or a nearby campus, building leadership skills while providing guidance and support. Benefits include:

- ✓ Encourages leadership & responsibility in high school mentors
- ✓ Increases confidence & social skills in mentees
- ✓ Builds a culture of mentorship within your school community

4 Site-Based Mentoring

Littles are matched with Bigs and meet during scheduled times at a school or community site for guided activities that are supervised by a BBBS staff person.

5 Faith-Based Mentoring

Littles are matched with mentors and families of faith through a collaboration with churches, mosques, synagogues, and other faith groups. These partnerships help connect children with caring mentors who are guided by values of compassion, service, and community.

★ Why Partner with BBBS?

- ✓ **Proven Impact:** BBBS mentoring improves academic performance, meaningful social connections, and overall well-being.
- ✓ **Support:** Our team handles mentor recruitment, training, and match support.
- ✓ **Flexible Programming:** We work with our partners to integrate mentoring in a sustainable way.

Let's work together to empower youth and build a brighter future for the Brazos Valley! Interested?

Contact us: Mark Taplette | 979.450.8898 | mtaplette@bigmentor.org



Our MISSION

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Brazos Valley is dedicated to helping youth of **all** backgrounds, especially those who need us **most**, develop the qualities needed to become **responsible** citizens and **leaders** of our community and nation.

MEMBERS

pay

ONLY

\$25

per

YEAR

Grades 1-12

ACTUAL COST!

\$1,566

PER MEMBER EACH YEAR

PAYS FOR:

- Tutoring
- Meals
- Transportation
- Mentoring
- Health Services
- Programming
- Athletics

OUR CORE PROGRAM AREAS

Character & Leadership Development

Health & Life Skills

Sports, Recreation, & Fitness

The Arts

Education & Career Development

DID YOU KNOW?

Children without after-school programs who are unsupervised between 3-6 pm are:

- 37% more likely to be a teen parent
- 49% more likely to use drugs
- Three times more likely to engage in criminal behavior

THE PRICE OF GROWTH \$



KITCHEN & FOOD

Costs have risen over 20% to cover increasing food prices.

MEALS SERVED DAILY = \$93,750 a year!



FACILITY

Costs have risen by 30% due to increased expenses for utilities, gas, and insurance.

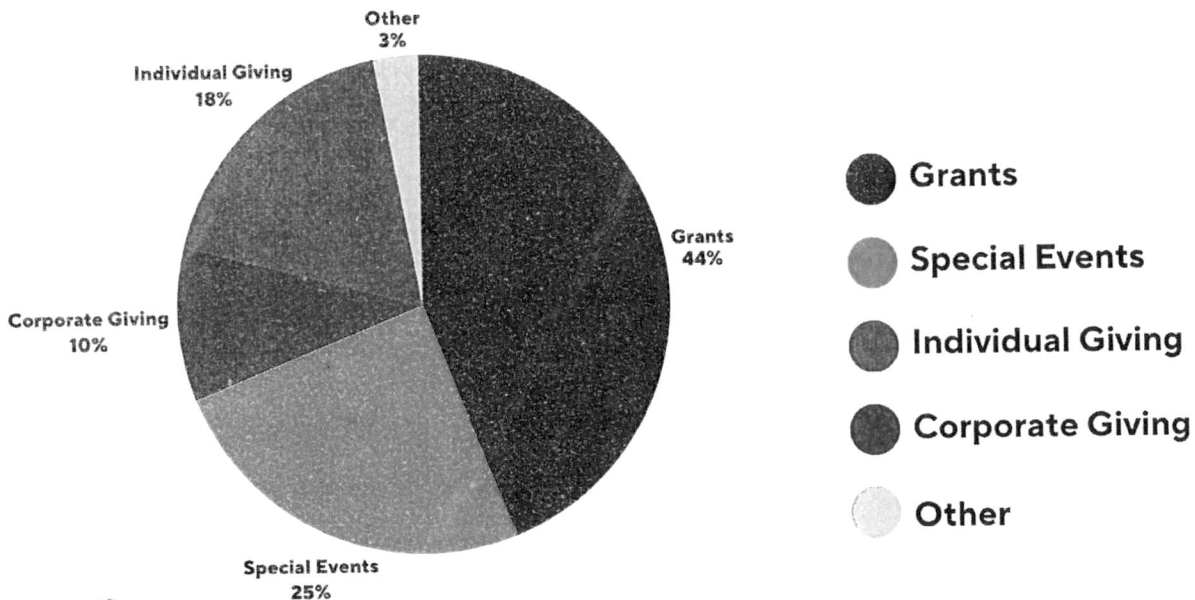


STAFF

We aim to offer competitive wages to qualified staff while maintaining a safe 20:1 member to staff ratio. Club leadership strategically manages the budget and is committed to keeping high-quality programs, qualified staff, and nutritious meals.



WHERE DOES OUR MONEY COME FROM?



73%

Of our Club members live in households earning less than \$40,000 annually.

KEEP BRAZOS BEAUTIFUL

KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

FY2627 FUNDING REQUEST PACKET

Clean. Green. Beautiful. Since 1980.
Bryan • College Station • Brazos County

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to educate and engage Brazos County citizens to keep our community clean, green, and beautiful.

For more than four decades, Keep Brazos Beautiful has partnered with residents, businesses, schools, and local governments to strengthen environmental stewardship across our community.

We believe a clean and beautiful community:

- Strengthens economic vitality
- Improves public health and safety
- Enhances quality of life
- Builds civic pride

PROGRAMS

- Texas Trash-Off
- Community Cleanup Events
- Annual Awards Luncheon
- Youth Environmental Education
- Arbor Day Events
- Memorial Tree Dedication Events
- Community Beautification Projects
- Recycling and Sustainability Outreach

Together these programs improve environmental health and strengthen community pride throughout Brazos County.



2025 OUR IMPACT


731
Volunteers


\$94,854
Economic Value of
Volunteer Hours


2726.5
Volunteer Hours


52
Clean Up
Projects


11,385 lbs
5.7 tons
Litter Collected


62
Total Miles
Cleaned

GOLD STAR
AFFILIATE

2025

Keep Texas
Beautiful

Award Winning



PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE
RECOGNITION AWARD

2025

LEADING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Working together to keep Brazos County clean, green, and beautiful.

City of Bryan
City of College Station
Brazos County
Texas A&M University

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ENGAGEMENT GROWTH OVER THE YEARS

2024-2025 Calendar of Events:



September 11-November 24, 2024
 October 14, 2024
 October 2024
 November/December 2024
 January 2025
 March/April 2025

 April 2025
 May 5-6, 2025

Fall Sweep with Keep Texas Beautiful
 Fall Awards and Informational Luncheon
 Sustainability Day and Stream Clean at Texas A&M
 Keep Holidays Beautiful Campaign
 KBB Board Retreat
 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off - Great American
 Clean up Collaboration with TAMU's the Big Event
 Earth Day at Texas A&M
 Keep Texas Beautiful Conference

2025-2026 Calendar of Events:

September-November 2025
 September 9, 2025
 September 11, 2025
 September 16, 2025
 October 10
 October 15, 2025
 October 18, 2025
 October 29, 2025

 October 30, 2025
 November 1, 2025

 November 8, 2025
 November/December 2025
 February 13, 2026
 February 26-28, 2026
 March/April 2026

 April 15, 2026
 April 18, 2026
 April 22, 2026
 April 25, 2026
 May 12-14, 2026

Fall Sweep with Keep Texas Beautiful
 Volunteer Fair at Blinn College
 Volunteer Fair at Texas A&M University
 Volunteer Fair at RELLIS
 Seed, Spread & Stomp with A&M Garden Club
 Sustainability Day at Texas A&M University
 Stream Clean at Texas A&M University
 45th Anniversary Awards and Informational Luncheon
 Award Scholarships for the next academic year KBB Interns
 Wildflowers Purchased for TxDOT Spreading in Traffic Areas
 Trees for Brazos County with Brazos County Master Gardeners,
 Brazos County Extension and the Texas A&M Forest Service
 Fall Festival at Texas A&M University Leach Teaching Gardens
 Keep Holidays Beautiful Campaign.
 Board Member Retreat "Welcome A-Board"
 Keep America Beautiful Summit in New Orleans
 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off - Great American Clean up
 Collaboration with Texas A&M University's the Big Event
 Earth Day at Texas A&M University
 Hullabloom at Texas A&M Gardens
 Earth Day Event at Stone Co. Climbing Center
 Arbor Day at Sue Haswell Park (Memorial Tree Dedication & Tree Planting)
 Keep Texas Beautiful Conference - Virtual Conference



2026-2027 Calendar of Events:



August TBA 2026
 September-November 2026
 September 8, 2026
 September 10, 2026
 September 15, 2026
 October TBA
 October TBA
 October 14, 2026
 October 17, 2026
 October 28, 2026

 October 2026
 November TBA 2026

 November TBA 2026.
 November 6/7, 2026
 November/December 2026
 February 2, 2027
 March/April 2027

 April TBA 2027
 April TBA 2027
 April 30, 2027

 May TBA 2027

Board Retreat - Team Building & Vision Casting
 Fall Sweep with Keep Texas Beautiful
 Volunteer Fair at Blinn College
 Volunteer Fair at Texas A&M University
 Volunteer Fair at RELLIS
 Seed, Spread & Stomp with A&M Garden Club
 Clean up & Spruce up of KBB Demonstration Garden
 Sustainability Day at Texas A&M University
 Stream Clean at Texas A&M University
 45th Anniversary Awards and Informational Luncheon
 Award Scholarships for the next academic year KBB Interns
 Wildflowers Purchase for TxDOT Spreading in Traffic Areas
 Pilot Program - Trees for Brazos County in schools (beginning with 3rd Grade
 students - at 1 Elementary school from Bryan ISD and College Station ISD)
 Trees for Brazos County with Brazos County Master Gardeners,
 Brazos County Extension and the Texas A&M Forest Service
 Fall Festival at Texas A&M University Leach Teaching Gardens
 Texas Arbor Day Events- Bryan & College Station locations
 Keep Holidays Beautiful Campaign
 Keep America Beautiful Summit
 Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off - Great American Clean up
 Collaboration with Texas A&M University's the Big Event
 Earth Day at Texas A&M University
 Hullabloom at Texas A&M Gardens
 Arbor Day at Sue Haswell Park (Memorial Tree Dedication &
 Multi-Site Tree Planting at Bryan and College Station Parks)
 Keep Texas Beautiful Conference

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

Working together to keep Brazos County clean, green, and beautiful. At our Annual Awards Luncheon, Keep Brazos Beautiful proudly recognized 105 community partners whose leadership and service helped strengthen environmental stewardship across our region.



LEADING COMMUNITY PARTNERS

City of Bryan
City of College Station
Brazos County
Texas A&M University

RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Our Annual Awards Luncheon recognizes individuals & organizations whose contributions advance environmental stewardship:

- Jack & Dorothy Miller Award
- Keepers of the Kingdom Award
- Green Business Award

SUPPORTING FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS

Keep Brazos Beautiful awards nearly \$7,000 in scholarships each year to students pursuing environmental and sustainability-related fields.

Recent scholarship recipients include students studying:

- Bioenvironmental Science
- Rangeland, Wildlife & Fisheries
- Environmental Studies

VOLUNTEER PARTNER RECOGNITION

Hundreds of volunteers contribute their time each year to help Keep Brazos Beautiful protect and enhance the environment across Brazos County. We are grateful to the many organizations that support our cleanup initiatives.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Texas A&M University Department of Sustainability
Texas A&M University Community Engagement
Texas A&M Department of Teaching, Learning & Culture
Texas A&M Department of Scholarships & Financial Aid
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension – Brazos County
Texas A&M ALED 341
TAMU Stream Clean
TAMU Corp of Cadets B-Company
TAMU Corp of Cadets C-Company Crusaders
TAMU Corp of Cadets Company G-1 Rogues
TAMU Corp of Cadets Squadron Five
Texas A&M Physical Therapy Society
The Big Event – Texas A&M University
Big Event “Fall Little Event”
Texas Master Gardeners
Texas Master Naturalists

Texas A&M Forest Service
Junior Master Gardeners
Aggieland Growing Through Selfless Service (AGSS)
Aggie Accounting Association (AAA)
Aggies Pursuing Healthcare (APH)
Brazos Valley Recycling (BVR)
Omega Phi Alpha
National Honor Society
Century Men’s Society
Traveling Mermaid Productions
Altria Group
Engineering Group
Fuji Film
Signarama
Scout Pack 976
Girl Scout Troops





KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL AFFILIATE

FUNDING STRUCTURE & CIVIC BENEFITS

PLEGGED SUPPORT AND REIMBURSED SUPPORT FROM KEEP BRAZOS BEAUTIFUL INCOME SOURCES TO TOTAL OPERATIONAL COSTS IMPACT

2025-2026

KBB OPERATIONAL BUDGET: \$104,043

BRAZOS COUNTY:	\$15,000	(15.3%)
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION:	\$48,230	(46.4%)
CITY OF BRYAN:	\$40,000	(38.3%)

2026-2027

KBB OPERATIONAL BUDGET: \$107,043

BRAZOS COUNTY:	\$16,000	(15.3%)
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION:	\$49,230	(46.4%)
CITY OF BRYAN:	\$41,000	(38.3%)

KEEP BRAZOS BEAUTIFUL PROJECTED ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO BRAZOS COUNTY THROUGH SERVICES:

Volunteer Hours In-Kind Benefit:	\$90,000
Wildflower Seed Donation:	\$3000
Awards Banquet Honoring Local Clean-up Heroes:	\$5400
Texas Trash Off/Big Event Costs:	\$10,000
Public Education and Advertising for Local Events:	\$7000
Arbor Day Tree Care Education & Plantings:	\$5000



WHERE YOUR SUPPORT MAKES AN IMPACT

Your support helps KBB deliver programs that protect the environment & strengthen community engagement

COMMUNITY CLEANUPS



731 Volunteers



52 Cleanup Projects



62 Miles of Roadway Cleaned



11,385 Pounds of Litter Removed

YOUTH & COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Provide environmental community education & outreach opportunities.

Impact:

- Students engaged in environmental education
- Volunteer leadership opportunities
- Expanded awareness of sustainability and recycling

ARBOR DAY EVENTS & BEAUTIFICATION PROJECTS

Support Arbor Day events and community beautification projects.

Impact:

- Improved community landscapes
- Healthier green spaces
- Expanded tree canopy across Brazos County

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Board Director: Kischel Burrescia

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Good afternoon, my name is Kent Dunlap, Board Chairman of the Brazos County Soil & Water Conservation District. On behalf of the District and fellow members, Larry Ford, Mike Patranella and Rick Seneff, we appreciate the opportunity to discuss the importance of soil and water conservation, as well as funding consideration of \$5,000 that will help us continue efforts to educate and promote soil and water conservation activities in Brazos County.

Conservation efforts in Texas began in 1939 as a result of the tremendous impact that wind erosion of the Dust Bowl created on our state's ability to provide feed and clothe its people. This impact, coupled with the significant hardships of the Great Depression meant there was a serious need for both financial assistance and technical assistance.

The Brazos County Soil & Water Conservation District is currently one of 212 districts that was formed in Texas to provide assistance to landowners where they were located. Much like a county or school district – our local district is a subdivision of Texas state government, and led by the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board.

Our district has one employee, and does not have taxing authority or assess fees of any kind. Our funding for local soil and water conservation efforts comes through matching funds through the Texas State SWCD Board, technical assistance funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and from local contributions.

The funds we receive from Brazos County help our local SWCD maintain its county office and employee, and help fund continuing education for our directors. They also help us maintain a presence at selected field days and workshops to promote soil and water conservation activities.

For many years, our local District has been involved with youth and their activities in the county. These include soil and plant identification contests at the State 4-H Round-Up held each June, and various county FFA youth in their projects and contests. Last month, we sponsored a Wildlife team from

Brazos Christian High School, and a young lady from Rudder High School who was awarded first place at both the District and Area levels for her excellent presentation on Soil Stewardship.

Local conservation districts, including Brazos County SWCD, are truly grassroots organizations. Our District partners with local landowners to develop conservation plans and water quality management plans for their property. These voluntary plans focus on developing proven best management practices to help build and protect precious soil and water resources.

I have included a smaller brochure in your packet that identifies the Texas SWCD as the lead agency in the state for planning and managing programs and practices for abating agricultural non-point source pollution in watersheds throughout the state. Local SWCD is the logical vehicle to provide the necessary information and local assistance to help meet the state's goals for the agriculture sector in their respective areas.

Cost-share funding assistance for many of these efforts is also available through contracts with the Texas SWCD or NRCS. But in all cases, these programs are strictly voluntary.

I would also like to note that our local SWCD shares a direct bond with Brazos County government in this technical assistance approach through the maintenance of the two conservation dam projects in the south end of Brazos County. These dams are inspected annually by NRCS technicians and county engineering personnel to ensure their safety and determine what maintenance may be needed. I want to remind the commissioners court that funds are available to you for the annual mowing and other maintenance of these projects through the state SWCD conservation dams program. Our county office is happy to facilitate any fund requests if the county desires.

In conclusion, Brazos County SWCD continues to be an agricultural agency. However, as you well know, county demographics continue to shift from our traditional rural setting to suburban. Our office has received more

than 500 inquiries for information and assistance for a wide range of conservation issues, with the majority being from small landowners.

We continue to believe that soil/water conservation will become even more important. As the county's agricultural land parcels become smaller, they will involve more people who have limited knowledge of agriculture and associated land issues. But make no mistake, it takes more than 30 years to replace one inch of topsoil, whether it's on a large ranch, or in a small garden.

Again, thank you for your valuable time here this afternoon and your funding consideration.

meet state water quality standards and goals.)

- After SWCD approval, your site specific nonpoint source pollution abatement plan will be reviewed by the TSSWCB to insure its consistency with established criteria and to insure it has appropriate implementation schedules.
- TSSWCB certifies your plan.

What Certification Means

After your NPS pollution abatement plan is certified by the TSSWCB, you will be considered in compliance with state water quality objectives.

To remain in compliance and under the authority of the TSSWCB's voluntary alternative to state water quality regulatory processes as well as receive program benefits, your water quality management plan must continue to be effected in accordance with your implementation schedules and criteria agreed to in your plan.

Locating Your Soil & Water Conservation District

Not all soil and water conservation districts in Texas have an independent office or telephone number. This may be the case in the county where you operate your farm or ranch.

To get in touch with the appropriate SWCD to assist you with the development of a site specific water quality management plan, you may contact the USDA Soil Conservation Service located in the county where your farm or ranch is located.

You may also contact the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board in Temple, Texas. The TSSWCB will help you in contacting your SWCD should you need that assistance.

Call toll free:
1-800-792-3485 or (817) 773-2250

or write

Texas State
Soil & Water Conservation Board
P. O. Box 658
Temple, Texas 76503



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Here's The Scoop

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) is the lead agency in Texas for planning, implementing and managing programs and practices for abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution.

The TSSWCB, which coordinates the programs and activities of Texas' 212 soil and water conservation districts, (SWCDs) believes that the existing organizational structure of SWCDs in which owners and operators of the state's farm and grazing lands govern themselves with respect to soil and water resources through a program of voluntary participation is the most realistic and cost effective means of achieving the state's agricultural/silvicultural nonpoint source pollution goals.

The current network of 212 SWCDs into which Texas is organized is the logical vehicle to provide the necessary local leadership, information and technical assistance to meet the state's water quality goals as they relate to agricultural/silvicultural nonpoint source pollution, (NPS)

SO...

You Have A Choice

As an agricultural or silvicultural producer you have an opportunity to have a site specific water quality management plan developed by your local soil and water conservation district to insure your farming or ranching operation meets state water quality standards.

Your local SWCD will coordinate the technical assistance you need through the district, Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, USDA Soil Conservation Service, Texas Forest Service or some combination as necessary.

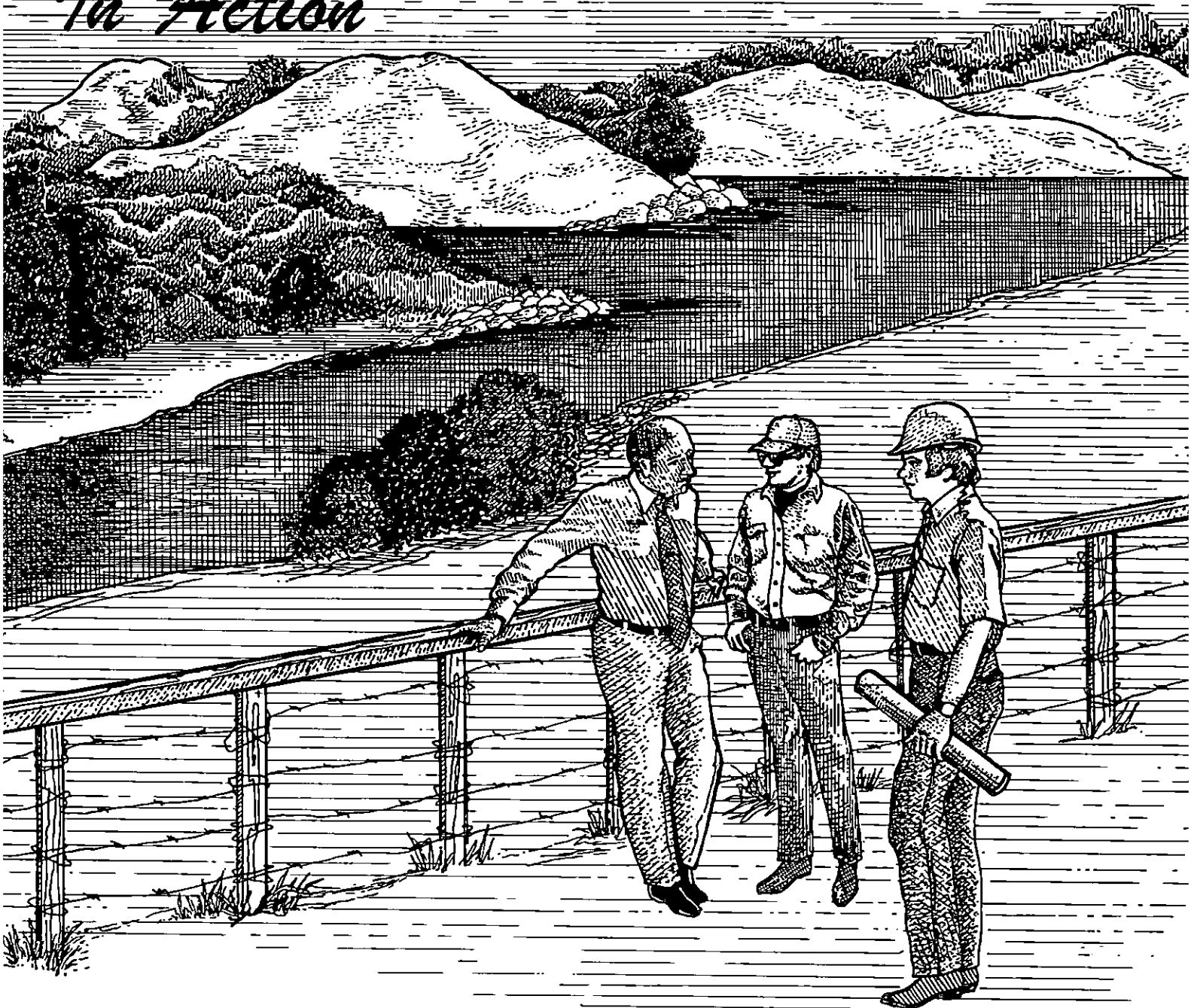
Your nonpoint source pollution abatement plan will require certification by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. Once your plan is certified by the TSSWCB, you will be operating in a manner consistent with state water quality goals.

So let's take a look at the steps necessary for you to acquire a certified site specific water quality management plan.

Steps To Plan Certification

- Request assistance from the soil and water conservation district in the county where your farm or ranch is located for developing an on site water quality management plan.
 - Agree to become a cooperator with the SWCD by signing a cooperator's agreement.
 - Accept SWCD coordinated technical assistance to help you develop an on site water quality management plan. For this plan to be effective, your input is important to its success. There are many best management options available to help you make choices that will best suit your economic and operational objectives.
 - Your plan requires approval by the SWCD. (Note that your plan's development will be based upon criteria established by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board. The TSSWCB will assure its criteria is based upon the best available scientific and engineering technology so that your plan will
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*Profile
Of a Soil and Water
Conservation
District
In Action*



Introduction

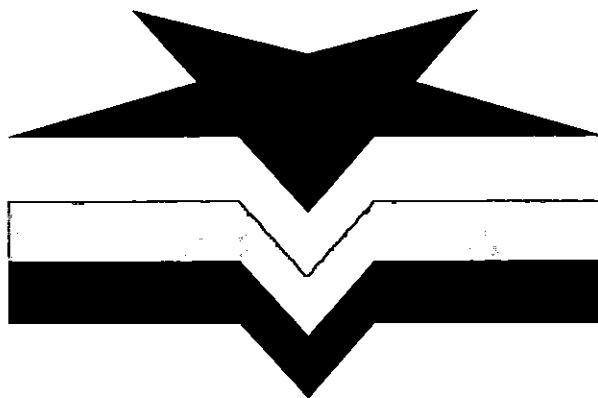
In your hands you hold a pictorial account of a soil and water conservation district in action – an account of the progress of a democratic movement as solid as the land itself.

For over 50 years landowners have, through the cooperative action of soil and water conservation districts, not only improved the soil's ability to produce food and fiber, but have built a firmer foundation under our Nation's economy.

Texas farmers and ranchers are making a vital contribution to all people, urban as well as rural, who rely on soil and water resources for their well being.

These pages explain why and how the district program came to exist.

As you examine this publication, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board hopes you will come to understand and appreciate the service that soil and water conservation districts perform. Your cooperation and support of that program are vital to the conservation district movement as a whole.



**Texas Soil and Water
Conservation Districts**

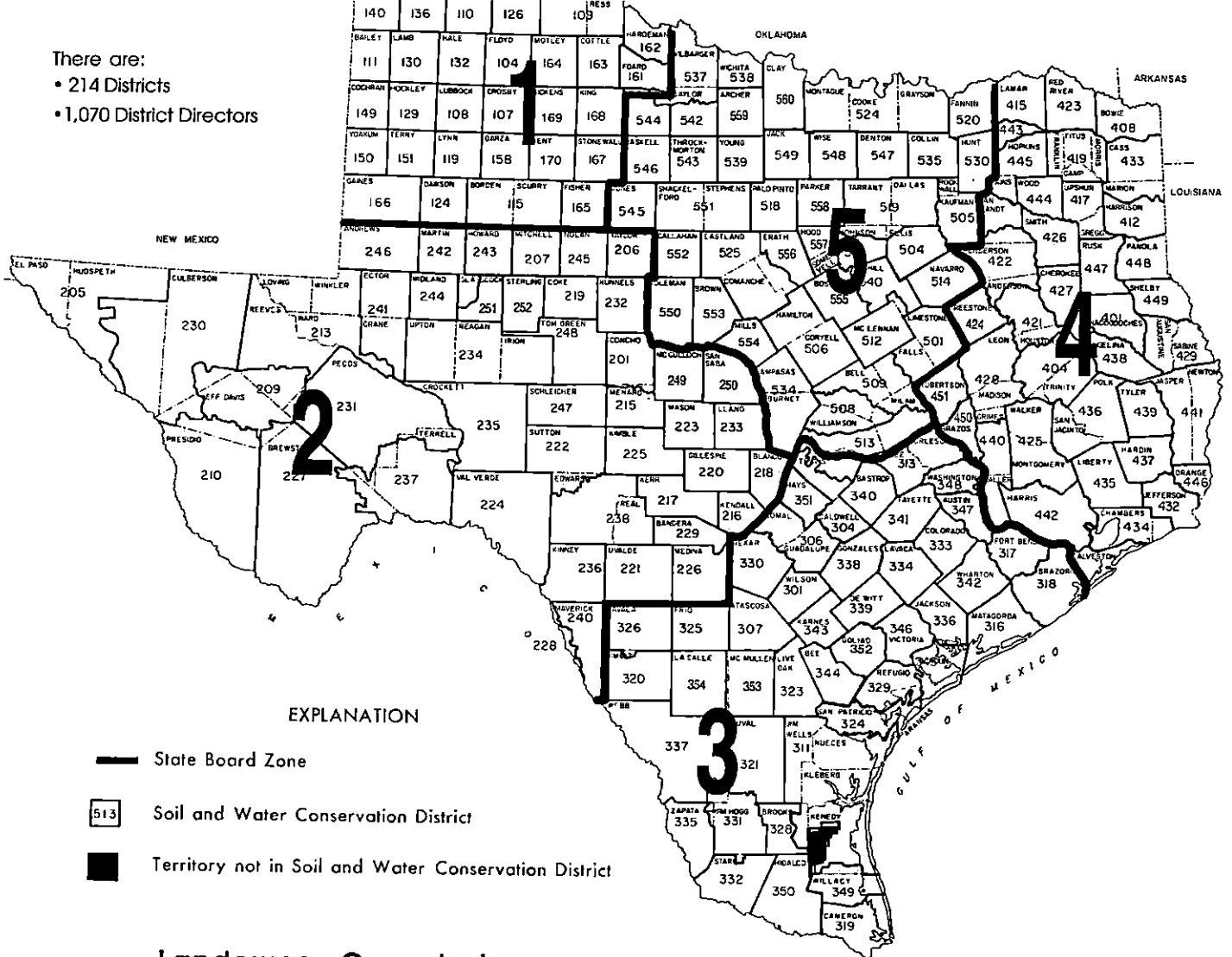
Democracy in Action In Texas

Locally Governed

A soil and water conservation district, like a county or school district, is a subdivision of state government. The program and plan of work of the district is developed according to the local needs of the district.

ZONES AND DISTRICTS TEXAS STATE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD

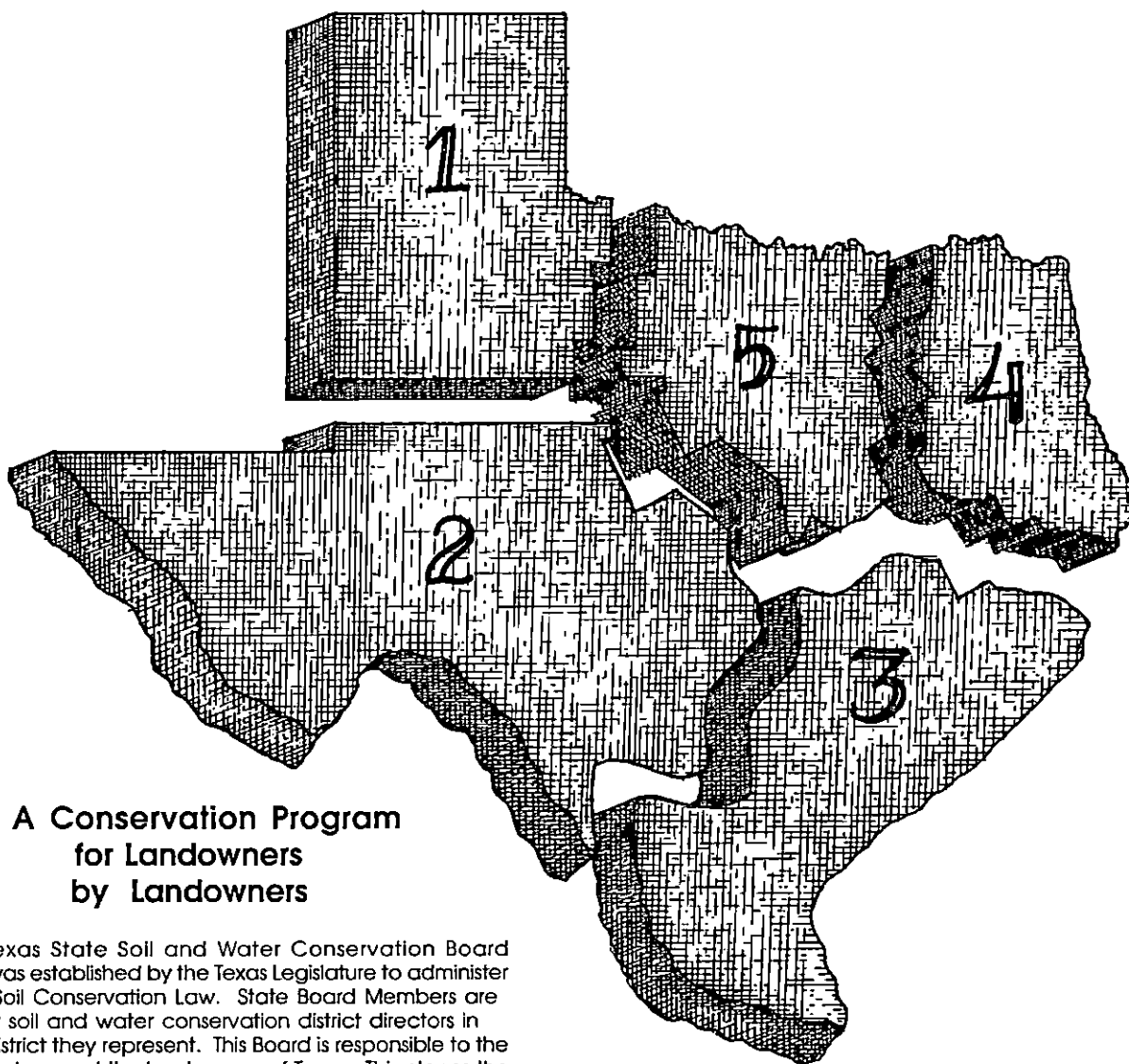
- There are:
- 214 Districts
 - 1,070 District Directors



Landowner Operated

A soil and water conservation district is brought into existence by a vote of the landowners within the boundaries of a district. It is administered by a board of five directors, all local farmers or ranchers who are elected by their fellow landowners.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board



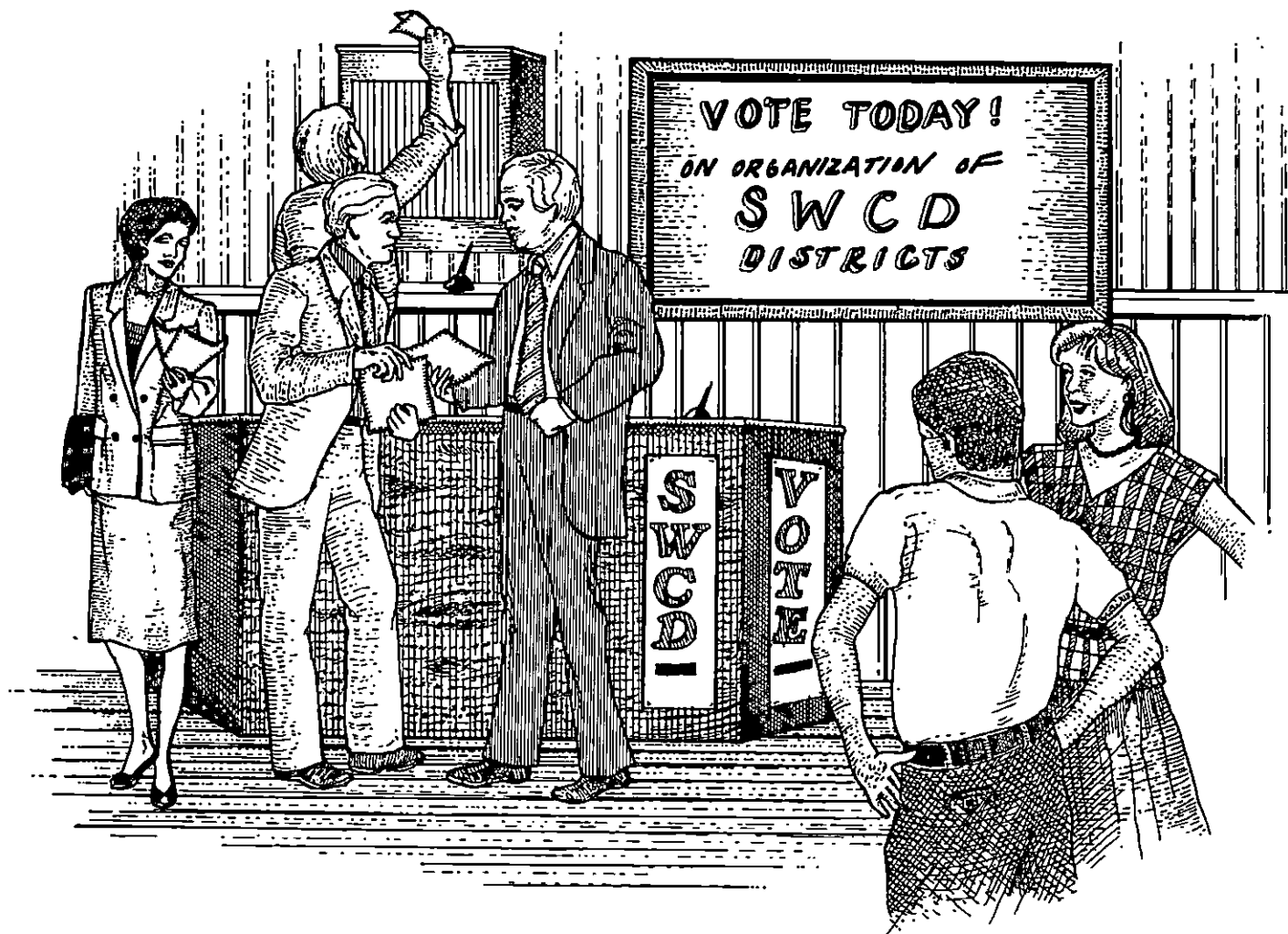
A Conservation Program for Landowners by Landowners

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) was established by the Texas Legislature to administer the Texas Soil Conservation Law. State Board Members are elected by soil and water conservation district directors in the state district they represent. This Board is responsible to the State Legislature and the landowners of Texas. This places the soil and water conservation district program in Texas in the hands of the landowners, all actively engaged in farming or ranching.

With state headquarters in Temple, Texas, the TSSWCB offers a technical assistance program to the state's 214 soil and water conservation districts. The TSSWCB is the lead agency for the planning, management and abatement of agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution. The TSSWCB maintains regional offices in strategic locations in the state to help carry out the agency's water quality responsibilities.

How Were Districts Created?

It Took a 2/3 Vote . . .



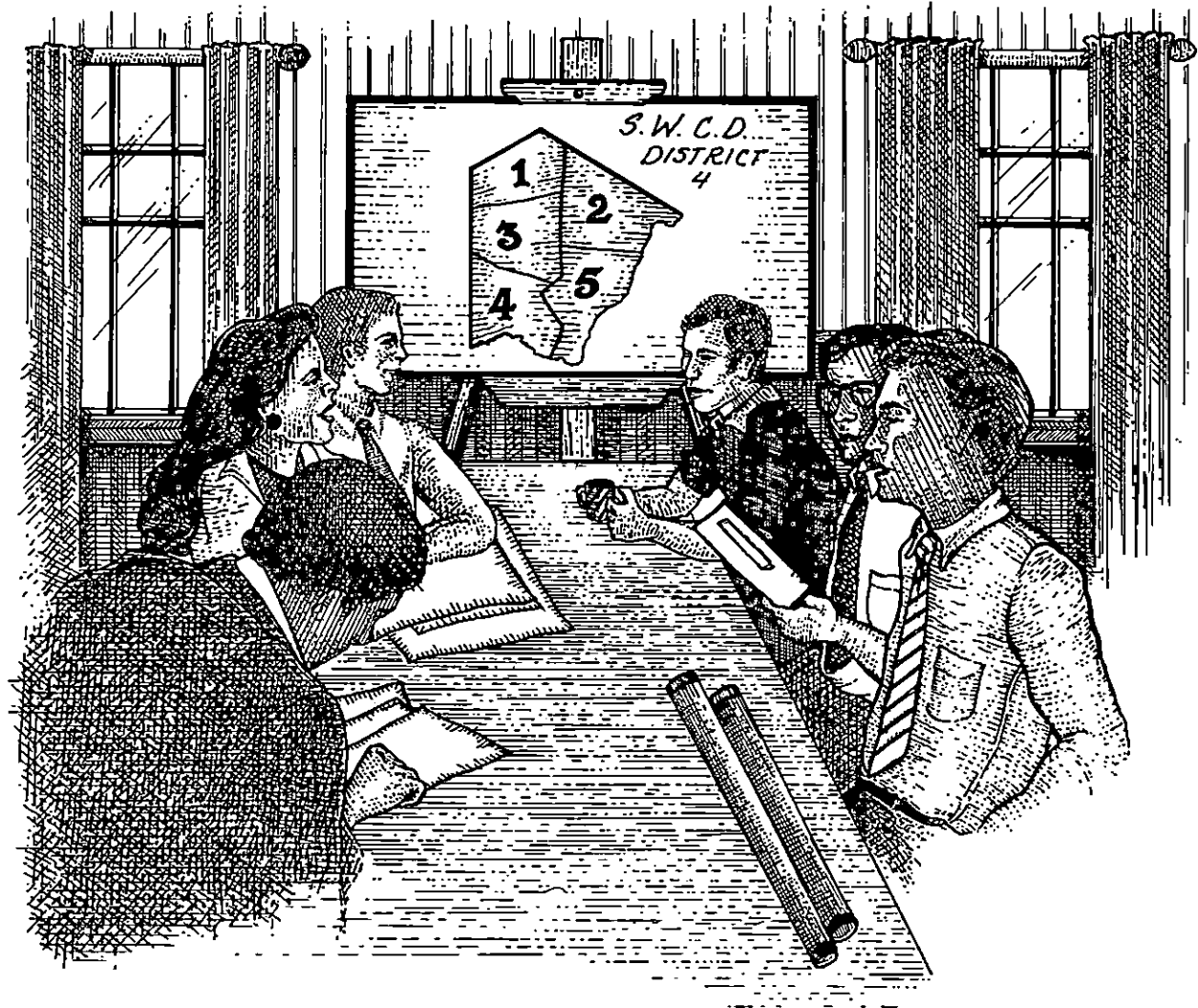
The Creation of a District

After the passage of the Texas Soil Conservation Law and with the establishment of the Texas Soil Conservation Board, soil conservation districts began to be formed.

To bring a district into existence, a minimum of 50 local agricultural landowners had to petition the State Board requesting the creation of a district. Following the filing of the petition, the State Board held a hearing on the question

of desirability and necessity for a district. If facts presented at the hearing determined a favorable need, the State Board conducted an election within the proposed district on the proposition of creating a conservation district. At least two-thirds of the votes cast by local agricultural landowners must be positive in order to create a new district.

Grassroots Government . . .



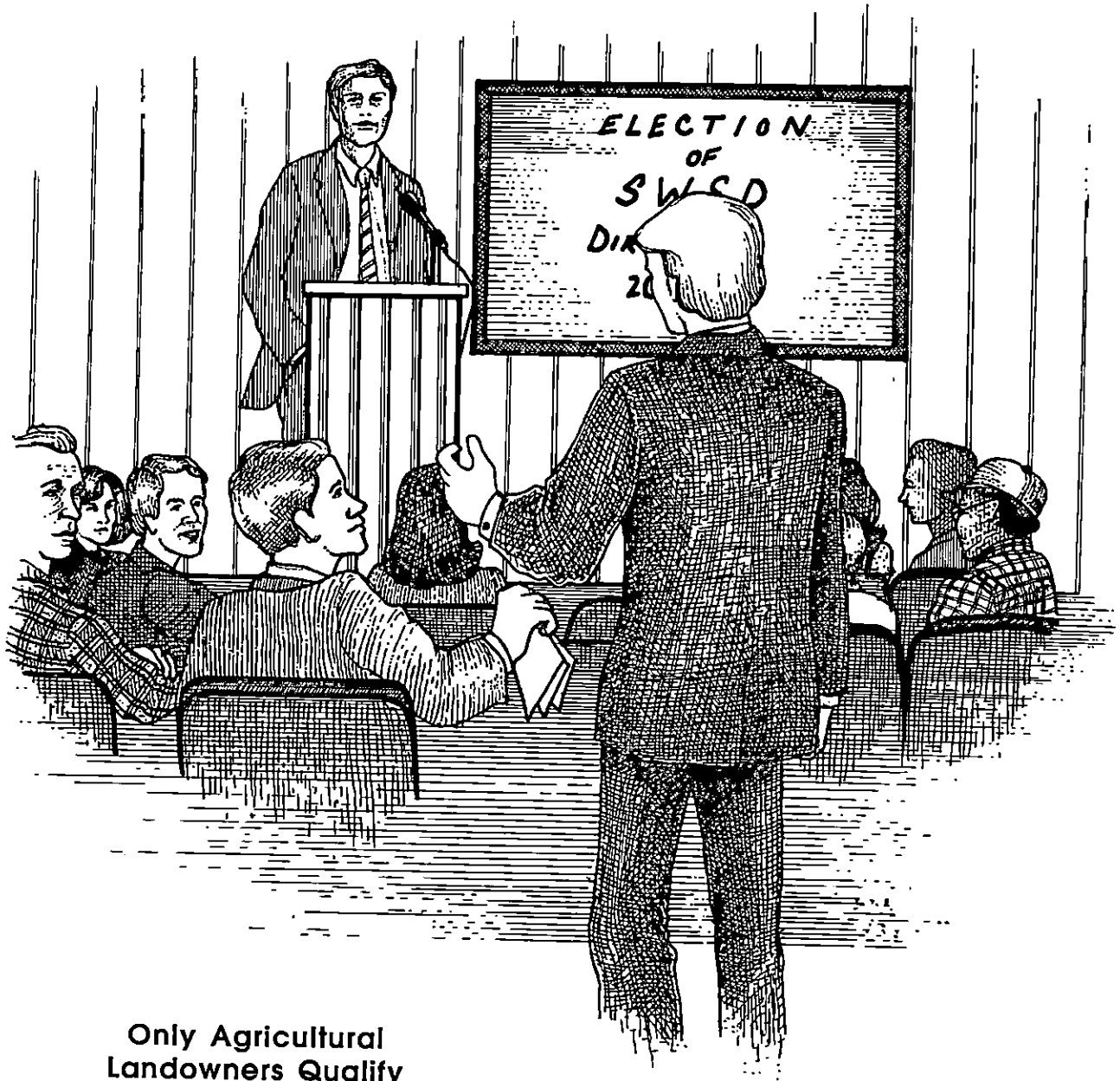
District Wide Representation is Assured

To assure geographical representation on the district's governing board, soil and water conservation districts are divided into five subdivisions. A district's governing body, called a board of directors, is made up of agricultural land-

owners, one from each of the five subdivisions.

Each district director must live in the district, own land in the subdivision he or she represents, and be actively engaged in farming or ranching.

Nominations are in Order . . .



Only Agricultural Landowners Qualify

Elections are held once a year in a soil and water conservation district. Directors are elected for a four year term. On a day, after September 30, and before October 16, each year agricultural landowners in each of the districts over the state assemble in conventions and elect their representative on the district's board of directors. By rotating the elections in subdivisions, one or two directors' terms expire each year. And here again only agricultural landowners may vote or qualify as directors.

District Directors Perform a Great Service



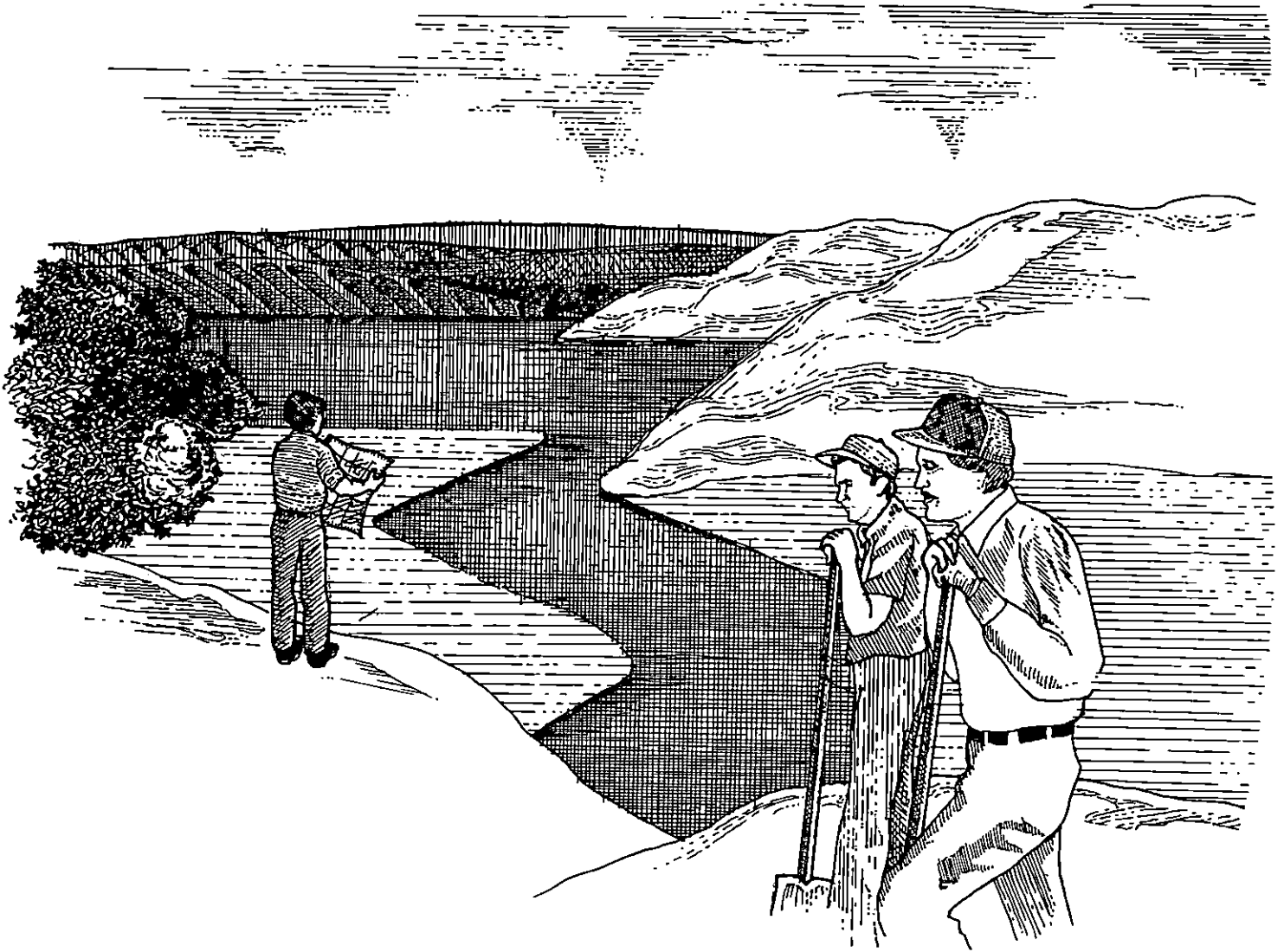
Directors Hold Regular Meetings

District directors receive no salary. They do, however, receive per diem for attending meetings, plus car mileage. This expense payment is allowed for not more than 20 meetings a year. Ordinarily directors meet once a month, but perform numerous other duties outside of regular meetings for which they receive no pay.

These directors must have a knowledge of the conservation problems in their district and the ability to

organize people and resources for effective action in controlling soil erosion, thereby making the land more productive. They should be willing to sacrifice personal interests for the good of the district and their community.

Directors have accepted their positions because they believe in the local voluntary soil and water conservation district approach which has proven successful for more than half a century.



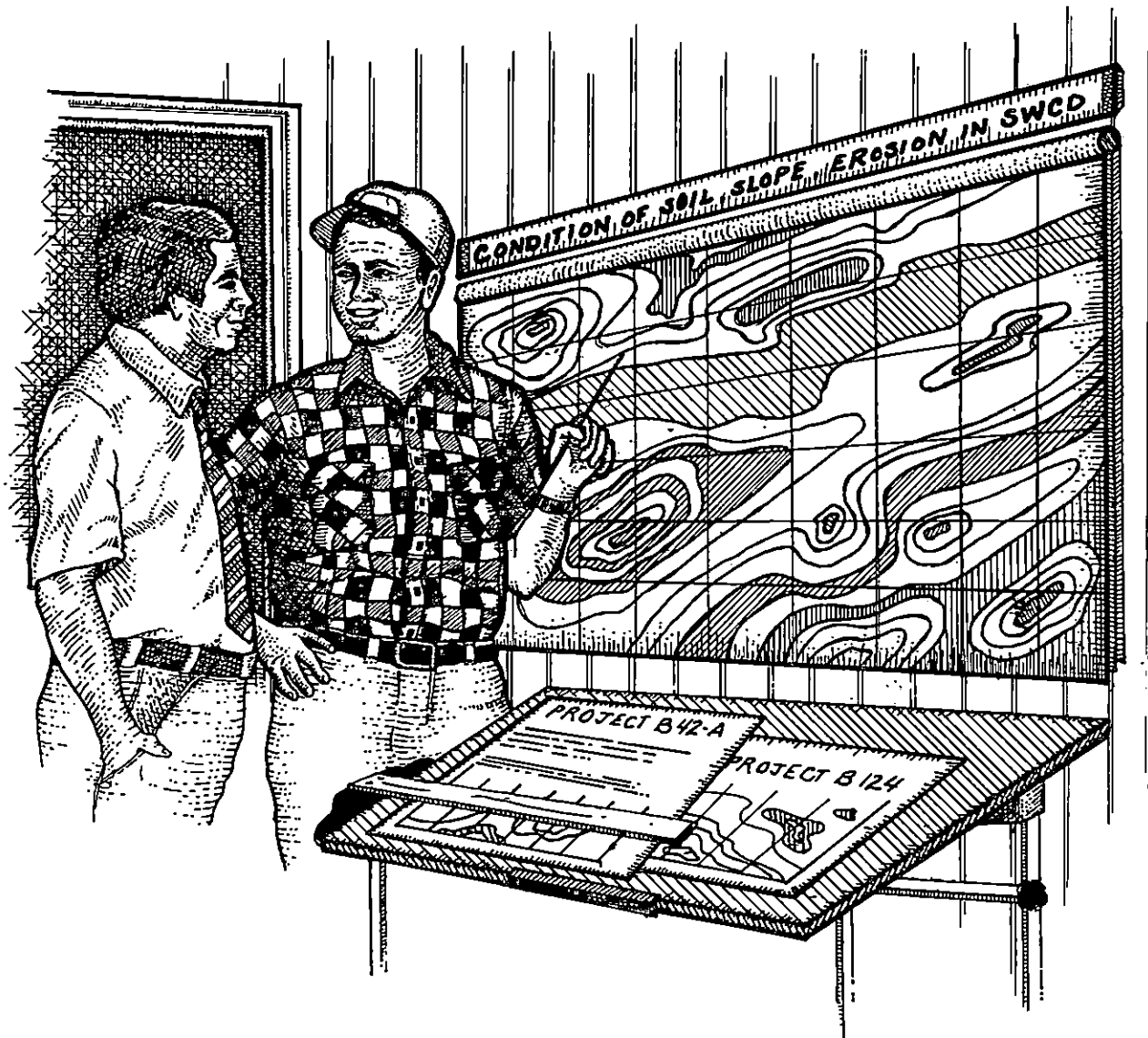
The Program and Plan of Work . . .

The elected board of directors have the responsibility to develop a program and plan of work.

This program is actually an inventory of the land and water resources and problems of the district. It describes the actual conditions bearing on land and its use.

The document discusses land capabilities, physical conditions, and socio-economic conditions creating conservation problems. Conservation needs and treatment as well as district policy are outlined in the document. Finally, the program and plan of work details solutions to problems and resources available to accomplish district objectives. Because of the wide range of information contained in this document, the directors should enlist the help of those who are knowledgeable in the various areas when preparing this plan.

Write Your Own Ticket . . .



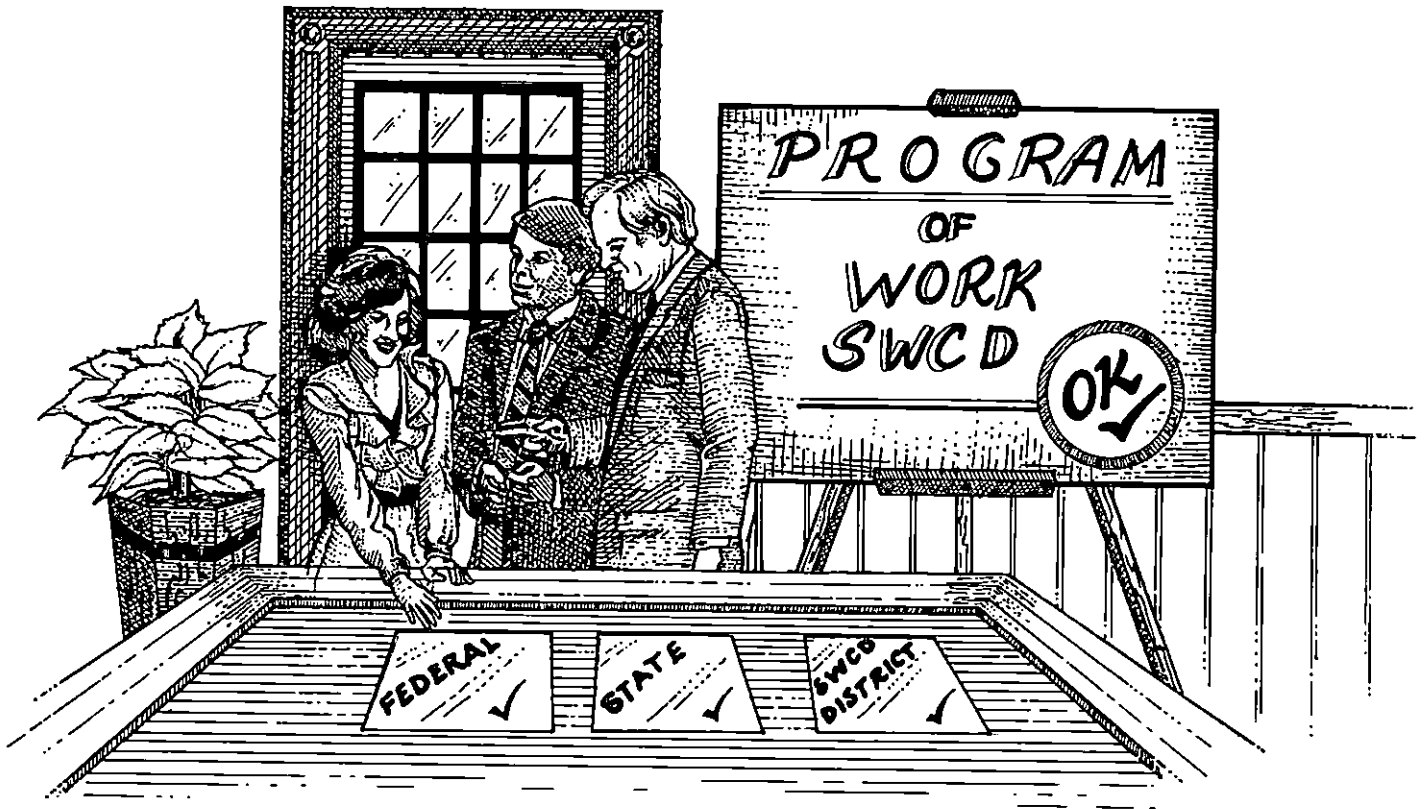
Plans Are Based On Local Needs

Before the creation of soil and water conservation districts, agricultural operators had been reluctant to adopt conservation plans. The Texas Legislature attempted to solve this problem when the state soil conservation law was passed in 1939.

For the first time through a chartered, legally established

soil and water conservation district, local farmers and ranchers were given the opportunity to decide for themselves how they were going to solve local soil and water conservation problems. They were also given the legal authority to carry out their decisions. In short, they write their own ticket . . . and get outside help if needed.

Help Sought . . . and Help Given



Assistance Made Available Through Districts

Help or assistance comes to a soil and water conservation district from various federal, state and local agencies. A primary source of help a district offers agricultural landowners or operators is the technical assistance of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), an agency of the United States Department of Agriculture. Through Memoranda of Understanding with USDA and NRCS, local SWCDs are able to furnish technical assistance to farmers and ranchers in the preparation of a complete soil and water conservation plan to meet each land unit's specific capabilities and needs.

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB), a state agency charged with the overall responsibility of coordinating the soil and water conservation district programs in Texas, also makes technical assistance funds available to districts through a grant program. Personnel hired under this program are district employees who work cooperatively with NRCS employees to help agricultural landowners/operators plan and install conservation practices.

With water quality being a major issue of concern in Texas, the 73rd Legislature passed Senate Bill 503. This bill created a program to provide agricultural and silvicultural producers with an opportunity to comply with state water quality laws through traditional voluntary incentive based programs.

Landowners and operators may request the development of a site specific water quality management plan through local SWCDs. Plans must include appropriate land treatment practices, production practices and management and technology measures to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement consistent with state water quality standards.

Districts also work with the Consolidated Farm Service Agency, Extension Service, Texas Forest Service, U.S. Forest Service and others when necessary to assist agricultural landowners/operators meet individual land use needs.

All May Help . . .

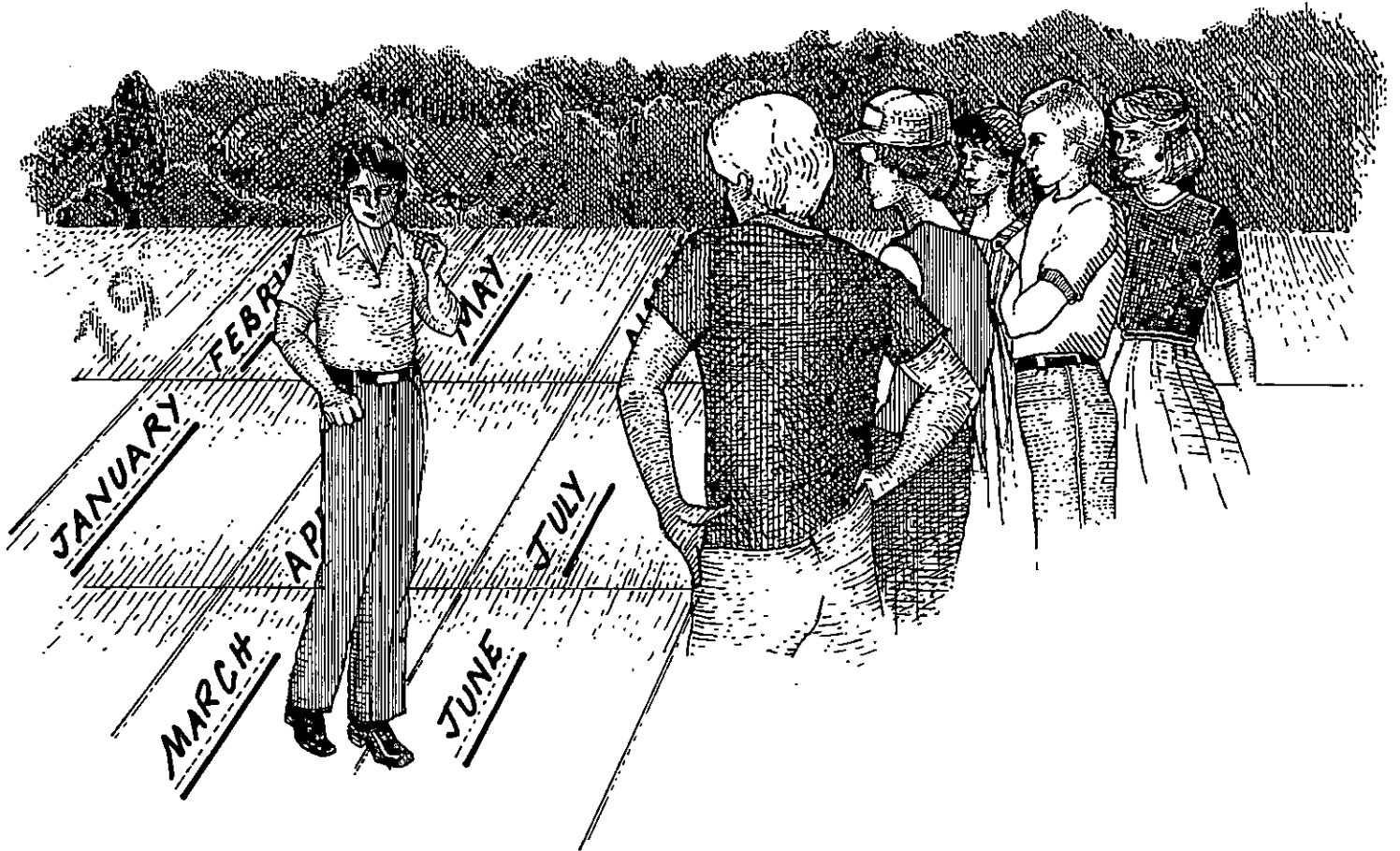


There is Work for Everyone

A soil and water conservation district may enlist help from any source available other than what has already been mentioned. For example, newspapers, magazines, radio stations, schools, churches, civic clubs, garden clubs, business firms, and other organizations can render valuable assistance to the conservation district in their community.

By contacting the local district, these groups can find out what services they can provide that will assist the conservation efforts within the SWCD.

This Much . . . This Year . . .



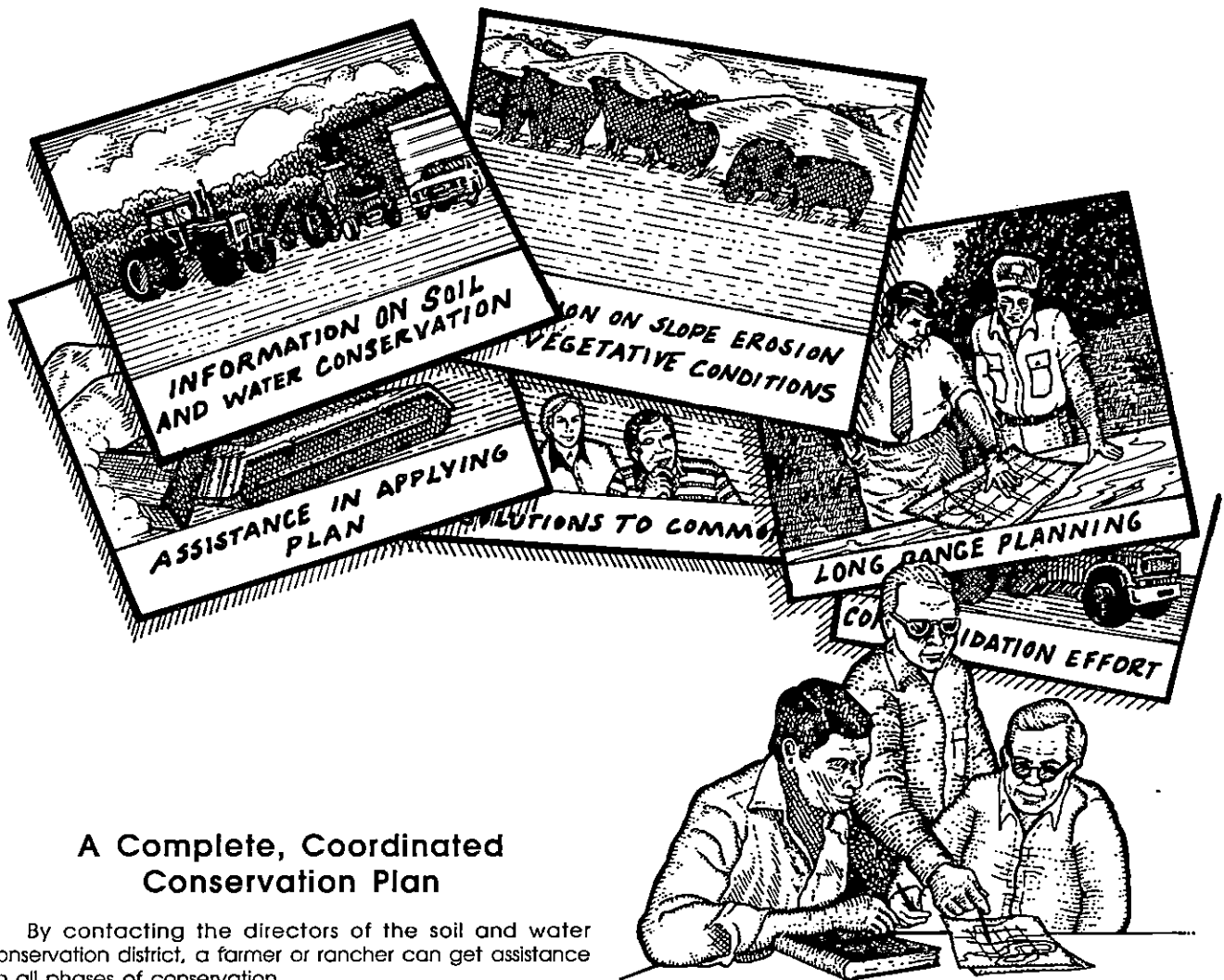
An Annual Plan of Operation

Goals of the district are not all accomplished in one year. In addition to preparing its long range program and plan of work, a soil and water conservation district usually makes a plan of action called an annual plan of operation. The plan merely establishes reasonable goals and objectives which the district intends to accomplish during the year.

In preparing this annual plan of operation, the directors

call in the agricultural agencies, groups of farmers, businessmen, school officials and anyone else in the district interested in soil and water conservation. Here, the district's goal for the coming year is explained and each person is asked what they will do to help reach this goal. The agreements reached at this meeting are arranged according to time and place the jobs are to be done and who agrees to do them.

Here's What I Need . . .



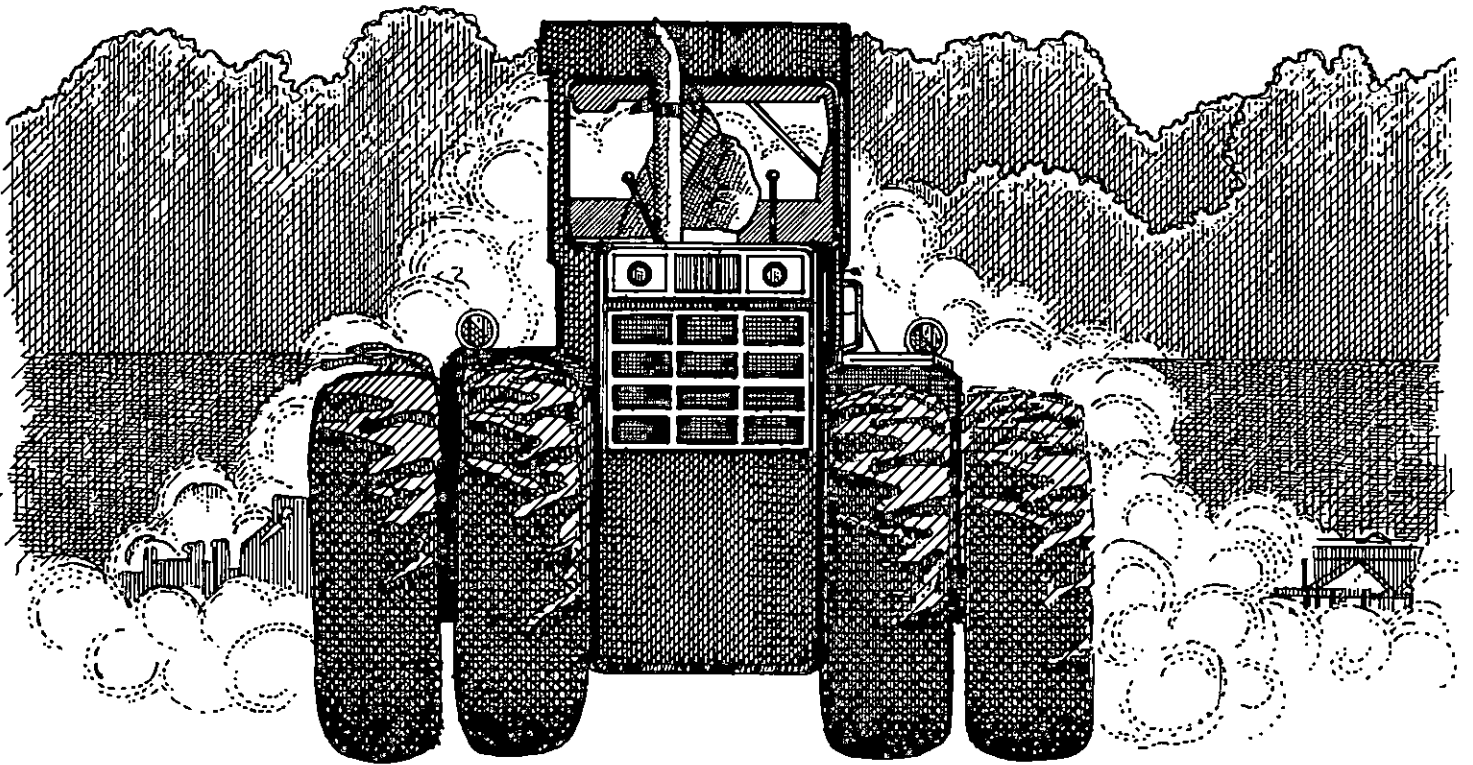
A Complete, Coordinated Conservation Plan

By contacting the directors of the soil and water conservation district, a farmer or rancher can get assistance on all phases of conservation.

A wheat farmer on the High Plains can get help in solving a specific wind erosion problem. A rancher can get information on how to manage grasses on his rangeland. A woodland owner can get help to develop a management and conservation plan on timberland, while a vegetable grower in the Rio Grande Valley finds no problem in getting up-to-date information on irrigation. At the same time a cotton farmer in Central Texas can solve specific erosion problems with current information supplied through a soil and water conservation district.

This is the basic concept of a soil and water conservation district. Districts are designed to deliver a local program, based on local needs that best conserve and promote the wise and judicious use of our renewable natural resources.

Individual Initiative Is the Key . . .



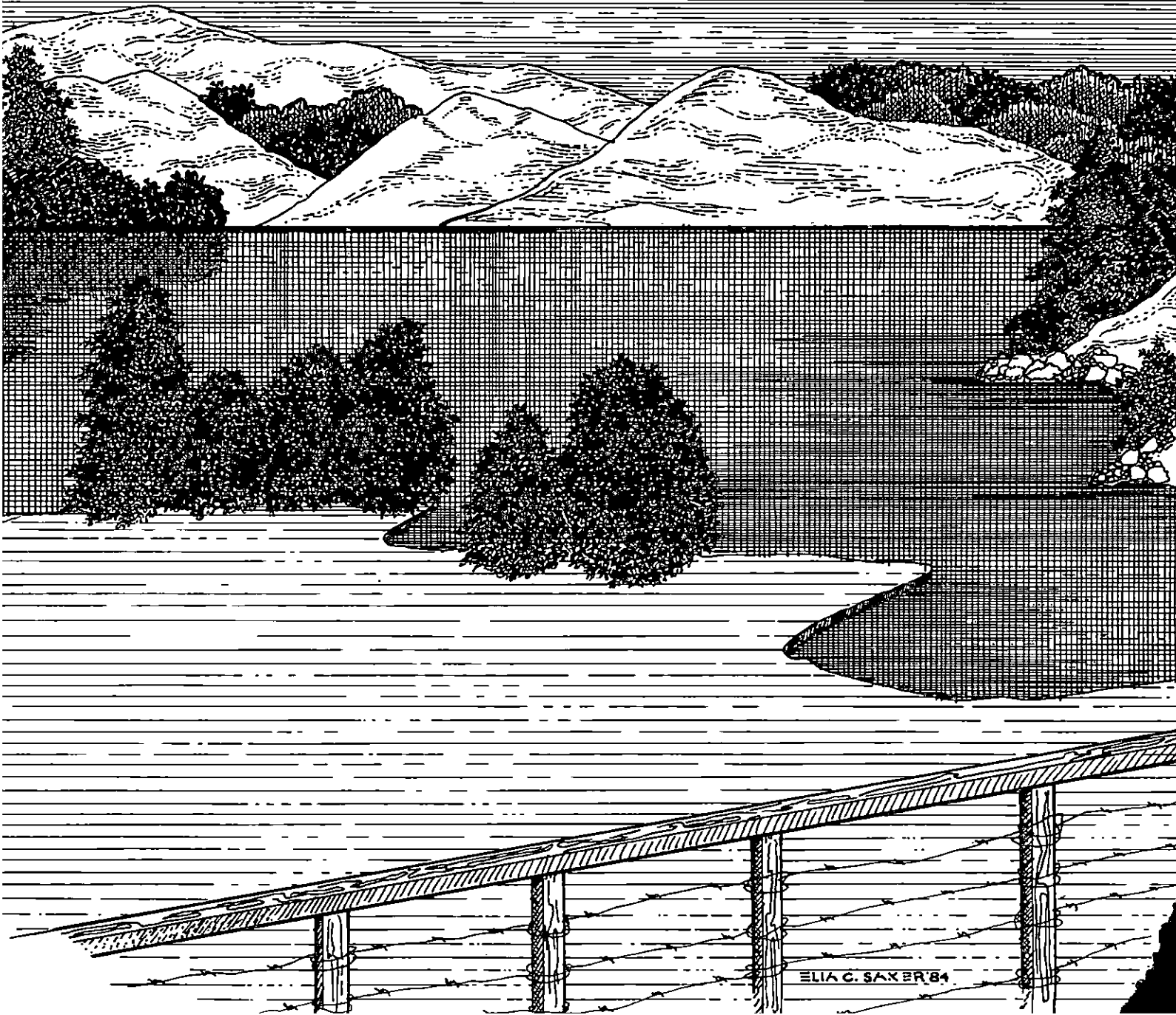
Soil and water conservation districts do not aim toward power. They work to bring about widespread understanding of the needs of soil and water conservation. In addition, they work to activate the efforts of public and private organizations and agencies into a united front to combat soil and water erosion and to enhance water quality and quantity in the state.

It is the purpose of soil and water conservation districts to instill in the minds of local people that it's their individual responsibility to do the job of soil and water conservation. Soil and water conservation districts receive assistance from many sources. But with all this help, farmers, ranchers, communities and other individuals must exercise a voluntary initiative in applying a conservation program compatible with their own objectives.

This is the democratic way, the American way, the soil and water conservation district way of getting the job done.

Dedication . . .

. . . To the conservation of soil, water, range, timber and wildlife; the development of new conservation methods, equipment and supplies; and the perpetuation of self government through soil and water conservation districts for the benefit of all people whose livelihood depends upon the soil and whose faith is founded on our democratic system of government.





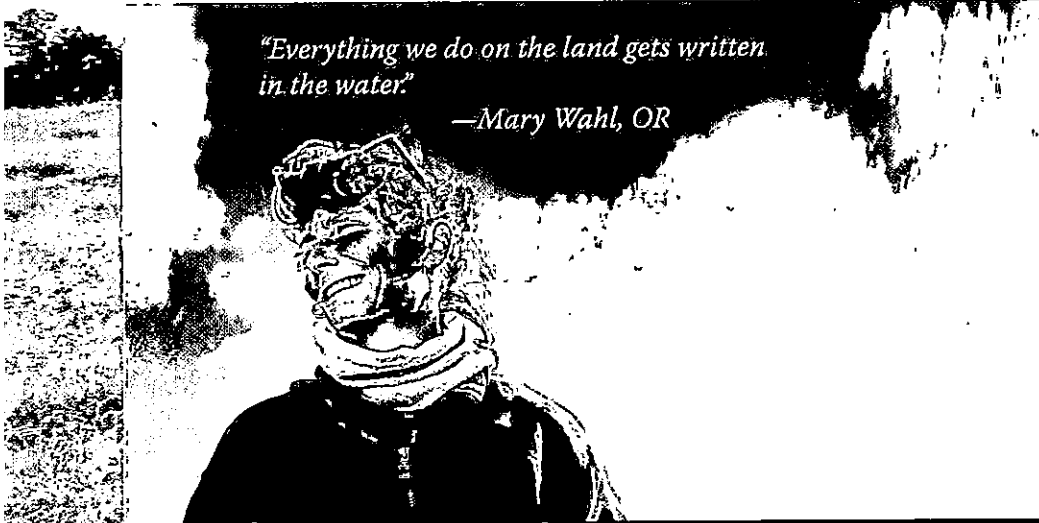
United States Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service

Helping You Help Your Land




Helping People Help the Land

*The Natural Resources
Conservation Service helps
people help the land.
How can we help you?*



*"Everything we do on the land gets written
in the water."*

—Mary Wahl, OR



The Wahl family raises sheep using sound management practices, NRCS technical assistance, and cost share, while maintaining productivity. Conservation practices include a rotational grazing system, ponds to supply water, and wildlife habitat restoration.

Conservation is our Purpose and our Passion

Clean water. Productive soil. Bountiful harvests.
Healthy plants and forests. Abundant wildlife.
Lush wetlands. Clean air. Beautiful vistas.

Wise stewardship of natural resources benefits each of us through a healthy environment and productive lands.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps people help the land through scientifically based, locally led voluntary conservation efforts.

Created during the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s as the Soil Conservation Service, NRCS has expanded beyond preventing soil erosion to conserving and improving all natural resources on private lands.

More than two-thirds of the land in the continental United States is privately owned—that's more than 1.4 billion acres. Chances are you own some of that land. How can we help you?

*"I just want to conserve this land for future generations."
—Donell Gwinn, FL*



Brothers Donell and Robert Gwinn implement their NRCS-developed conservation plan and work with their local Soil and Water Conservation District to improve water and soil quality as well as wildlife habitat on their farm.





Inspired by a shared passion for conservation, NRCS collaborates with farmers, ranchers, communities, and other individuals and groups to protect natural resources on private lands.

Working side-by-side with these customers, we identify natural resource concerns, such as soil erosion and water quality issues, and develop unique conservation plans for restoring and protecting resources.

NRCS helps farmers and ranchers balance their economic goals with the needs of the environment—ensuring productive lands that feed our Nation, supply fiber and forest products, and develop energy resources.

As a result of NRCS assistance, private landowners have applied conservation practices such as terraces, intensive rotational grazing, filter strips, conservation tillage, and planting trees to more than 185 million acres of cropland, grazing land, wetlands and forestlands.



Conservation NRCS helps protect natural resources on private lands.

A diverse group of skilled professionals make up the NRCS workforce. Whether working in the field or behind a desk, we each contribute to helping our country's landowners:

- Maintain high-quality, productive soils;
- Provide clean and abundant water;
- Promote healthy plant and animal communities;
- Improve air quality;
- Produce an adequate energy supply; and
- Help maintain the viability of working farms and ranches.

With over 92 percent of our workforce located in offices in nearly every county nationwide, we understand the natural resource concerns of local farmers, ranchers, and landowners. We walk the land with them. We get a first-hand understanding of the challenges, limitations, and special features of each operation.

These observations and discussions enable us to develop solutions that best match each landowner's goals with the needs of the land. Through this process, partnership, and dedication, the resulting conservation work improves soil quality, keeps water and air clean, and provides wildlife habitat.

In addition to providing local assistance, NRCS also develops new conservation technology and tools, assesses the health of our Nation's natural resources, provides informational materials, and carries out Federal financial assistance programs for conservation implementation.

NRCS employees contribute to productive lands and a healthy environment for all people—every day.

The Power of Partnership

Conservation success depends on you! We use a voluntary, cooperative approach to addressing environmental concerns and challenges. Local leadership and action are the foundation for effective stewardship through cooperative conservation with NRCS.

This conservation partnership includes the groups, agencies, and individuals who share our passion for conservation. From State and Tribal governments to national commodity groups to local watershed councils, we work with many partners to achieve their conservation goals.

Our most crucial partners, however, are the landowners and decision makers who invest their time, energy, and money into applying conservation practices on our Nation's farms and ranches—resulting in benefits for current and future generations.



NRCS partners discuss a conservation plan on the Gwinn farm in Florida.

Productive Lands— Healthy Environment

One of the key components to keeping our Nation's landscape healthy and productive is the quality of the soil.

It can take 500 or more years to produce an inch of topsoil. If unprotected, that same inch of soil can blow or wash away in minutes—affecting both air and water quality. Knowing the characteristics of the soil on the land can help people make informed decisions about land use.

NRCS works in cooperation with other agencies to classify, interpret, and provide soils information to landowners for conservation activities, as well as private and commercial land development.

The USDA Web Soil Survey online tool provides public access to this national soils information system (websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov).

Nearly 80 percent of all water crosses private land before reaching local homes and businesses. Wise choices based on conservation planning and the capacity of the land and soils, impact the quality of the water that enters our rivers, streams, and lakes—and ultimately flows through our faucets.

Conservation is a vital endeavor—both for those who rely on the land to support their families

and for all of us who depend on farmers and ranchers to take care of our land and water. In working to protect natural resources, one positive effect usually generates another. For example, for each landowner who plants more grass or trees to reduce erosion, more wildlife habitat is created. When a wetland is restored to protect water quality, wildlife habitat as well as outdoor recreation opportunities are created. Join us in multiplying the effects of conservation on the Nation's land.

Frank Austin leaves every acre better than he found it. NRCS helped him develop and implement conservation plans that include terraces, waterways, ponds, rotational grazing, and converted cropland to grassland.

*"When you fix up a place, you're helping somebody—
it's future generations."
—Frank Austin, OK*



Investing in Conservation

Our Nation's public investment in conservation is primarily funded through farm bill programs administered by NRCS.

Most of the financial assistance provided to private landowners is used to implement conservation practices that improve water and air quality, prevent erosion, restore wetlands, and enhance wildlife. These programs, and other annual funding for NRCS,

also help pay for NRCS staff to provide individual conservation planning and technical assistance—our most valuable tools for helping people help the land.

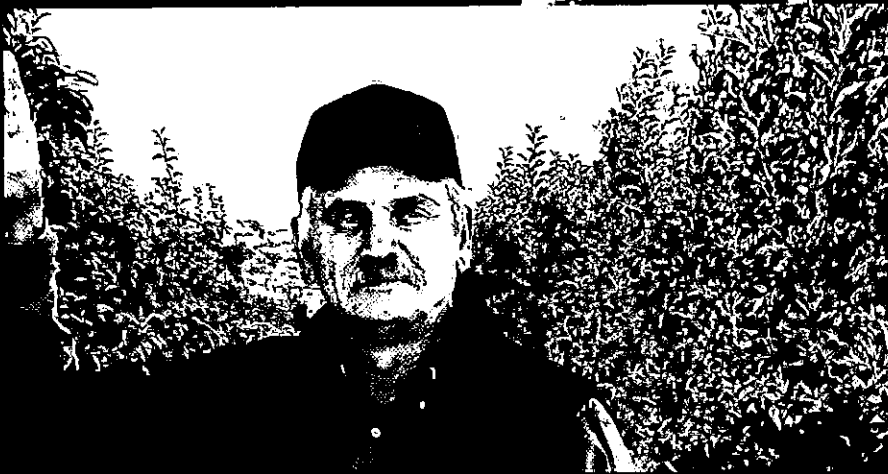
To make conservation easier for our customers, NRCS continually works to measure and improve products, services, efficiency and effectiveness.

We also assess the conservation effects and benefits achieved in order to enhance our program management and delivery, as well as to provide opportunities for others to invest in private lands conservation.

Over 92% of NRCS employees work in field offices in nearly every county nationwide.



*With NRCS assistance,
private landowners have
applied conservation to
over 185 million acres.*



*"We'll be able to do more stewardship with that [CSP] payment.
We're reinvesting in environmental improvements."*

—Rene Garcia, WA

The Garcia family is reinvesting the financial rewards earned through the NRCS Conservation Security Program (CSP) into more stewardship work. The family will work with NRCS to improve nutrient management, implement an integrated pest management plan, and develop wildlife habitat.

Getting Started

NRCS works with landowners in all parts of the country: orchard owners, vegetable growers, cattle ranchers, crop producers, and outdoor enthusiasts, to name a few. If you have an interest in protecting water quality, saving soil, or providing wildlife habitat, we'd like to work with you, too!

Every landowner and decision maker, farmer and rancher who works with NRCS starts the process by thinking about their goals. It might be as simple as attracting more wildlife to an acreage or as involved as making water available to livestock in a large pasture system. Whatever the conservation goals, NRCS can help customers achieve them.

You can begin the conservation experience today! Take a few moments to think about your land or operation and then record your thoughts based on the following questions:

- What do you want to achieve?
- What do you want to enjoy?
- What do you want to protect or enhance for future generations?

Now, think about your land. What are the conditions of the natural resources? Are there limitations, such as existing gullies or water resources, that may affect how goals can be reached?



"Because the farmers... touch the water and the soil more than the city people, we've got to take care."

—Wei Chong Ho, HI

The Ho family is working with NRCS to reduce chemical use on their vegetable farm through integrated pest management, including an NRCS-funded fine mesh netting screen house. This new system will reduce pesticide use by 90 percent.

"[With] strip cropping...you know you're doing the right thing. It makes you proud when you know you made an improvement like that."

—Robin Chesmer, CT



The Chesmer family has implemented more than \$1 million of conservation through landowner contributions and NRCS technical and financial assistance, saving them money while protecting water quality and healthy and productive soils, and improving air quality and animal health.

"There [are] fish again in the stream...and then we heard the frogs. Then there were thousands of butterflies in the trees. [W]e felt good about that."

—Scott Stoller, OH



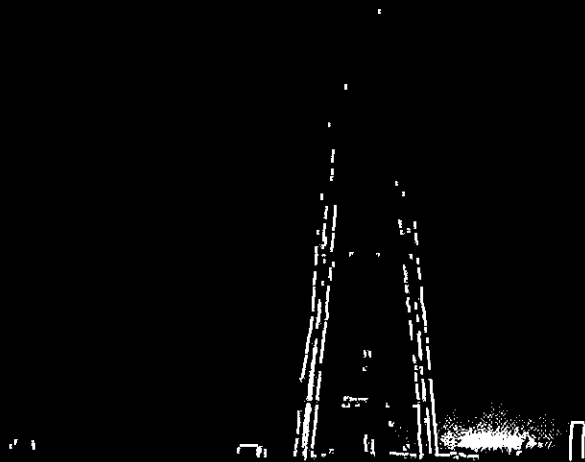
NRCS helped the Stoller family, who operate an organic dairy and raise other crops, transition to an intensive grazing system to reduce mechanical harvesting and the need to spread manure. Their conservation plan includes the wise use and storage of nutrients and the protection of streams by planting trees and fencing out cattle.

We can Help **You** Help **Your Land**

*Call or visit your local
NRCS office. Listings are
in your phone book or at
offices.sc.egov.usda.gov
Learn more at
www.nrcs.usda.gov*

Now that you've thought about your land and what you want to accomplish, it's time to call or visit your local NRCS office! Schedule a time to visit with an NRCS conservation expert and discuss how we can work together on conservation. Our experts can help you develop a conservation plan, assist you in evaluating your resources, provide technical recommendations, and identify potential sources of financial assistance to realize your conservation dreams.

We can help you help your land.
It's our purpose. It's our passion.





"Our [NRCS] District Conservationist...has done more for me than I can put into words. Without [him], I probably wouldn't be farming or ranching anymore—simply put."

—Gabe Brown, ND



On Gabe Brown's purebred cow/calf operation, proper grazing management stimulates forage productivity and improves soil health and wildlife. Working with NRCS, Brown has increased his pastures from 3 to 38 and has practiced zero-till since 1994.

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BVVM FY 27 FUNDING REQUEST FACT SHEET

REQUEST:

To expand its reach and deepen its impact, for fiscal year 2027 (FY 27) the BVVM is seeking \$30,000 in funds from Brazos County. Requested FY 27 funds will be used to support a comprehensive marketing and promotion initiative for the Memorial. While the Memorial is a treasured local landmark, there is significant opportunity to elevate its visibility and reach new audiences — particularly visitors from outside of Brazos County. Thoughtful, strategic promotions will strengthen the Memorial's standing as a destination attracting tourism, educational field trips, historians and more.

OUTCOMES:

- Develop a comprehensive marketing strategy to enhance visibility and to encourage tourism opportunities
- Implement the strategies related to findings
- Improve the existing BVVM website to improve user-based services
- Develop methodology to better track annual visitor data
- Develop and implement a teacher-friendly, student-engaging, learning program that can be used for field trips and civic learning experiences

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Three new statues installed including *"Paratrooper"* (Expeditionary Operations); *"Combat Pilot"* (Kosovo War); *"Major Charles Young"* (Mexican Border Service).
- AMERICA 250 project is nearing completion. Site enhancements at the Revolutionary War Memorial and the War of 1812 Memorial sites will be completed prior to July 4th.
- Ceremony will commence at 9:00am July 4th with the reading of the Declaration of Independence aloud. This will be followed by a symbolic signing of a printed replica by 56 local patriots representing the original signers.

SIGNIFICANT DATA:

- 902,300 visitors to Veterans Park recorded by cell service data in 2025 (City of College Station).
- BVVM revenue sources 2000-2025 (BVVM 25-Year Financial History):

INDIVIDUAL :	\$1,158,304	26%
WALL OF HONOR:	\$322,804	7%
CORPORATE :	\$323,160	7%
BRAZOS COUNTY :	\$520,000	12%
CITY OF COLLEGE STATION :	\$730,500	17%
CITY OF BRYAN:	\$490,000	11%
DONATED ITEMS:	\$146,893	3%
TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE:	\$95,000	2%
GRIMES COUNTY:	\$5,000	.1%
DONATED SERVICES:	\$562,173	13%
INTEREST:	\$35,962	1%
<u>OTHER INCOME:</u>	<u>\$25,332</u>	<u>.9%</u>
TOTAL:	\$4,415,122	

BRAZOS VALLEY VETERANS MEMORIAL

FACT SHEET 2026

www.bvvm.org



- **MEMORIAL FOR ALL VETERANS OF THE BRAZOS VALLEY, INC,** was formally recognized by the Internal Revenue Service July 17, 2000, as a 501 (c) (3).
- The purpose of the organization is to design and construct a memorial to honor all Veterans, past and present and to educate the residents of the Brazos Valley and visitors regarding the sacrifices that Veterans have made on behalf of our citizens.
- The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial is located within 12 acres of Veterans Park & Athletic Complex, 3101 Harvey Road, College Station, Texas.
- Veterans Park & Athletic Complex consists of 150 acres of land owned by the City of College Station and was acquired in 1998 at a cost of \$1,500,000.
- The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial was developed as a collaborative effort between the cities of Bryan and College Station, Brazos County, the Arts Council of Brazos County and numerous other patriotic organizations, private corporations, and individuals.
- The memorial area includes the **LOUIS L. ADAM MEMORIAL PLAZA** designed by Larry Schueckler. It features the iconic bronze sculpture of a soldier carrying a wounded comrade by New York artist Robert Eccleston, mounted atop the **WALL OF HONOR**.
- The Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial was formally dedicated on November 11, 2002.
- Former President George H. W. Bush gave remarks at an event on November 10, 2002.
- As of November 11, 2025, there are 6,907 veterans names on the wall.
- The plaza is surrounded by a one-half mile concrete **LYNN STUART PATHWAY** history trail which was formally dedicated on July 1, 2010.
- There are eighteen individual memorial sites located along the pathway representing the seventeen principal United States wars and the War of Texas Independence. Seventeen of these sites are now feature a total of 25 life-size, historically accurate bronze statues and 6 bas-relief bronze panels by Navasota artist J. Payne Lara.
- The **NEVER FORGET GARDEN** memorial site was dedicated on May 21, 2024, in recognition. Seventeen of these sites now display 25 life-size, historically accurate bronze statues and six bas-relief bronze panels created by Navasota artist J. of the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was completed as a collaborative effort of numerous local civic and patriotic organizations.
- The Cities of Bryan and College Station along with Brazos County continue to provide significant support for the improvements to the Brazos Valley Veterans Memorial.
- The Memorial grounds are meticulously maintained by the Nationally Accredited College Station Parks and Recreation Department.
- The stated goal of the organization is to have all of the eighteen sites complete by July 4, 2026 along with other significant enhancements celebrating "**AMERICA 250**".



ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

- July 17, 2026 25th Anniversary of BVVM “Open House”; 5:30-7:30pm
- Aug 15, 2025 Deadline for HONOR WALL name submittals
- Sept 11, 2025 Remembrance Ceremony 911 Memorial Site; 5:30pm
- Oct 13, 2025 “Combat Pilot;” KOSOVO WAR MEMORIAL, 9:00am
- Nov 11, 2025 Veterans Day ceremony @ American Pavilion; 5:30pm
- 2026 “Paratrooper” EXPEDITIONARY OPNS (TBD)
- 2026 MEXICAN BOEDER SERVICE (TBD)
- 2026 SUBMARINE COMMANDER @ WWII (TBD)
- 2026 War of 1812 remembrance ceremony (TBD)
- Jul 4, 2026 Declaration of Independence ceremony; 9:00am
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FUTURE PROJECTS

- 2025 New Memorial entrance by City of College Station
- 2026 China Relief Operations Memorial statue dedication
- 2026 Mexican Border Service Memorial statue dedication
- 2026 Submarine Veteran Memorial statue dedication
- 2026 America 250 American Revolution Memorial Enhancements
- 2026 America 250 War of 1812 Enhancements
- 2028 World War II Memorial Enhancements
- 2029 New Memorial entrance project (to be determined)
- 2029 Gold Star Memorial



BVVM Encumbered Funds As of 5/09/26

Line	CAPITAL ACCOUNT	Amount
1	China Relief/Mex. Border Service	\$ 25,000
2	Submarine Memorial	\$ 57,000
3	America 250 Recognition	\$ (10,647)
4	Entrance Plaza	\$ 6,500
5	Encumbered	\$ 77,853
6	Capital Account Balance	\$ 103,340
7	Excess (Deficit)	\$ 25,487

Line	REPAIR & REPLACEMENT RESERVE	Amount
8	Segregated in separate MM Account	\$ 73,400

Line	OPERATING ACCOUNT *	Amount
9	Administrative Assistance	\$ 3,000
10	Financial Audit & Tax Return	\$ 9,500
11	Postage	\$ 250
12	Office Supplies	\$ 250
13	Monthly Meeting (6 mos reserve)	\$ 900
14	Insurance	\$ 400
15	Printing	\$ 750
16	Flag Replacement	\$ 800
17	Veterans Day videos	\$ 1,000
18	Marketing & Advertising	\$ 2,500
19	Website hosting & Data Storage	\$ 600
20	Engraving (\$165 x 20 Names received to date)	\$ 3,300
21	Other	\$ -
22	Reserved	\$ 23,250
23	Operating Account Balance	\$ 44,228
24	Excess (Deficit)	\$ 20,978

* Reserve 6 months for all categories except Audit & Engraving. Reserving full year for Audit and \$165 per name received for engraving

BVVM Fund at Community Foundation (3/31/26) \$ 45,965
We have \$7,865 "spendable." Board has previously deferred spending the amount available to spend.

Pricing Changes:

Increased Wall of Honor name charge from \$150 to \$250 effective 8/16/22
Proposal to increase Bench charge from \$5,000 to \$6,500 was tabled on 9/14/22 since the consensus of the board was that we didn't need more benches at this time since they are maintenance intensive. We will periodically revisit decision.

Cost	2021	2022 ff
Engraving	\$ 85	\$ 165
Direct Costs (Printing, Folders, Stamps, Programs)	15	20
Chair Rental	-	-
Admin	25	25
Approximate Cost Per Name	\$ 125	\$ 210
Amount Charged to Donor	150	250
Mark-up	25	40

Received	Pledge O/S	Rem. Outlay	Targeted Source	
Mex. Border Service (\$45K) & China Relief Exped. (\$45K) - \$90K Total				
\$ 90,000			CS, Bryan, Brazos County	2023-25
\$ (13,000)			Payne Lara-1st pmt for Mex. Border (2/20/24)	
\$ (13,000)			Payne Lara-2nd pmt for Mex. Border (6/25/24)	
\$ (13,000)			Payne Lara-3rd pmt for Mex. Border (11/18/25)	
\$ (13,000)			Payne Lara - 1st pmt for China Relief (3/27/24)	
\$ (13,000)			Payne Lara - 2nd pmt for China Relief (9/24/24)	
		\$ (13,000)	Payne Lara - 3rd pmt for China Relief	
		\$ (12,000)	TBD	
\$ 25,000		\$ (25,000)	Total	
Repair & Replacement Reserve (Sustainability Project) - \$90K Total				
\$ 90,000			CS, Bryan, Brazos County	2024
\$ (15,173)			Watson Monument (10/23/24)	
\$ 1,372			Accumulated Interest	
\$ (2,800)		\$ (22,400)	Bench Replacement & Refurbishment	
		\$ (30,000)	Bridge Rework	
		\$ (21,000)	Flag Pole Replacement (Partial)	
\$ 73,400		\$ (73,400)	Total	
Submarine Veterans Memorial- \$90K Total				
\$ 30,000			City of College Station	2025
\$ 30,000			City of Bryan	
\$ 30,000			Brazos County	
\$ (16,500)			Payne Lara - 1st pmt for Submariner (2/20/25)	
\$ (16,500)			Payne Lara - 2nd pmt for Submariner (4/24/25)	
		(16,500)	Payne Lara - 3rd pmt for Submariner	
		(40,500)	Other?	
\$ 57,000		\$ (57,000)	Total	
America 250 Recognition - \$115K Total				
\$ 30,000			City of College Station (Rec'd 11/07/25)	2026
\$ 30,000			City of Bryan (Rec'd 12/03/25)	
\$ 30,000			Brazos County (Rec'd 12/03/25)	
\$ (5,493)			Southwell-50% pmt for Star Spang. (10/30/25)	
\$ (4,223)			Southwell-50% pmt for Dec. Indep. (12/04/25)	
\$ (5,493)			Southwell-50% pmt for Star Spang. (12/15/25)	
\$ 250			DAR for Rev. War Memorial Site	
\$ 12,500			Harmon Family Foundation -1/8/26	
		12,500	Harmon Family Foundation - Expect by 5/31/26	
\$ (4,223)			Southwell-2nd 50% pmt for Dec. Indep.(4/24/26)	
\$ (43,705)			Watson Signs & Mon. - American Rev. (5/4/26)	
\$ (50,261)			Watson Signs & Mon. - War of 1812 (5/4/26)	
\$ (10,647)	\$ 12,500	\$ -	Total	
Marketing and Outreach				
Blue Star Memorial Marker Relocation (to be paid for by A&M Garden Club)				
World War II Enhancements (\$ TBD)				
Gold Star Memorial (\$ TBD)				
Entrance Plaza (City of C.S.)				
\$ 5,000			Mike Rentfro - CS Ford Lincoln	2030
\$ 1,500			Tom Light	
		\$ -	To be Funded by City of C.S.	
\$ 6,500		\$ -	Total	

Other:

Per John Happ on 2/4/25, he has received permission from Mike Rentfro to temporarily redirect his \$5,000 to Kosovo and Expeditionary Ops if needed

Funds Avail. to	Line 1	\$ -	China Relief/Mex. Border Service Proj. Balance
Design Com. In	Line 6	\$ 25,487	Capital Fund Unencumbered
2025:	Total	\$ 25,487	

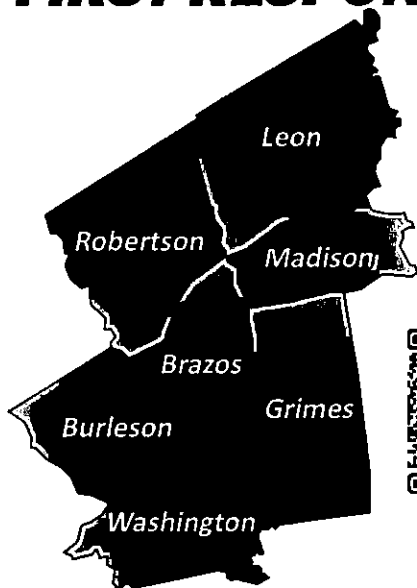
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION	Brewer, Eysington				Thompson, Derrig & Craig																			Internal Unaudited 12/31/25				
	12/31/00	12/31/01	12/31/02	Audit 12/31/03	Review 12/31/04	Review 12/31/05	Review 12/31/06	Review 12/31/07	Audit 12/31/08	Audit 12/31/09	Review 12/31/10	Audit 12/31/11	Review 12/31/12	Audit 12/31/13	Audit 12/31/14	Audit 12/31/15	Audit 12/31/16	Audit 12/31/17	Audit 12/31/18	Audit 12/31/19	Audit 12/31/20	Audit 12/31/21	Audit 12/31/22		Audit 12/31/23	Audit 12/31/24		
Current Assets:																												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,701	\$ 136,646	\$ 78,599	\$ 43,841	\$ 43,072	\$ 58,845	\$ 102,064	\$ 171,527	\$ 195,364	\$ 150,299	\$ 97,997	\$ 79,708	\$ 139,256	\$ 162,394	\$ 60,595	\$ 57,345	\$ 118,449	\$ 113,403	\$ 175,861	\$ 155,521	\$ 165,558	\$ 149,338	\$ 157,644	\$ 228,208	\$ 249,876	\$ 304,640	\$ 304,640	
Receivables	-	30,582	-	-	-	-	-	30,000	14,183	-	-	-	5,076	19,400	50,000	-	-	25,000	-	30,941	60,744	60,000	60,000	60,000	30,000	-	-	
Inventory	-	-	9,815	2,265	9,402	-	1,500	1,500	-	-	27,550	19,216	21,586	19,188	14,670	8,670	11,933	11,933	3,300	3,000	3,000	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700	900	
Total Current Assets	1,701	167,228	88,414	46,106	52,474	58,845	103,564	173,027	245,364	164,482	125,547	98,934	160,842	186,658	94,665	116,015	130,382	150,336	187,794	158,821	199,500	212,982	220,344	290,908	282,576	305,540	305,540	
Permanent collection	-	-	151,400	169,400	169,400	169,400	169,400	169,400	169,400	169,400	1,207,467	1,257,467	1,287,467	1,352,467	1,503,099	1,561,314	1,618,563	1,694,091	1,761,849	1,860,653	1,971,018	2,006,486	2,080,361	2,100,380	2,328,253	2,394,911	2,394,911	
Fixed Assets:																												
Furniture & Equipment	-	2,584	2,584	4,574	4,574	4,574	6,227	6,227	6,227	6,227	26,333	27,709	29,097	29,097	32,245	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	33,959	
Landscaping	-	4,805	351,074	387,749	555,789	659,776	692,893	726,275	737,452	988,859	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	41,727	
Land	-	45,600	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	
Less accum. depreciation	-	(277)	(10,485)	(49,708)	(91,058)	(138,310)	(191,890)	(262,468)	(333,982)	(413,750)	(36,160)	(43,009)	(49,223)	(55,295)	(60,349)	(63,684)	(65,982)	(68,282)	(70,582)	(72,550)	(73,600)	(74,348)	(74,855)	(75,341)	(75,668)	(75,668)		
Net Fixed Assets	-	52,712	343,169	342,615	469,305	526,040	505,577	470,034	409,697	581,336	51,900	46,427	41,601	35,529	33,623	32,002	29,704	27,404	25,104	23,136	22,086	21,338	20,831	20,345	20,018	20,018		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,701	\$ 219,940	\$ 582,983	\$ 558,121	\$ 691,179	\$ 754,285	\$ 778,541	\$ 812,461	\$ 824,461	\$ 915,218	\$ 1,384,914	\$ 1,402,828	\$ 1,489,910	\$ 1,574,654	\$ 1,631,387	\$ 1,709,331	\$ 1,778,649	\$ 1,871,831	\$ 1,974,747	\$ 2,042,610	\$ 2,142,604	\$ 2,240,806	\$ 2,321,536	\$ 2,411,613	\$ 2,630,847	\$ 2,720,469		
Current Liabilities	7,500	416	42,520	10,505	-	16,325	-	-	4,000	-	-	12,451	9,209	10,025	-	11,170	1,150	-	-	-	-	605	-	-	-	-		
Net assets:																												
Unrestricted	(5,799)	219,524	540,463	527,616	685,652	737,960	771,659	763,861	732,638	915,218	1,384,914	1,390,377	1,449,965	1,483,768	1,619,987	1,669,976	1,774,142	1,871,831	1,912,661	2,011,110	2,076,604	2,186,878	2,259,636	2,370,113	2,618,347	2,720,469		
Temporarily restricted	-	-	-	20,000	4,527	-	6,882	48,500	87,823	-	-	-	30,736	74,861	11,400	28,185	3,357	-	62,086	31,500	66,000	43,323	61,900	41,500	12,500	-		
Total Net Assets	(5,799)	219,524	540,463	547,616	691,179	737,960	778,541	812,461	820,451	915,218	1,384,914	1,390,377	1,480,701	1,564,629	1,631,387	1,698,161	1,777,499	1,871,831	1,974,747	2,042,610	2,142,604	2,240,201	2,321,536	2,411,613	2,630,847	2,720,469		
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	\$ 1,701	\$ 219,940	\$ 582,983	\$ 558,121	\$ 691,179	\$ 754,285	\$ 778,541	\$ 812,461	\$ 824,461	\$ 915,218	\$ 1,384,914	\$ 1,402,828	\$ 1,489,910	\$ 1,574,654	\$ 1,631,387	\$ 1,709,331	\$ 1,778,649	\$ 1,871,831	\$ 1,974,747	\$ 2,042,610	\$ 2,142,604	\$ 2,240,806	\$ 2,321,536	\$ 2,411,613	\$ 2,630,847	\$ 2,720,469		

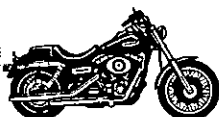
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WHO WE ARE

The Foundation was created in 2018 by the Brazos Valley Chapter of the Thin Blue Line Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club. Its board members are active/retired First Responders and friends who support the mission of helping First Responders in need.

WHAT WE DO

The Foundation Board is charged with the responsibility of raising, managing and accounting for donated funds which support our seven county First Responders who have suffered financial hardship because of catastrophic illness, injury and/or property loss when traditional sources and community support fall short. Spouses and dependent children are included.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Contribute to the Brazos Valley Thin Blue Line Foundation. Our support comes directly from donations and motorcycle club fund raisers. 100% of your contribution goes toward financial assistance for First Responders in the Brazos Valley who are in distress.



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"You are seen. You are valued. You are not alone."

- ✓ We paid utility bills for a police officer fighting terminal cancer.
- ✓ We helped cover mounting hospital costs of a firefighter undergoing multiple surgeries.
- ✓ We helped offset the medical expenses of a first responder which insurance did not cover.
- ✓ We absorbed travel and lodging costs for the wife of a local police officer hospitalized in Houston and battling cancer.
- ✓ We covered some of the burial expenses of a police officer not covered by insurance.
- ✓ We helped replace uniforms, equipment and clothing for a peace officer who lost everything in a devastating home fire.
- ✓ We paid for emotional counseling for a child who lost her father, a police officer killed in the line of duty.
- ✓ We covered the cost of medical equipment not covered by insurance for a deputy sheriff shot in the line of duty.
- ✓ We offset mounting expenses of a firefighter's child undergoing extensive surgery and chemo due to cancer.
- ✓ We helped with costs associated with refitting an EMS/firefighter's home to make it ADA compliant after the loss of his leg in the line of duty.
- ✓ We provided a chair lift on the back of a vehicle for a police officer suffering from ALS disease.
- ✓ We assisted a police officer with travel expenses and hospital costs because their child is fighting for her life in a Houston hospital.
- ✓ We assisted a state trooper suffering from job related PTSD.
- ✓and the list goes on.

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Funds Request



Brazos Valley Thin Blue Line Foundation

P.O. Box 3531, Bryan, TX 77805

Kyle Cox, Board Treasurer

BVTBLF.Treasurer@gmail.com

(214) 901-8107

Date: _____

Note: Application valid for 30 days from above date.

Funds are for: First Responder Immediate Family Member Relationship: _____

First Responder's Name: _____ Phone: _____

_____ Address _____ City, ST ZIP

Reason for request: Illness Injury Property Loss

First Responder: Fire EMS LE

Active Retired Reserve Volunteer Firefighter

Agency Name: _____

Agency City/County: _____

Amount of Funds Requested: \$ _____

Person Requesting: _____ Phone _____

Relationship to First Responder: _____

Important: The Foundation provides financial support for expenses not covered by insurance. On the back of this form, describe your need for funds. Please attach documentation such as unpaid bills or receipts showing how the request will be used. Documentation must match the amount of the request. If approved, the Foundation may choose to pay unpaid bills directly to the vendor. The completed application and all documents can be mailed to the above address or scanned and emailed to the above email address.

Permission to photograph presentation: Yes No (not required to receive funds)

Permission to publish name and photo of presentation: Yes No (not required to receive funds)

Signature of recipient/requester: _____

Date _____

Approved

To be completed by Foundation

\$ Issued: _____ Check #: _____

Issued To: _____ Date Issued: _____

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Category	1/1/2025- 12/31/2025
INFLOWS	
Back The Badges Fundraiser	2,775.00
Cash and Check Donations	1,831.54
TOTAL Back The Badges Fundraiser	4,606.54
Donations Received	
Bomber	100.00
BV Gives Campaign	978.45
Cash & Checks	
Agan, Dan	2,000.00
Allen Honda	1,000.00
Boyd Ready Mix	1,000.00
Brazos County	5,000.00
Bryan Heritage	5,000.00
Caldwell Early Evening Lions Club	100.00
Cash	170.00
Christ Church	50.00
City Of Bryan	5,000.00
Deski, Susan	150.00
Elliott, Lynn	1,000.00
Gass, Jackie	200.00
GGE	1,000.00
Kent Moore Cabinets	1,000.00
Kretzschmar, Bert	20.00
Lange Glassblowing Co Inc	100.00
Legacy Funeral	500.00
Lions Club - Snook	250.00
McCord Engineering	1,000.00
Price, Johnny & Doris	100.00
Producers Cooperative	1,000.00
R.E.C. Industries	1,000.00
Republican Party of Burleson Cou...	100.00
Robertson County Republican Party	725.00
Safety Cop LLC	1,000.00
Scroggins, Joan	50.00
Shell Oil	1,760.00
The Ranch HD	500.00
Thompson, Derrig Craig	1,000.00
Wentland, Charlene	50.00
Westex Bancorp, Inc.	1,000.00
TOTAL Cash & Checks	32,825.00
PayPal	391.36
Square	
Cuthbertson, Dale	210.00
Perrodin, Yvette	100.00
Vincent, Bubba	100.00
TOTAL Square	410.00
TOTAL Donations Received	34,704.81
Interest Earned	108.85
TOTAL INFLOWS	39,420.20

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OUTFLOWS	
Credit Card Fee	122.56
FR Payout	
EMS	
McClosky, Jessica	5,000.00
TOTAL EMS	5,000.00
FF	
Michael Kimich	4,796.00
TOTAL FF	4,796.00
LE	
Beardsley, Frank	1,950.00
Brackin, Wayde	3,524.01
Hensley, Kyle	4,999.77
Lankart, Hunter	4,567.57
Sullivan, William	1,065.47
Wilson, William	5,000.00
TOTAL LE	21,106.82
TOTAL FR Payout	30,902.82
Promotional	
BV Gives Registration Fee	150.00
TOTAL Promotional	150.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	31,175.38
OVERALL TOTAL	8,244.82

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Category	8/9/2018- 5/19/2026
OUTFLOWS	
FR Payout	
EMS	
Ferrell, Rene	2,142.00
McClosky, Jessica	5,000.00
TOTAL EMS	7,142.00
FF	
Adams, Colton	2,500.00
Mark Jones	5,000.00
Michael Kimich	8,159.37
Schoenburg, Don	4,000.00
Watkins, Harold	5,000.00
TOTAL FF	24,659.37
LE	
Aguilar, George	1,500.00
Banks, Greg	5,000.00
Beardsley, Frank	1,950.00
Birdwell, Garrett	5,000.00
Brackin, Wayde	3,524.01
Burkhalter, Mike	4,965.00
Campbell, John	2,500.00
Collins, Patrick	5,000.00
Hensley, Kyle	4,999.77
Hermes, Gene	6,026.70
Jones, Scott	5,000.00
Klinge, Curtis	2,500.00
Kuehn, J.P.	991.50
Lankart, Hunter	4,567.57
Lehmann, Calvin	500.00
Lively, Calder	500.00
Lopez, Johnny	800.00
Luttrell, Christopher	1,540.00
MacMillan, William	5,000.00
Mahoney, Paul	5,000.00
Martinez, Angel	5,000.00
Moore, Wayne	500.00
Morris, Mark	5,000.00
Pollock, John	587.52
Ray, David	2,500.00
Rector, Mitchell	4,318.00
Rhodes, Jason	5,000.00
Rodriguez, Javier	5,269.90
Santarsiero, Rob	2,000.00
Shelton, Roy	5,000.00
Sullivan, William	1,065.47
Sweatt, Robert	500.00
Tovar, Juan	1,000.00
Trahan, Rusty	1,000.00
Tremaine, Doug	2,957.00
Walling, Choya	14,500.00

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Wilson, William	5,000.00
Wright, Tracy	2,506.07
Wynn, Jonathan	5,000.00
TOTAL LE	135,568.51
TOTAL FR Payout	167,369.88
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	167,369.88
OVERALL TOTAL	-167,369.88

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Category	8/9/2018- 5/19/2026
OUTFLOWS	
Credit Card Fee	3,048.05
Operational	
Bank Fee	49.97
Office Supplies	344.70
TOTAL Operational	394.67
Professional	325.00
Promotional	
AR-15 Pistol	970.00
AR-15 Rifle	1,600.00
BMF Hole Sponsor	400.00
BV Gives Registration Fee	300.00
Flags	919.50
Stickers	582.41
TABC Permit	511.77
TOTAL Promotional	5,283.68
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	9,051.40
OVERALL TOTAL	-9,051.40