

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

A newsletter by United Way of Hood County

SUMMER 2018

LIVE UNITED.

Partner Agency Spotlight: Hood County Senior Center

We wish to honor this wonderful partner agency, Hood County Senior Center, and also welcome the new executive director, Jeanette Scott.

Here's a little about Scott and why she wanted to join this cause helping our senior citizen community.

She graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering then worked in the aerospace industry.

After taking some time off to raise her children, she found her passion working at the West Aid food pantry in Fort Worth.

Her love of helping others continued at Tarrant Area Food Bank where she became agency relations manager in charge of food distribution to 275 other pantries over 13 counties.

Scott's history of feeding and caring for people, both professionally and at home, prepared her for her new position at the Senior Center.

"I love the friendly, lively atmosphere of the Hood County Senior Center," Scott said. "We have a dedicated and caring staff who serve the seniors of Hood County and I look forward to continuing

my calling to provide the community with a quality program.

The Senior Center provides activities like knitting, line dancing, singing, crafts, bingo, and games of pool.

Lunch is served at the Senior Center Monday through Friday at 11:30 a.m.

They also provide Meals on Wheels to over 230 people in Hood County.

"That job cannot be accomplished without the help of our volunteers who deliver those meals and visit with the people we serve," Scott said.

"I would encourage everyone to drive a Meals on Wheels route so you can experience the satisfaction of helping your community.

"We always need volunteers for jobs like driving a route or help at the center. During the summer we encourage volunteers to bring their children along, so you can teach



Front row left to right, Barb Facer, Jeanette Scott, Crystal Smith. Back row left to right, Debbie Langston, Melissa Montgomery, Teresa Patterson, Jane Hill, Tomika Jackson, Connie Barksdale.

them the impact they can have on a person's day."

Jeanette and her husband Tom, a Lake Granbury Master Gardener, love working in the dirt, gardening and maintaining their home, which they share with two dogs and one cat. They also volunteer at their church in Acton.

Scott is the mother of two and stepmother to two more. She said she looks forward to sharing more quality time with her parents who live in Granbury after relocating from Bartlesville, Oklahoma in 2013.

Hood County Senior Center is located at 501 E. Moore St. in Granbury. For more information visit the website at

www.hoodcountyseniorcenter.org

EDUCATION, FINANCIAL STABILITY, HEALTH.

Advancing the common good is less about helping one person at a time and more about changing systems to help all of us. We are all connected and interdependent. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, when people are healthy. United Way's goal is to create long-lasting changes by addressing the underlying causes of these problems. Living united means being a part of the change. It takes everyone in the community working together to create a brighter future. Give. Advocate. Volunteer. LIVE UNITED in Hood County.



From the President



Diann Lewis

and the Executive Director



Becky Mauldin

This spring the United Way of Hood County allocations team visited partner agencies, conducted site visits and invested hours reviewing grant applications and conducting interviews for determination of 2019 funding. We are so grateful to this committee. Through this effort, the financial investments of individual donors, workplace campaigns, corporate matches and even a child's piggybank are allocated according to the agencies' demonstrated needs, proven outcomes, and community needs.

Thanks to your support:

- 160 Hood County residents impacted by a cancer diagnosis received direct assistance last year
- 20 students in "Jobs for Life" classes last year, 49 student participants in computer classes, and 8 students in GED and "Healthy Hood County" courses
- Clothing 334 students with new back-to-school clothes
- 55 beds were provided to children with no beds
- Provided 52,277 hot meals delivered to the homes of senior, served weekday congregate meals to 219 clients at the Senior Center, and provided transportation to 68 seniors, not only allowing them to join friends for meals, but also taking them to doctor and hair appointments, shopping, and medical testing, etc.
- The Ada Carey Women's Shelter housed 153 victims of crime
- Local food pantries distributed over \$250,000 worth of food
- CASA staff served served 217 foster children in Hood and Somervell Counties
- Approximately 3,500 Hood County students were provided with school supplies, immunizations, sports physicals, and connected with other resources necessary to equip them for success in learning
- Family practice medical care was provided to over 1,700 patients, dental care to over 350, and counseling services to over 240
- 2019 UWHC funding to Texas EMS will allow for the purchase of life jackets, to be distributed at city beach during high risk times

As Board President and Executive Director in leadership of UWHC we consider it such a privilege to work closely with the leadership and volunteers of these agencies. They make these accomplishments reality. The UW board is very much a "working board" and Directors work tirelessly to advocate not only for UWHC but also for these agencies and their work. From us to all of you. Thank you!

Director's Corner



Bryan Bufkin

My name is Bryan Bufkin. I was born and raised in Granbury, Texas, and I got back to Granbury just as fast as I could after law school. So many of my childhood memories are tied to great leadership in Hood County. Now I am an adult raising three boys with my wife (who also grew up in Granbury), and we are so happy to get to raise them in this community. My wife, Rachael Bufkin, teaches at Acton Elementary. I am an attorney at Bufkin & Adams, PLLC, and we recently opened an office in Granbury.

As an attorney, I have represented many underprivileged clients, and that representation really opened my eyes to the many needs of so many in Hood County. Since joining the Board of Directors at the United Way, my eyes have been opened even further to the many needs in our community.

I serve on the Board at United Way because our community has needs, and United Way works to ensure that those needs are met. United Way partners with many charitable organizations to help raise funds, raise awareness of issues, and to help Hood County flourish. As a person who has benefitted from this warm, loving community my entire life, it is my honor and duty to help serve in any way I can. As a Christian, I feel like my time spent working with the United Way has eternal significance. I feel inspired to be a part of an organization that works with charities to show so many in our community the one thing they need the most: that they are loved.

“Fun” Raising

Fun events raise money to help the community

100+ WOMEN STRONG

Close to 70 women enjoyed an evening of heavy horsd’oevres, wine and fellowship with a donation of \$100 each on April 10 at Let’s Eat, located at Hidden Oaks Golf Course. Lange Twins Family Winery and Vineyards of Acampo, California, was the featured winery. Those in attendance enjoyed both the food and the wine.

Over \$5,000 was raised to help United Way of Hood County benefit those in need in Hood County. The next 100+ Women Strong event will be a little different. It’s an invitation to any and all who would like to come and bring children to enjoy trampolines at GymKat while ladies spend time together Saturday, August 25 from 10 a.m. to noon. Register and pay at www.unitedwayhoodcounty.com or call 817-579-5100.



Let them eat cake: Curren Dodds demonstrates how to make a flourless cake to the ladies at the 100+ Women event at Let’s Eat located at Hidden Oaks Golf Course. The cake was paired with a selected wine from Lange Twins Family Winery. The cake was one of several food items prepared by Dodds for the evening.



Chuck Wagon chums: United Way of Hood County board member Rusty Terrell, center, enjoyed the Chuck Wagon fundraiser with his wife and friends at Salon El Ranchito. From left: Holly Martin, Amber Terrell, Brian Loving and Jayla Loving.

CHUCK WAGON DINNER

The Chuck Wagon Dinner held on May 3 at Salgn El Ranchito in Tolar raised \$60,000 (net).

“We had a wonderful turnout for our annual special event – sponsored by 25 local corporations and local individuals,” said United Way of Hood County Executive Director Becky Mauldin.

“Much fun was had with roping the calf dummy, a photo booth, \$20 Hats R’ Chaps game, and our live and silent auctions were very successful and everyone left full and fulfilled – and we were blessed beyond measure. We thank all our supporters!”

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of Hood & Somervell Counties
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A united, compassionate and self-reliant community.

OUR MISSION

To increase the organized capacity of people to care for one another in Hood County

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