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## UNDERSTANDING NON-PROFITS & FOR- PROFITS

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Truck

**APRIL 20TH**  
**12 PM.**  
3401 W 7th St

# Hunter & Stetson Memorial Scholarship Blood Drive

## Scholarship

Scholarships are a means for those who need assistance for their education

We want to aid in the assistance and offer a scholarship to a senior in this area in honor of Hunter and Stetson Phelps



## Activities:

- Blood bus
- Bounce house
- Face painting
- Food trucks and vendors
- Cornhole tournament





I have always had a servant's heart. At least that is what others have said about me. I am not sure when it started, honestly. As far back as I can remember I have always been helpful. I do remember a few key people who played a pivotal role in my life during my time in foster care. I often think of them when I am volunteering. Maybe I can be that key person who makes a difference in someone's life. I hope so.

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I often find myself helping others even in cases where I don't benefit. In the end, it is all about being a resource, a hand up, or a kind gesture. I am instilling that same belief in my daughter, Sophie. I want her to always be helpful, if she is able, while understanding the commitment to volunteer is also a commitment to oneself to be safe. If you are thinking of volunteering, remember that making an impact is important, but so is your time, health, and family.

-Katie Stone



We are very excited to highlight nonprofit organizations within our community. We have so many organizations in our area that do incredible things for our communities and for families. Many of these organizations may be well known to you, and others may be ones you have not heard of. Either way, we welcome the opportunity to shine a spotlight on the wonderful work each of them do!

We believe that instilling the value of service to others in our children is one of the greatest gifts we can give them. By involving them in volunteer activities from a young age, we can teach our children empathy and compassion, and we can also empower them to be individuals that bring about positive change in their community! We hope this issue serves as a source of inspiration for each of you and your children, encouraging everyone to explore the many ways that we can all make a difference in the lives of others.

-Ben and Amy



**ON THE COVER:** Twin sisters, Addison & Zoey Mudford, volunteered at Fringe Salon selling lemonade for a fundraising benefit hosted by Friends for a Cause Foundation in 2019. The girls raised money while the hairstylists cut hair and assisted the foundation with donating it to an organization known as Children with Hair Loss.

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# events FOR THE family

## 2024 Texarkana Home & Garden Show

Saturday, March 23rd, 9AM-7PM  
 Crossties Event Venue, Texarkana, TX  
 324 E. Broad Street  
 Texarkana, AR 71854

The 2024 Texarkana Home and Garden Show on March 23rd in historic downtown Texarkana at the Crossties Event Venue! This is the event that introduces the Texarkana area to local builders, remodelers, home and garden suppliers, and other industry related companies. Get inspiration and advice for your home improvement project. This event is presented FREE to the public by the Texarkana Home Builders Association!

## My Darkest Day Movie- Ender's Game

Tuesday, March 26th, 4PM-6:30PM  
 FREE to attend.

Texarkana Public Library  
 600 W 3rd St, Texarkana, Texas  
 Texarkana, Texas



## My Darkest Day Movie- Wall-E

Friday, April 5th, 10AM & 2PM  
 FREE to attend.

Texarkana Public Library  
 600 W 3rd St, Texarkana, Texas  
 Texarkana, Texas United States



## Little Shop of Horrors- Sponsored by Micah's Jewelry

Performance Dates: April 4-8th, 7PM-9PM  
 Ticket sales start: 03/21/24

Silvermoon on Broad  
 217 West Broad Street  
 Texarkana, TX Texarkana, TX

Little Shop of Horrors is a delectable sci-fi horror musical with an electrifying 1960s pop/rock score by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman Seymour Krelborn is a meek and dejected assistant at a floral shop who happens upon a strange plant, which he affectionately names "Audrey II" after his crush at the shop. Little does he know that this strange and unusual plant will develop a soulful R&B voice, a potty mouth, and an unquenchable thirst for HUMAN BLOOD. Rated PG-13.

Visit [www.silvermoonkids.com](http://www.silvermoonkids.com) for more information.

## Texarkana Regional Arts & Humanities Council presents

### Janet's Planets, A Tour of the Solar System

Tickets: \$22-\$42  
 Tuesday, March 26th, 7PM  
 Perot Theatre, Texarkana, TX

The mission for Janet and Janet's Planet is to encourage young people to stand in their magnificence and to inspire future generations to use their innate intelligence and creativity to create a better future via STEAM...science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Visit <https://www.perottheatre.org/janets-planet> for more information.



## Opportunities, Inc. 3rd Annual Sunday Funday

Tickets: \$100  
 Sunday, April 7th, 4PM  
 Crossties in downtown Texarkana

The 3rd annual Sunday Funday features live entertainment and barbecue. A baggo competition will also be taking place if you choose to be a part of the bracket! All proceeds benefit children and adults with disabilities in our community.

Visit <https://www.oppinc.org/event/sunday-funday/> for more information.





# EVENT SCHEDULE:

**APRIL 5-8**

## Friday, April 5, 2024

- 79th Four States Fair and Rodeo kicks off  
For more information, visit [fourstatesfair.com](http://fourstatesfair.com)
- Silvermoon Childrens' Theatre presents LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS  
For more information, visit [silvermoonkids.com](http://silvermoonkids.com)

## Saturday, April 6, 2024

- Texarkana Symphony Orchestra presents Dark Side of the Moon: A Pink Floyd Tribute  
For more information, visit <https://www.texarkanasymphonyorchestra.org/dark-side-of-the-moon>
- 79th Annual Four States Fair and Rodeo continues
- Silvermoon Childrens' Theatre presents LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

## Sunday, April 7, 2024

- **Sunset Sinners** at The Loading Dock stage at Front Street Festival Plaza , Gates open at 5:00 p.m., performance at 6:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$25, For more information, call 870-779-4964.
- 79th Annual Four States Fair and Rodeo continues
- Silvermoon Childrens' Theatre presents LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

## Monday, April 8, 2024

- **Emerald City Band** on Stateline Ave. @ 11:00 a.m.  
For more information, visit [www.solarbrationtxk.com](http://www.solarbrationtxk.com)
- **Entertainment continues** on Stateline Ave. @ 1:00 p.m.
- 12:28 p.m. Partial eclipse begins
- 1:46 p.m. Totality



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# IT'S FAIR TO BE SAFE!

By: *Texarkana Arkansas Police Department*

## Prevent Theft.

In order to deter theft, we urge all patrons to make sure that no purses or bags are left inside a parked vehicle. Patrons should also ensure that their vehicle doors are locked, and valuables are secured in the trunk before entering the Fairgrounds. We also suggest that patrons take the extra time necessary to arrive early and park in the Main Lot nearest the Rodeo Arena. This parking lot will be patrolled by security and is well lit.

## Watch the Time.

Officers will again be enforcing the city curfew ordinance during the Fair. The curfew applies to children under the age of 18. The city curfew begins at 11pm Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday and Saturday nights. This means that after the curfew hour children under the age of 18 must be in the immediate company of a parent or guardian while on the Fairgrounds property. Any juvenile that is not in the company of an adult after the set curfew hours is subject to be ticketed for curfew violation.

## No weapons Allowed.

No weapons are allowed, and violators will be arrested. This includes, but is not limited to, pocket knives, mace, or self defense weapons. Please leave them at home or in your car.

Pursuant to Fair Association Rules, all persons entering the Fairgrounds property are subject to be scanned by metal detectors. In addition to this, all bags are subject to be searched by Fairgrounds security, for weapons and contraband. No large bags and purses are permitted into the arena or Fairgrounds. Consolidate belongings into a small clutch or crossbody.

- Youth 15 years of age and younger must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- No sagging pants are allowed inside the Fairgrounds. Persons with sagging pants will not be allowed inside or will be escorted off the premises.
- All attendees are asked to dress accordingly. This is a family friendly event.
- No large groups of unsupervised teens will be allowed to run rampant or widespread. These groups, when unsupervised, tend to develop unruly behavior and cause panic among other fair goers.
- If children of any age are left unattended, parents should ensure that the child has emergency instructions and parent contact information available. Make sure that an adult can always be reached while children are attending the Fair.

*Just a reminder, when an individual is banned from the Fairgrounds the ban remains on that person indefinitely. If that individual is later located on Fairgrounds property, they will be issued a citation or arrested for criminal trespassing. People who have been previously banned from the Fairgrounds and would like to receive consideration to have the ban removed may contact the Fair office at 903-773-2941.*

These measures have been put in place to provide the safest environment possible for visitors to the Fair. The Texarkana Arkansas Police Department hopes that everyone will have a safe time while at the Fair. Our officers will be on foot inside the Fairgrounds, so feel free to approach them with any questions or concerns.

*Thank you and we hope you enjoy your time at the fairgrounds!*



**FAIR ADMISSION**  
 \$10 Adults  
 \$5 Children (6-12 years)

**ARENA EVENT  
 TICKET PRICES**  
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 \$20 Adult General Admission  
 \$15 Child General Admission  
 (Ages 6-12 Years)  
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# Fine Arts at the Fair

WHAT TO KNOW AND WHERE TO GO!

*All entries to the home arts and fine arts departments at the four states fair must be made online by March 22nd at 5:00 p.m.*

*Entries that are not completed online will not be accepted.*

*Check in will be March 27th from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm.*

*All entries will be picked up the Monday following the fair from 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm. on April 15th.*



*Pick up and drop off will be in the Fine Arts building located at the West Gate off of 50th Street.*





Categories are:

Adult Canning  
Adult Home Arts  
Fine Art Paintings  
Fine Arts Photography  
Junior Canning  
Junior Home Arts

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# Organizations help many in our communities

by: Katie Stone

**T**he socio-economic landscape of any community is shaped by a diverse array of entities, each playing a unique role in fostering growth and well-being. Among these entities, for-profit companies and non-profit organizations stand out as distinctive pillars, contributing to the community's prosperity in different ways.

This article explores the key differences between for-profit companies and non-profit organizations, highlighting why both are essential for a community to thrive.

## FOR-PROFIT COMPANIES:

The primary objective of for-profit companies is to generate revenue and maximize profits for their shareholders or owners. These entities are driven by the pursuit of financial success and sustainability.

These organizations generate revenue through the sale of goods or services. The profits generated are distributed among shareholders, reinvested in the company, or used for expansion.

Ownership is typically private, with shareholders or individuals having a stake in the company. Governance is driven by profit motives, and decisions are often made to maximize shareholder value.

These entities are subject to corporate taxes, and profits are taxed at the corporate and individual levels.

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

In contrast, non-profit organizations are mission-driven entities that focus on addressing social issues, advocating for specific causes, or providing public services. Their purpose extends beyond profit-making to create a positive impact on society.

Non-profits rely on a combination of grants, donations, and fundraising efforts to fund their operations. Revenue generated is directed towards fulfilling their mission and supporting the community.

These entities are governed by a board of directors or trustees. They have no private ownership, and decisions are made with the organization's mission and the community's best interests in mind.

Non-profits are exempt from certain taxes due to their focus on public benefit. Contributions to non-profits may also be tax deductible for donors.

## How do they help our communities?

## FOR-PROFIT COMPANIES:

While contributing to the economy and job creation, for-profit companies may also engage in corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives to positively impact the community.

They drive economic growth by creating jobs, fostering innovation, and contributing to a robust business environment.

## NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS:

These entities directly address social issues, provide essential services, and champion causes that may be underserved by the private sector.

They play a crucial role in addressing societal challenges, promoting equality, and enhancing the overall well-being of the community.

The coexistence of for-profit companies and non-profit organizations is essential for a thriving community. While for-profits contribute to economic growth, non-profits address social issues and advocate for positive change. Embracing the unique strengths of each sector and promoting collaboration between them can create a well-rounded foundation for community prosperity.

For further reading on for-profit companies and non-profit organizations, check out these resources:

Porter, M. E., & Kramer, M. R. (2011). *Creating Shared Value*. Harvard Business Review.

Drucker, P. F. (1990). *Managing the Non-Profit Organization: Principles and Practices*. HarperCollins.

Hansmann, H. (1980). *The Role of Non-profit Enterprise*. The Yale Law Journal.

# NON-PROFIT RESOURCE GUIDE

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### 1st Choice Pregnancy Center

**ADDRESS** 602 Main St, Texarkana, TX

**PHONE** 903-792-5735

**MISSION** The mission of 1st Choice Pregnancy Resource Center is to empower and encourage those affected by an unintended pregnancy to choose life by providing limited medical and consultation services for pregnancy (and pregnancy loss), educational services, and Christian spiritual support.

**WEB** [www.firstchoiceprc.com](http://www.firstchoiceprc.com)

### Altrusa International of Texarkana

**EMAIL** [altrusatexarkana@gmail.com](mailto:altrusatexarkana@gmail.com)

**MISSION** Altrusa is an international non-profit organization, making our local communities better through leadership, partnership, and service. We strive to create better communities worldwide.

**WEB** [www.altrusadistrictnine.org](http://www.altrusadistrictnine.org)

### Arkansas Community Foundation

**ADDRESS** 105 Olive St. #21, Texarkana, AR

**PHONE** 903-792-5735

**MISSION** Arkansas Community Foundation engages people, connects resources and inspires solutions to build community.

**WEB** [www.arcf.org](http://www.arcf.org)

### Brighter Tomorrow Foundation

**ADDRESS** Serving Texarkana, TX

**PHONE** 214-548-3295

**MISSION** Our mission is to educate, mentor, and assist with the future of underprivileged individuals. This foundation is designed to be the catalyst that will bring change and success to all who are desperately fighting for a chance at opportunity.

**WEB** [www.brightertomorrowvocationalfoundation.com](http://www.brightertomorrowvocationalfoundation.com)

### Domestic Violence Prevention

**ADDRESS** 424 Spruce, Texarkana, TX

**PHONE** 903-794-4000

**MISSION** Our ongoing mission is to break the cycle of violence by providing a safe alternative to a violent home and by providing education, counseling, and support services to clients and their children.

**WEB** [www.dvptkx.org](http://www.dvptkx.org)

### Friends of Texarkana Parks

**ADDRESS** 3222 W. 7th St, Texarkana, TX

**PHONE** 903-798-3978

**MISSION** The Friends of Texarkana Parks is a non-profit 501(c) 3 volunteer group interested in preserving, developing and maintaining parks in Texarkana. This group is also interested in expanding recreational opportunities for Texarkana and surrounding communities.

**WEB** [www.texarkanatexas.gov](http://www.texarkanatexas.gov)

### Habitat for Humanity of Texarkana

**ADDRESS** 2623 N Robison Rd, Texarkana, TX

**PHONE** 903-832-1746

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

**WEB** [www.habitattexarkana.org](http://www.habitattexarkana.org)

### HandsON Texarkana

**ADDRESS** 1915 Olive St, Texarkana, TX

**PHONE** 903-798-3211

**MISSION** HandsOn Texarkana serves our community in order to identify needs, inspire action through volunteerism and provide answers to those looking to volunteer.

**WEB** [www.handsonstexarkana.org](http://www.handsonstexarkana.org)

### Junior League of Texarkana

**ADDRESS** 4425 Jefferson Avenue #115,

Texarkana, AR

**PHONE** 870.772.9948

**MISSION** The Junior League of Texarkana, Inc. (JLT) is an organization of women committed to promoting voluntarism, developing the potential of women, and improving communities through the effective action and leadership of trained volunteers. Its purpose is exclusively educational and charitable.

**WEB** [www.jltexarkana.org](http://www.jltexarkana.org)

### JUST LOVE AND KINDNESS

**ADDRESS** 304 Forest Lake Dr, Texarkana, TX

**MISSION** The aim of Just Love & Kindness is to promote the development of young people, veterans, and the forgotten and underserved members in our society in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential, as individuals, and as responsible citizens, and members of the community.

**WEB** [www.justloveandkindness.org](http://www.justloveandkindness.org)



### Literacy Council of Bowie and Miller Counties

**ADDRESS** Located on the Texarkana College Campus

**PHONE** 903-823-3470

**MISSION** Our mission is to use functional literacy education to empower learners to achieve academic success, develop life skills, and improve work competencies in the Texarkana region.

**WEB** [www.literacytxk.org](http://www.literacytxk.org)

### Main Street Texarkana

**ADDRESS** 819 N. Stateline Ave, Texarkana, AR

**EMAIL** [staff@mainstreettexarkana.org](mailto:staff@mainstreettexarkana.org)

**MISSION** Our mission at Main Street Texarkana is economic development through historic preservation, re-purposing, education, and community involvement.

**WEB** [www.mainstreettexarkana.org](http://www.mainstreettexarkana.org)

### Pathway Resource Center

**ADDRESS** 1900 Marietta St, Texarkana, AR

**PHONE** 870-779-2229

**MISSION** Pathway's mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ within our community by offering sexual risk avoidance and life affirming services in order to prevent or alleviate a lifestyle crisis.

**WEB** [www.pathwaytxk.org](http://www.pathwaytxk.org)

### Washington Community Development Center

**ADDRESS** 1900 Marietta St, Texarkana, AR

**PHONE** 430-455 HERO (4376)

**MISSION** Our aim is to assist members of the community in enhancing their quality of life through the promotion of awareness for both children and adults, as well as providing financial and other forms of assistance to families.

**WEB** [www.wearewashington.org](http://www.wearewashington.org)

Photo above: Local residents of the Texarkana community volunteer their time serving food at Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter. (Submitted photo)

## WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS

### Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter

ADDRESS 402 Oak St, Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-792-7024

MISSION The shelter provides food, clothing, medical care, and shelter to the homeless.

WEB [www.randysams.org](http://www.randysams.org)

### Mission Texarkana, INC

ADDRESS 620 W. 4th St, Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-792-1301

MISSION Mission Texarkana has been organized to provide various kinds of assistance to the indigent and distressed people of the Texarkana Metropolitan area. Intended support consists of financial aid, meals, groceries and staple needs, clothing, furniture, household goods, books and reading literature, and training for those who are unskilled to enable them to obtain employment.

WEB [www.missiontexarkana.org](http://www.missiontexarkana.org)

## FOOD DISTRIBUTION

### Harvest Regional Food Bank

ADDRESS 3120 E. 19th St, Texarkana, AR

PHONE 870-601-1543

MISSION Our mission is to alleviate hunger in southwest Arkansas and northeast Texas through food distribution and education.

WEB [www.harvestregionalfoodbank.org](http://www.harvestregionalfoodbank.org)

### East Texas Food Bank

ADDRESS 3019 S. Lake Dr., Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-597-3663

MISSION The mission of the East Texas Food Bank Texarkana Resource Center is to fight hunger and feed hope in East Texas. The Texarkana Resource Center is a program of ETFB located in southwest Texarkana.

WEB [www.www.easttexasfoodbank.org/texarkana/](http://www.www.easttexasfoodbank.org/texarkana/)

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN

### The C.A.L.L in Arkansas

ADDRESS 600 Walnut St, Texarkana, AR

PHONE 870-260-2577

MISSION Our mission is to educate, equip and encourage the Christian community to provide a future and a hope for children in foster care in Arkansas.

WEB [www.thecallinarkansas.org](http://www.thecallinarkansas.org)

### Northeast Texas CASA for Children & The Children's Advocacy Center

ADDRESS 1201 Main St, Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-792-1030

MISSION CASA for Children and The Texarkana Children's Advocacy Center advocate for children who have been abused, removed from their abusive and neglectful environments and placed in foster care.

WEB [www.casatexarkana.org](http://www.casatexarkana.org)

### For the Sake of One

ADDRESS 422 Hickory St, Texarkana, AR

PHONE 903-329-0566

MISSION To share God's love with local children and families by providing emotional, physical, and spiritual support while serving as a hub to connect, equip, and empower all stakeholders in the child welfare community.

WEB [www.forthesakeofone.com](http://www.forthesakeofone.com)

### Watersprings Ranch

ADDRESS 7707 Sanderson Ln, Texarkana, AR

PHONE 870-772-7187

MISSION The mission of Watersprings Ranch is to provide healing and restoration through God's love and grace for children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected.

WEB [www.waterspringsranch.org](http://www.waterspringsranch.org)

## WORKING WITH SENIORS

### Alzheimer's Alliance Tri-State Area

ADDRESS 100 Memory Ln, Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-223-8021

MISSION Provide support, education, assistance, and awareness of alzheimer's disease, and operation of day respite center to provide socialization for early to mid-stage alzheimer's patients and a brief respite for their caregivers.

WEB [www.alztristate.org](http://www.alztristate.org)

### The Ark-Tex Council of Governments Area Agency on Aging

ADDRESS 4808 Elizabeth St, Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-832-8636

MISSION The Older American's Act of 1965, as revised in 1973, established state Area Agencies on Aging to assist in planning and developing programs specially designed for citizens 60 years of age and older and their spouses.

WEB [www.atcog.org](http://www.atcog.org)

### Hospice of Texarkana

ADDRESS 2407 Galleria Oaks Dr.,

Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-794-4263

MISSION Hospice of Texarkana, Inc. will significantly enhance the end of life experience by ensuring access to quality hospice care.

WEB [www.hospiceoftexarkana.org](http://www.hospiceoftexarkana.org)

## WORKING WITH CHILDREN & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES

### Temple Memorial Pediatric Center

ADDRESS 1710 Moores Ln, Texarkana., TX

PHONE 903-794-2705

MISSION As a 501(c)3 non-profit, our mission is simple – to provide exceptional services to ensure that all people with disabilities, special needs, or functional limitations have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their community.

WEB [www.templememorialpediatric.com](http://www.templememorialpediatric.com)

### Runnin' WJ Ranch

ADDRESS 4802 S Kings Hwy., Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-838-3223

MISSION Runnin' WJ Ranch, a Christian 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, opened its doors for therapeutic riding classes in September of 2001. The core of the operation is its over 400 volunteers. Runnin' WJ Ranch is a PATH International Premier Accredited Center ([www.pathintl.org](http://www.pathintl.org)).

WEB [www.runninwjranh.com](http://www.runninwjranh.com)

### Texarkana Resources for the Disabled

ADDRESS 3015 E 19th St, Texarkana, AR

PHONE 870-774-9675

MISSION We provide education, training, and support to enable all persons with disabilities to reach their highest level of potential and self-sufficiency within the community.

WEB [www.texarkanaresources.org](http://www.texarkanaresources.org)

### Opportunities Inc.

ADDRESS 6101 N. State Line, Texarkana, TX

PHONE 903-792-2270

MISSION The mission of Opportunities, Inc. is to provide developmental and support services which empower individuals in attaining a full life in the community.

WEB [www.oppinc.org](http://www.oppinc.org)

This is not a complete list of all of the amazing non-profits in our community.

For more information regarding the non-profits in our community, visit these resources:

Chamber of Commerce of  
Texarkana

[www.texarkana.org](http://www.texarkana.org)

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# IS CREATING A NON-PROFIT A DIY PROJECT?

by: Ben King

**T**he decision to establish a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization is a significant step towards making a positive impact and helping others. But it's not just about doing good – there's a lot of legal stuff you need to get right. Here's why having a lawyer on your team is so important when you're starting a nonprofit.

## Legal Compliance Assurance:

The legal framework surrounding nonprofit organizations is complex, encompassing federal, state, and local regulations. Attorneys specializing in nonprofit law possess the knowledge and experience to ensure that your organization complies with all applicable laws and regulations. From drafting articles of incorporation to filing for tax-exempt status with the IRS, an attorney guides you through each step, minimizing the risk of oversights that could jeopardize your nonprofit's legal standing.

## Strategic Guidance:

Crafting a mission statement, structuring governance policies, and establishing operational procedures are important aspects of nonprofit formation. The right attorneys can provide strategic guidance in navigating these decisions, helping you articulate a clear and compelling mission, devise governance structures that promote transparency and accountability, and develop policies that align with best practices in the nonprofit sector.

## IRS Compliance and Tax Benefits:

Achieving tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code is a cornerstone of nonprofit status. However, the application process can be intricate and time-consuming. Attorneys proficient in nonprofit tax law streamline the process by preparing and submitting the necessary documentation, navigating IRS inquiries, and advocating for your organization's tax-exempt status. Moreover, they ensure ongoing compliance with IRS regulations, enabling your nonprofit to maximize its tax benefits and focus resources on its mission-driven initiatives.

## Risk Mitigation and Liability Protection:

Nonprofit organizations are not immune to legal risks and liabilities. From contractual agreements to employment matters and intellectual property issues, various legal considerations demand careful attention. Attorneys help identify potential risks, develop strategies to mitigate liabilities, and implement safeguards to protect your organization's interests. By proactively addressing legal challenges,

an attorney will help safeguard your nonprofit's reputation and sustainability.

## Stakeholder Confidence and Credibility:

The involvement of legal professionals in the formation and governance of a nonprofit signals a commitment to integrity, transparency, and ethical conduct. This instills confidence among stakeholders, including donors, volunteers, and beneficiaries, enhancing your organization's trust-based relationships. Attorney-led compliance efforts demonstrate a dedication to upholding legal standards and ethical principles, further bolstering your nonprofit's reputation in the community and helping others feel good and comfortable about supporting your cause.

So, if you are thinking about starting a non-profit, finding the right attorney is not merely a prudent choice but a foundational investment in the organization's long-term success and sustainability. They can help you follow the rules, make smart choices, get tax benefits, stay safe, and build trust. With their help, your nonprofit can do more good in the world!



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# HAYLEE MUDFORD

Twins, Addison & Zoey (11) & Jensen (5)

Hometown: Fouke, AR

Occupation: Hairstylist at Fringe Hair & Beauty House

Childhood Home: Fouke, AR



## WHERE DO YOU VOLUNTEER CURRENTLY?

I am President of Fouke Parent Teacher Organization. I plan events through-out the year to bring the parents, students and faculty together along side other parents and teachers who are involved in the Fouke PTO. Being a part of this organization allows me to volunteer in my children's school and help provide opportunities, resources and fun events for them!

I am Vice President of Friends for a Cause Foundation. I have volunteered with FFAC for the past 10 years. I love being a part of such a versatile foundation! We support 7 different causes including pediatrics! Having my kids involved in this organization is one of my favorite parts!

I volunteer with Miller County Fair Association. My son loves all things rodeo, so helping out with our local county fair just makes sense. The group of people that volunteer with this organization are precious. You wouldn't even know how much behind the scenes work goes into an event like that until you have helped!

I also am an Ambassador for the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce. I love being involved with other like minded leaders in the community!

## WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

Volunteering is important to me because I thoroughly enjoy helping others no matter the situation. I believe volunteering strengthens your work ethic, sense of community, and builds relationships.

## DO YOUR CHILDREN VOLUNTEER? IF SO, WHY IS THAT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

I have my kids volunteer alongside me to teach them to be humble. So many children these days expect the greatest things to be handed to them. I always want my children to be thankful for the things they have and learn to work towards goals.

Addison & Zoey are dancers at All Rhythm Dance Alley. Mrs. Angie makes sure to involve these qualities as well. Every year the dance studio brings cans and donates multiple buggies of can goods around Christmas time to the Randy Sams Shelter. They also tour the facility and learn about homelessness in our area.

## HOW DO THEY RESPOND TO VOLUNTEERING AND SEEING YOU VOLUNTEER?

My children love to help people! My girls do a lemonade stand to raise money for something they're interested in often, and little brother is right alongside them doing whatever he can to help! The first time my girls helped with an event they were about 5 yrs old. Friends for a Cause had a "Cuttin' for a Cause" event at Fringe Salon. I hope they continue to always love others & show compassion the way I do.





# parent PROFILE

## WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH WITH YOUR VOLUNTEERING?

I always want to be able to better something or someone. Whether it is an event or a situation a person is in, if I see that I am able to assist, I will!

I hope that my children see not only the work ethic and hard parts but the end goal in finishing a project or the gratefulness of others when helping them.

I also plan to reintroduce the idea of Kids for a Cause Foundation that was originally thought about right before Covid. I think it would be great to have a avenue for children to be involved in the community.

## WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR MOST FUN OR MOST SUCCESSFUL VOLUNTEERING EVENT?

My most fun event I have volunteered with is the Friends for a Cause Girls Gift Away. Although we no longer have this event, it will always be a favorite. Equally fun are the Father/Daughter & Mother/Son dances at Fouke Elementary. I was on the planning committees. The students and parents are so grateful to get dressed up for a night to dance and have fun. The smiles on their faces make the stress of planning such an event worth it!

The most successful event I've volunteered with is the Friends for a Cause Foundation Rock Out Cancer Concert! We have raised over \$45,000 doing this event over the past few years, making it all worth it in the end.

## WHAT ADVICE DO YOU HAVE FOR BUSY FAMILIES WHO WANT TO VOLUNTEER BUT CANT FIND THE TIME?

I definitely understand having a busy family! My girls are Elite Dancers and my son does rodeos and plays t-ball. I also work full time behind the chair sling-ing hair - thank goodness for a flexible schedule I make myself!! I thrive in a busy environment. I'd say this lifestyle isn't for everyone, but my passion for the things my kids enjoy doing run deep! My advice would be to incorporate volunteering in places you already have to be. If your kids play ball, I'm sure there is something you could help with at the ball field. If your kids are interested in a hobby, seek out opportunities to be involved in that. Your children's school would appreciate volunteers!

## HOW CAN OTHERS VOLUNTEER WITH YOU?

Others can volunteer with their children's school by reaching out to their parent teacher organization. Fouke school specifically has several events a year that require volunteers as well as donations to be able to achieve goals in place to support the faculty and students.

Friends for a Cause Foundation has a Facebook page you can follow for volunteer opportunities! We have a lot of fun events throughout the year. My favorite is our bunco nights we do supporting different causes in addition to our annual Rock Out Cancer Concert. These events help someone in need and we can always use extra hands & sponsors to make them happen.

Miller County Fair Association is always needing families who would like to be involved in a family friendly environment helping support the county fair and other community events they host.



# Volunteer for you & your Family

by: Katie Stone

**VOLUNTEERING WITHIN** one's community is a powerful and transformative experience, especially for kids and families. Beyond the immediate impact on local organizations and individuals in need, engaging in volunteer activities offers numerous benefits for personal development, community bonding, and instilling a sense of responsibility. In this article, we'll explore why volunteering is crucial for kids and families.

I believe volunteering exposes children to diverse perspectives and challenges, fostering empathy and compassion. Understanding the struggles of others from different walks of life instills a sense of social responsibility and a willingness to make a positive impact. Volunteer activities offer practical, hands-on learning experiences that complement formal education. Kids can apply classroom knowledge to real-world situations, gaining a deeper understanding of societal issues and civic responsibilities.

I love volunteering with my daughter, Sophie! I think that volunteering as a family creates shared experiences, strengthening the bonds between family members. Working together towards a common goal promotes communication, teamwork, and a sense of accomplishment, fostering a supportive family environment.

I am always looking for ways to teach my daughter about the

lives and cultures of others and volunteering plays a big role in that.

**All the children in our community have the power to make a real difference.**

She is exposed to various social situations, helping her develop communication and interpersonal skills. Whether working with peers or adults, these experiences contribute to enhanced social awareness and the ability to collaborate effectively. I hope that she develops a sense of purpose through volunteering.

I want her to know that she is contributing to her community's well-being and fostering a positive self-image.

Over the years, Sophie and I have participated in several volunteer opportunities including can drives, book drives, school fundraisers, and popcorn sales. She has helped at a Texarkana based non-profit *For the Sake of One* volunteering her time sorting through donation for their Blessing Boutique, as well. We volunteered there together because I have a close connection to the foster community and I want her to always be accepting of others no matter their background or home life.

Engaging in volunteer work within the community is not just about offering help to those in need; it's a



Sophie collected books for the teachers of Paul Laurence Dunbar Early Education Center.

transformative experience that shapes the character of children and strengthens family bonds. Through empathy, communication skills, and a sense of purpose, volunteering becomes a valuable tool for personal development and community building. Encouraging kids and families to volunteer not only benefits the recipients but also contributes to the overall well-being and cohesion of the community as a whole.



Sophie volunteered at the Neighborhood Walmart on Richmond road for the Klondike Leadership Academy collecting food for Harvest Texarkana.

**"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."  
~ Mahatma Gandhi**

# VOLUNTEER GUIDE

## RESOURCE GUIDE

### Alzheimer's Alliance Tri-State Area/Our Place Day Respite Center

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to assist with games and spend quality time with 'friends' at the respite day center Our Place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. They also need volunteers to assist with their annual fundraising event, Twice as Fine Texarkana Wine Festival, taking place on May 4, 2024. These activities can include but are not limited to, setting up signage, barriers, and tables, or loading and unloading for the vendors.

**CONTACT** 903-223-8021

**WEB** [www.alztristate.org](http://www.alztristate.org)



Christmas carolers from St. James Day School came to visit the respite center in 2019.

(Submitted Photo)

### American Red Cross Northeast Texas

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to answer phone, forward calls, write thank you notes, and other office tasks. They are also in need of Blood Donor Ambassadors that register donors, answer questions, provide support, and engage with them. Other volunteer opportunities include Blood Transportation Specialist, Disaster Action Team, and Disaster Health Services. They provide all necessary training. Please contact for more information on age requirements.

**CONTACT** Linda Edwards- 903-581-7981

**WEB** [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

### Ark-Tex Area Agency on Aging

**OPPORTUNITIES** The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program utilizes volunteers in each county to respond to and investigate resident complaints. Ongoing training and support is provided for volunteers. Persons interested in volunteering should contact the Managing Local Ombudsman, Kim Palmore, for more information. Volunteers are also needed for benefits counseling volunteers who would advocate to ensure the receipt of benefits for the elderly. Contact Robert Morris for more information.

**CONTACT** 903-832-8636

**WEB** [www.atcog.org](http://www.atcog.org)

### Boy Scouts of America- Caddo Area Council

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to be adult role models which provide ideal learning experience for all youth. On a typical weekend campout, Scouts might work with an adult volunteer who teaches the Fishing merit badge and with a Scout mom to learn orienteering, go on a 5-mile hike with another adult leader, and end the day learning how to clean and cook fresh fish from someone else. They also need volunteers behind the scenes to assist with administrative support, fundraising, treasurer, and more.

**CONTACT** 903-793-2179

**WEB** [www.caddo.ihub.app](http://www.caddo.ihub.app) or find them on Facebook



Ben King with son, Grant, during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. (Submitted Photo)

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## Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

**OPPORTUNITIES** A CASA volunteer gathers information from everyone involved in a child's daily life, including members of the child's family, foster parents, teachers, lawyers, social workers, and other relevant persons to help insure our children are safe and their needs are being met while they are in care. Then they report to a judge to advocate for the child's best interest. Ideally, CASA volunteers will work toward reuniting the child with their family of origin. Volunteers must be 21 years of age, pass a criminal background check, participate in in-depth training, and have a caring, patient, empathetic heart. Volunteers must also be willing to commit 10 hours per month on a case for a minimum of 18 months.

**CONTACT** 903-792-1030

**WEB** [www.casatexarkana.org](http://www.casatexarkana.org)

## Domestic Violence Prevention

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs caring and empathetic individuals to help at the administrative office with clerical task such as answering the phone, etc. They also need volunteers to help sort, and work at the resale shops located in Atlanta, TX & Hope, AR. The organization also has group meetings where one to two volunteers could be beneficial for assisting with attendees children. These meetings are typically around 2 hours long. A great way to have children assist is by hosting a household supply drive. The shelter is always in need of bath towels, toiletry items for women, household cleaning supplies, and other maintenance products. Volunteers can also assist with fundraising, collecting toys at Christmas for their Christmas store, assist with community events and outreach, as well as, assisting with sexual assault victims at the hospital in Texarkana. Any information or training that is needed will be provided

**CONTACT** 903-794-4000 or [volunteers@dvptxk.org](mailto:volunteers@dvptxk.org)

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## For The Sake Of One

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to organize/run the Blessing Boutique, provide mentor-ship for biological parents, care for children in parents' nights out, encourage caseworkers, and become foster parents. Must complete a background check which is provided. Some tasks are suited for younger children while others are great for teenagers. Contact the non-profit today to find out how you and your family can help the foster community.

**CONTACT** Angela Coston- 903-329-0566 or [forthesakeofonetexarkana@gmail.com](mailto:forthesakeofonetexarkana@gmail.com)

**WEB** [www.forthesakeofone.com](http://www.forthesakeofone.com)

These young men from Myrtle Springs Baptist Church braved the heat in 2021 to pull weeds from the flower beds and painted the porch and windows. (Submitted Photo)



Madilyn opted out of presents for her birthday party in 2019 and asked all of her friends to bring items or money donations to her party to benefit For the Sake of One.

(Submitted Photo)

## Girl Scouts- Diamonds of Arkansas, Oklahoma, & Texas

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs multiple volunteers to be an adult role model for the younger generation. This could include being a Troup Volunteer or Leader. Troop volunteers help Girl Scouts become stronger, kinder, and braver than they ever thought possible. Service unit volunteers are the network of support throughout your community. They empower troop leaders and troop volunteers to be the role models that Girl Scouts need and connect them with the resources for unforgettable troop experiences.

**CONTACT** 1-800-632-6894

**WEB** [www.girlscoutsdiamondsorg](http://www.girlscoutsdiamondsorg)

## Habitat for Humanity of Texarkana

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs multiple volunteers with and without specific talents to help with building and repairing homes, construction leaders, and ReStore Support. As a build & repair volunteer, there is no experience required and you can volunteer as an individual or a group. They are in need of construction leader volunteers for project management and teaching volunteers. Their ReStore sells used and new building materials to help fund our mission. ReStore volunteers help with donation sorting, customer service, and more. Volunteers must be 16 years of age.

**CONTACT** 903-832-1746.

**WEB** [www.habitattexarkana.org](http://www.habitattexarkana.org)

## Main Street Texarkana

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers in the areas of promotion, organization, design, and economic restructuring for the preservation, repurposing and revitalization of Historic Downtown Texarkana. This could include, but is not limited to, volunteering for events downtown, such as Oktoberfest or the Annual Christmas Parade. These events take a great deal of planning and operational endeavors. Every person has a unique skill or ability that could benefit the Texarkana community through this organization.

**CONTACT** 903-278-6441

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**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to help provide daily meals to those in need. Volunteers can help supply food pantry items, vocational assistance, and the gospel message of grace found in Christ Jesus.

**CONTACT** 903-792-1301 or [choward@tfci.org](mailto:choward@tfci.org)

**WEB** [www.missiontexarkana.org](http://www.missiontexarkana.org)

## Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter, Inc.

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs a variety of people who are willing to volunteer their time, talent, and skills to serve. Volunteers are needed for teaching and tutoring, marketing and social media, event planning, case management, strategic and innovative thinking, and writing. There are also opportunities where many students do not have transportation and rely on the T-Line in order to use our services. If you are interested in sponsoring tickets for the students, you can purchase them at the T-Line office and drop them by the Council located on Texarkana College Campus. They also have a need for office/cleaning supplies. Hosting a donation drive could be fun and beneficial for younger aged children as well as the whole family. Find their wish-list on their website.

**CONTACT** 903-823-3470 or [info@habitatTexarkana.org](mailto:info@habitatTexarkana.org)

**WEB** [www.literacytxk.org](http://www.literacytxk.org)

## Senior Transportation Program with HandsON Texarkana

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteer drivers to transport older citizens to the doctor, dentist, grocery store, and other necessary errands. Opportunities are flexible to better serve a volunteer's schedule. This opportunity requires the volunteer to have their own transportation, valid drivers license, registration, & insurance. Through a partnership with Salvation Army, food boxes are now part of an as needed delivery service provided through our Transportation Program. The food pantry at HandsON Texarkana benefits the seniors in the Texarkana community and is in need of supplies often including ready made meals, cleaning supplies, toiletries, etc. This is a great opportunity for children and families of all ages to host a donation drive.

**CONTACT** 903-798-3211

**WEB** [www.handsonTexarkana.org](http://www.handsonTexarkana.org)



The children & families of one subdivision all teamed together to gather supplies for HandsON Texarkana!

(Submitted Photo)



## Texarkana Animal League

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers who love animals and want to help save lives. Volunteers can help with cleaning and caring for cats & dogs. This can include, but is not limited to, feeding, watering, cleaning enclosures & litter boxes, playing with cats/dogs to socialize them, & introducing them to potential adopters. Being a volunteer foster family for cats/dogs is much bigger commitment, however it is perfect for the whole family. It gives everyone in the household an opportunity to help the animal population. Other volunteer opportunities include grant writing, Pet Education Project, Transport Helper, & event/fundraiser volunteer.

**CONTACT** 877-525-4825 or [info@texarkanaanimalleague.org](mailto:info@texarkanaanimalleague.org)

**WEB** [www.texarkanaanimalleague.rescuegroups.org](http://www.texarkanaanimalleague.rescuegroups.org)

## Texarkana Children's Advocacy Center

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers at the center to assist with greeting families, supervising children in waiting areas, helping families complete paperwork, organizing our Rainbow Room, and other office tasks. Volunteers are needed for the Multidisciplinary Team who can provide lunches for case review meetings, as well as support and appreciation for our partners in law enforcement and child protective services. Community Outreach Volunteers are also needed to assist our Education and Outreach Team with trainings, education booths, and getting the word out about our mission and training opportunities. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old and not enrolled in a local school district, complete a volunteer application, complete and clear background checks, complete a volunteer interview, attend volunteer orientation, and pledge confidentiality.

**CONTACT** 903-792-2215

**WEB** [www.texarkanacac.org](http://www.texarkanacac.org)

## The Damascus Home Resale Store

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to help receive, sort, price general merchandise and clothing donations, greet and assist customers, post to social media, as well as, assisting in fundraising events, newsletters, grant writing, networking, and promotions.

**CONTACT** 903 824-2134 or 903 794-7875- Donna Cooley

**WEB** [www.damascushome.org](http://www.damascushome.org)

## The Literacy Council of Bowie & Miller Counties

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs a variety of people who are willing to volunteer their time, talent, and skills to serve. Volunteers are needed for teaching and tutoring, marketing and social media, event planning, case management, strategic and innovative thinking, and writing. There are also opportunities where many students do not have transportation and rely on the T-Line in order to use our services. If you are interested in sponsoring tickets for the students, you can purchase them at the T-Line office and drop them by the Council located on Texarkana College Campus. They also have a need for office/cleaning supplies. Hosting a donation drive could be fun and beneficial for younger aged children as well as the whole family. Find their wishlist on their website.

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**WEB** [www.literacytxk.org](http://www.literacytxk.org)



## The Salvation Army

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers to greet customers, help sort, straighten the merchandise donated clothing at the family thrift store Monday—Saturday , 9am to 6pm. They have one-time opportunities that are perfect for those who want a quick and easy way to make a difference. These include activities like serving a meal any day of the year or ringing a bell during the holidays. They have multiple locations where their ministry is carried out giving individuals and families an opportunity to be a part of something big.

**CONTACT** 870-774-2701

**WEB** [www.southernusa.salvationarmy.org](http://www.southernusa.salvationarmy.org)

## Runnin WJ Ranch

**OPPORTUNITIES** Needs volunteers each week that have horse experience to be horse leaders. These individuals lead horses during classes while students are riding the horses. They also need volunteer side walkers (no horse experience required) to walk beside the horse providing assistance to the riders. Volunteers are also needed for events such as their annual barrel race and Big Bass Round Up.

**CONTACT** 903-838-3223

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