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Partner Agency News and Events

March 2024 - May 2024

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United Way of Smith County

2023 CAMPAIGN ENDS MARCH 31!

PLEDGE TODAY TO GIVE!

Visit our website or contact Campaign Staff.

MARCH 26 AT THE JALAPENO TREE

Regional Jalapeno Tree locations will be giving a portion of all sales on Wednesday, March 26 to the United Way. Enjoy tasty Tex-Mex food and give back to your community!

UNITED WAY OF SMITH COUNTY

United Way funds 36 programs with 26 local nonprofits in health & wellness, education, financial stability, and crisis intervention.

Campaign

We would like to welcome our new Development Director, Devon Smith. She can be reached at dsmith@uwtyler.org or 903-581-6376 ext 305.

Community Impact

May 7: Nonprofit Mixer 5:00 PM -7:00 PM

Javi's, Food and Drink for purchase. Bring business cards, event flyers, and ideas!

June 14: Day of Caring! 30th Anniversary!

Project Submission: April 8 - May 10

Volunteer sign-up: April 5 - May 17

Visit uwsmithcounty.org/day-of-caring for updates and information on the event.

Want to sponsor or donate a door prize?

Questions: Community Relations Director Kaley Sullenger at ksullenger@uwtyler.org.

E. TEXAS CENTER FOR NONPROFITS

Strengthening nonprofit agencies.

A program in partnership with United Way and UT Tyler with Tyler and Longview Classes.

Trainings: uwsmithcounty.org/our-trainings

On January 31, the Affiliates met for the official Kick-off. Agencies were provided with detailed information, schedules, and created vision boards. "I loved the kick-off event. Creating a vision board for my nonprofit allowed me to get a visual representation of the future and all the possibilities that lie ahead. This was a wonderful way to start the program and I cannot wait to see how the year develops." -Jessica Domingos, The Evie Effect.

**A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT
JOHN GASTON**

One of our Pillar Community Sponsors: East Texas Baptist University announces the David Dykes Leadership Award and ETBU Scholarship Dinner.

Tuesday April 23, 2024, 6 pm Green Acres Crosswalk Conference Center, 1607 Troup Highway Tyler, Texas 75701

Tables and sponsorships available
903-923-2000 www.ETBU.edu

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Need help?

211texas.org or call 2-1-1

2-1-1 East Texas Region has now passed its fourth accreditation with Inform USA. We are now one of a select few organizations in the US and Canada that have achieved organizational accreditation for Information & Referral systems. Also, several staff have passed the National Boards for Community Relation Specialists and are individually certified through Inform USA.

Include 2-1-1 in your community events! Contact 2-2-1-1 Director Stephanie Raymer. sraymer@uwtyler.org

GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEAST TX

Girl Scouting builds girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

gsnetx.org

Are you passionate about serving in your community and making a difference? Do you need help paying for school or student loan debt? Join Girl Scouts of Northeast Texas as an AmeriCorps member and inspire the next generation of leaders!

Check out gsnetx.org/ameriCorps for more information and to apply. For any questions, email ahouston@gsnetx.org

EAST TEXAS CRISIS CENTER

Providing safety, shelter, and education to survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violent crimes.

etcc.org

The 34th Annual East Texas Auto & Cycle Show is Saturday, March 16th in the Green Acres Baptist Church parking lot. This event is our largest public fundraiser to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The show will conclude with a drawing to win a 1965 Mustang! The show is free to spectators, and tickets to win the Mustang are only \$10. Visit autoandcycleshow.com to donate and find out more information.

BOY SCOUTS: E. TX AREA COUNCIL

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

etacbsa.org

The East Texas Area Council is working to have a successful 2024. We are excited to share the hiring of a new District Executive.

Upcoming events include:

Wilderness First Aid Training March 9th

Online Auction April 15th - 22nd

"Dad and Me" Campout April 13th-14th

If you would like to donate items for the Online Auction, give Sara Long a call @ 9035977201. May your days be full of love and laughter!

ALZHEIMER'S ALLIANCE

Alzheimer's is a devastating disease and we are committed to walking beside all those in Smith County seeking our help throughout the journey.

alzalliance.org

Free event: The "Virtual Dementia Tour!" The Virtual Dementia Tour is a dementia simulation proven to increase empathy in caregivers and others. Participants are given sensory-inhibiting garb and a list of simple tasks to complete. Many caregivers have called the experience "eye-opening!" The experience will be at the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County on April 10 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (attendees must sign up for a 30-minute slot at alzalliance.org/events).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SMITH COUNTY

Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope.

smithcountyhabitat.org

Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce After Hours

- March 28: Join us 5 – 7PM for food, drink, live music and more!

Pup Houses in the Plaza

We're excited to partner with Builders and other nonprofits for this event.

- April 12: Kick-Off Party at ETX Brewing Co.
- April 12-20: Houses on Display at Plaza Tower Atrium, and People's Choice voting online!
- April 20: Celebration & Auction: Plaza Tower. Tickets available soon!

E. TEXAS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Engaging and inspiring the East Texas community with exceptional music education and performance.

ETSO.org

March 23: Gridiron Symphony: Tribute to East Texas High School Football at UT Tyler Cowan

April 6: Totality, Celebrating the total eclipse of the sun at TJC.

For tickets visit ETSO.org

GOODWILL IND. OF EAST TEXAS

To provide skills training and vocational opportunities for people with barriers to employment.

goodwilleasttexas.com

Join us for lunch and learn as we tour our Mission At Work. Tuesday, February 27th at noon. Contact La'Keidra Lincoln at 903.593.8438 for more information. Space is limited.

Appointments are available for Goodwill's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Members of the community can have their taxes prepared for free. Call 903.581.5422 for more information.

Volunteer tax preparers are needed for our VITA program. Contact Misty Davis at 903.593.8438 or misty.davis@goodwilletx.com

BETHESDA HEALTH CLINIC

Providing affordable healthcare for underserved East Texas families
bethesdaclinic.org

Save the date! Our 'Runway for Hope' fashion show takes place on April 9th at Willow Brook Country Club. Buy tickets at Runway for Hope Fashion Show - Campaign (classy.org). Can't make it? Take your chance on winning a new Louis Vuitton bag. Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

Exciting news: We're teaming up with the Tyler ISD Foundation and Tyler ISD to transform themed rooms at our Pediatrics dental facility. Save the date for an Art Show to view their masterpieces: May 6 at 5:30 p.m.

AMERICAN RED CROSS: E TEXAS

redcross.org

CASA FOR KIDS OF EAST TEXAS

casaforkidsofet.org

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

cacsmithcounty.org

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT

Building freedom for the homebound.

texasramps.org

In 2023, TRP Tyler volunteers built 107 wheelchair ramps in Smith County. These amazing volunteers donated 2,913 hours of labor. However, Smith County currently has 173 client referrals who are waiting for a ramp. You can help: Come and Build with Us. To volunteer, visit our website and click on the volunteer link. See our [newsletter here](#).

MENTORING ALLIANCE

We exist to mobilize godly people into the lives of kids and families to provide tangible help and eternal hope. We do this through three programs: Summer Camps, After School and Mentor Connect.

thementoringalliance.com

Registration for summer camp is open now for Three Lakes Middle School and Moore Middle school in Tyler. Stanton Smith Elementary in Whitehouse.

ST. PAUL CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Empowering children and families to thrive by meeting their physical, mental and spiritual needs.

stpaulchildren.org

We're growing our weekly food pantry as well as gearing up for our summer programs providing free lunches, school supplies, uniforms and sneakers for low-income students.

We can always use extra smiles and hands for distribution! Call 903-595-5525 or email information@stpaulchildren.org for more info.

MEALS ON WHEELS MINISTRY

mealsonwheelstx.org

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS

cwjctyler.org

CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN

championsforchildren.org

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PATH

To restore hope with a personalized approach to empower our East Texas neighbors to thrive in our community.

pathhelps.org

JJO's Food and Diaper Drive: March 1-4

Volunteers of any age will be stationed at Walmart locations for 4-hour shifts to distribute shopping lists and collect donations.

This partnership with JJO saves PATH \$20,000 to purchase needed items like meat, milk, eggs, and produce for the Choice Food Pantry. Our pantry is where neighbors in need can shop with dignity. Purchasing these items costs at least \$10,000 a month! [Volunteer HERE](#)

THE ARC OF SMITH COUNTY

arcofsmithcounty.org

EAST TEXAS FOOD BANK

easttexasfoodbank.org

LITERACY COUNCIL OF TYLER

lcotyler.org

NEXT STEP COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

nextsteps.org

CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK

christushealth.org

SALVATION ARMY

salvationarmy.org/tyler

SMITH COUNTY 4-H

smith.agrilife.org

Diamond Pillar

\$100,000 +



Gold Pillar

\$50,000-\$99,999



Silver Pillar

\$25,000-\$49,999



Bronze Pillar

\$10,000-\$24,999



Community Pillar

\$5,000-\$9,999



TYLER DAY NURSERY

tylerdaynursery.org

THANK YOU TO OUR PILLARS

Our Pillar companies help us keep our promise that 100% of individual donations directly support our agencies. Interested in becoming a Community Pillar? Contact John Gaston ajgaston@uwtyler.org.