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# MISSION GRANBURY INC

# the Missive

## A Note From The Board President

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Dear Friends,

I hope this edition of *The Missive* finds you and your loved ones well.

As you can imagine it has been quite busy here at the Mission. The number of households our Emergency Assistance Network (EAN)

has served from January 2011 through March 2011 is 661. This reflects 2029 individual members. These clients have received assistance with items such as utility bills, food, and legal assistance, as well as housing.

April was Child Abuse Awareness Month, with the week of April 14th being designated as National Crime Victim's Rights Week. Along with raising awareness in April, we had the opportunity to honor those who devote themselves to Mission Granbury on a daily basis—our volunteers. Our 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Awards Banquet was a huge success;

the Mission Granbury staff and our generous event sponsors should be commended.

We are also happy to report that the Attorney General of the State of Texas has closed its investigation of Mission Granbury. The Attorney General's letter states that "no intentional wrongdoing was identified" and the Office has taken no action as a result of its investigation. Mission Granbury appreciates the support of its donors, non-profit partners and the Granbury Community during this difficult two-year process. With the investigation now closed, our organization can turn 100% of its attention toward working with its partners and the community in fulfilling our important mission in Hood County. If you would like more information regarding the closing of the investigation visit: [www.missiongranbury.org](http://www.missiongranbury.org).

Thank you once again for supporting our organization so that we might help the less fortunate in our community.

*Dan O. Coates*

## Mission Granbury Stats-at-a-Glance

January - March 2011

- Total Household Served: 661
- 2,029 individuals provided with resources to help meet their needs.
- \$12,548 in food resources distributed to the community.
- 62 individual clients were assisted with housing needs.
- Legal assistance referrals were provided to 69 clients.
- 83 clients were assisted that were Victims of Crime.

## Updates from the Emergency Assistance Network

The year is moving forward and many Hood county residents are turning to Mission Granbury for help—some for the first time. The assistance provided by Mission Granbury services a wide variety of needs. One such need, on a steadied increase, is utility assistance. The Emergency Assistance Network helps residents in our community pay utility bills. Here is a glance at assistance provided from January through March of 2011 for utility bills only:

- 317 households were assisted with utility needs.
- 945 individual clients were served.
- \$20,083.75 in utilities bills were paid to prevent clients' electricity disconnection.

The Emergency Assistance Network is funded by the Salvation Army, Hood County Children's Charities, local churches, and the generosity of Mission Granbury donors. While these numbers reflect that sufficient assistance is being given to help fellow residents of Hood county, much more will be needed to help rising electric bills during the summer months. Our clients will be faced with even costlier utility bills, therefore more donations will be needed to see Hood County families through the hot summer months. Please consider donating to Mission Granbury to help residents in the upcoming months with these necessary expenses.

## April Awareness

National Crime Victims'  
Rights Week Begins April 14th!

*In Texas, there is a victim of...*

- Murder—every 6 hours, 19 minutes
- Child abuse/neglect—every 8.5 minutes
- Sexual assault — every hour
- Dating abuse—every hour
- Theft — every 14 minutes
- Domestic violence — every 36 minutes
- Home burglary—every two minutes



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## Sexual Assault & Prevention: High Priority at Mission Granbury

Mission Granbury is working diligently with the SAPCS (Sexual Assault & Prevention Crisis Services) grant to bring change to our community.

Sexual violence has a devastating impact on individuals, families, communities and our society as a whole. In Texas, approximately 13%, or 1.9 million, adults have been sexually assaulted at some point in their lifetime. With the number of sexual assault cases being significantly higher in females (20%) than males (5%). Although these numbers are staggering, the actual numbers are difficult to assess since most cases go unreported.

At Mission Granbury, a number of our staff members have professional training from TAASA (Texas Association Against Sexual Assault), TCFV (Texas Council on Family Violence), and OAG (Office of the Attorney General)—empowering our ability to go into the community and begin implementation of prevention principles.

If you are interested in helping with mentoring programs at our local schools and clubs, or would like to assist in our efforts, please contact Rhonda Rogers, Director Outreach & Education at [rrogers@missiongranbury.org](mailto:rrogers@missiongranbury.org).

*(Stats from the Preventing Sexual Assault in Texas, A Primary Prevention Approach, 2010-2018)*

## CASA: Making all the Difference to a Child

You're a child—scared, abused, and neglected. Mommy and Daddy fight all the time. Now, a bunch of grown-ups you have never seen before are telling you what to do and taking you away from your home. They are sent to help and protect you, but all you want is your mommy, your home, and your toys.

Can you imagine being that little child? The certainty of your future and your ability to feel safe and loved completely removed. Fortunately in Hood and Somervell Counties, that child has hope. They will be appointed a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) by a District Judge to serve the needs of the child and speak for them in court: giving their fears and concerns a voice. The CASA will see the child through all of the changes taking place in their lives—providing the child with one warm, loving, consistent face in a sea of strangeness.

Since 2010, the CASA of Hood & Somervell has served 101 children in need. Here is a true success story. Janie was only 18 months old—neglected and ignored—when she was removed from her mother.

CASA did everything possible to help her mother, but it soon became apparent that Janie would never be returned to her birth family. She spent the next two years of her young life in foster care, taken care of but not loved and treasured for the wonderful child she was. Thanks to her CASA, a very special family was found for Janie. And as is frequently the case, her CASA still checks on her and receives reports on her growth and development. No matter how a case turns out, the CASA is with the child until they find a truly permanent, safe and healthy home.

To learn more about CASA of Hood & Somervell Counties, please contact Jean Cate, (817)579-6866.



*\*Real names have been changed to protect the identity of the child.*

## 2011 Volunteer Appreciation Awards Banquet

WOW...What an inspiring event and what a turn out! The Mission Granbury Volunteer Appreciation Dinner & Awards was held Thursday, April 14th; 109 attendees enjoyed the beautifully decorated "Celebration Hall," compliments of Granbury Live. Michelle Winters opened the event, performing two songs of encouragement for guests. Joe's Pasta catered the evening with a most enjoyable Italian cuisine

While all of our volunteers are outstanding and indispensable to our work here at Mission Granbury, the 2010 Volunteer Appreciation Awards were presented to volunteers who go above and beyond. Awards were presented to the following distinguished volunteers:

- CASA - Lloyd Seagrist
- Mission Granbury Auxiliary - Vicky Moore
- Resource Center Award was jointly awarded to Jan Younkin & Diana Burton.
- Ada Carey Center Shelter for Women & Children of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault for help directly at our shelter, Char Goodman
- Ada Carey Center Shelter for Women & Children of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Victim services - Ollie & Sharon Miers
- Victim Assistance Program - Linda Cox
- The 2010 Board of Directors award was presented to past board president, Barry Van Duzee.

Awards were also presented to Mission Granbury Food Pantry youth volunteers: Abigail Gordon, Brenham Gordon, Jamie King, Jessica & Victoria Skuce and Chandelle Lancaster. Honors for the Food Pantry Team leader were presented to Richard Root.

Presenters of awards for the evening included District Manager from Senator Brian Birdwell's office, Bretta Conaway; District Attorney, Rob Christian; Assistant County Attorney, Deanna Belknap; Hood County Sheriff, Roger Deeds; CASA Director, Jean Cate; Acting Executive Director, Mary Davis and Director Outreach & Education, Rhonda Rogers.

*Pictured below:  
Linda Cox receives award for  
outstanding achievement with the  
Mission Granbury Auxiliary.*



*Pictured above:  
Char Goodman  
tearfully receives  
her award from  
Bretta Conaway.*

**The Volunteer Appreciation Event  
was fully funded by the following sponsors:**

# Thank You!

Granbury Live "Celebration Hall"  
John Henry & Marilyn Luton  
Jerry Durant Toyota & Hyundai  
Jack & Cathy Briscoe, Briscoe Real Estate  
Dr. Penelope Jackson  
Joe's Pasta  
**and the Granbury community!**

**Join  
the**

# 365

making a difference

**Club!**



For way less than a daily Starbucks coffee you can make a HUGE difference in the lives of women and children affected by domestic violence, and other families in crisis. Mission Granbury can do so much with just a dollar a day! Join our 365 Club and we will give you an insulated shopping bag just like the picture to the left as a reminder of how you are helping us make a difference to hurting people every day. Call Patricia Morales at 817-579-6866 to join today!

## Granbury Imaging Center to Host Fundraiser Benefiting Mission Granbury

Radiology Associates is proud to become a member of the Granbury community. To celebrate the opening of its newest location, Radiology Associates will host a family-friendly fundraiser for Mission Granbury on Friday, May 20 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Mayor Pratt will do an official ribbon cutting, followed by an open house featuring a silent auction and on-site donation stations with all

proceeds benefitting Mission Granbury. As an added incentive, Radiology Associates will match up to \$1,000 in donations to Mission Granbury. The event is free and open to the public.

Radiology Associates prides itself on top quality patient care, a long-standing 74-year history, and an extensive list of managed care affiliations. The new state-of-the-art facility in Granbury is equipped with High Field MRI, 64-Slice CT, Full Field Digital Mammography, X-ray, Ultrasound, and Bone Mineral Density (DEXA). With access to 110 board certified radiologists, most of whom are

sub-specialty trained, Radiology Associates is leading the way to better imaging.

Mark your calendars and drop by on Friday, May 20. Enjoy bounce houses, snow cones, free food and prizes and more. Radiologists will be on-hand to give tours and answer questions. We look forward to serving Granbury in the years to come.

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*Radiology Associates' new location in Granbury  
1220 Paluxy Medical Circle, Suite 101.*