

The Journeys We Share

BETWEEN The Lines

by Executive Director Dusti Scovel



She stood silently in the hallway of the Shelter, her arms around the shoulders of her ten-year-old daughter, Katy, who stood stone still, eyes wide open. She was clearly afraid. It had been a grueling few days. Her stepdad threatened her mom with a knife, and when Katy tried to intervene, he turned on her. In a rare calm after the storm, her mom apologized and offered to fix his favorite meal as a peace offering. She casually made a list of what she needed, asked him if he needed anything from the store and then headed out, just like always. As usual, Katy jumped in with her and off they went.

But this time, her mom drove past the store, and simply kept going. They drove past her school, past the city limits sign and past her friend, Julie's, farm. There was no need for words; they both knew what she was doing. Fourteen hours, one ATM stop and three states later, they arrived in Dallas and started looking for domestic violence shelters. On one of those calls, someone gave her the hotline number for Mission Granbury, and thankfully, they had a room. Two hours later, an advocate met them at the Sheriff's Office and brought them to the Shelter. They had the clothes on their back and \$95

left to start a new life. Advocates and case managers rallied around them, providing them with a haven from the storm and quietly knitting a safety net of resources to help them start their journey to freedom.

It wasn't that long ago that Lee was a master welder, making good money, paying his bills and putting a little away in savings. Recently married, he and his wife bought what they planned to be their forever home. Life was good. So, when Lee first got sick, he just worked through it. He got his first job at 15 and hadn't taken more than two sick days in the 45 years since. But his body wasn't bouncing back this time. Within weeks, he learned he had cancer, and it was spreading. The next 18 months were rough. Unable to work, he lost his job, his home and eventually, the stress took a toll on his marriage. A friend loaned him a camper to stay in and a kind neighbor let him use an extension cord to power a lamp and a fan or a heater. That friend called Mission Granbury to see if we could help. A case manager contacted Lee and helped him get electric to his camper, signed him up for weekly grocery delivery and told him about Meals on Wheels. The case manager also arranged for Lee to have an emergency phone so he could

reach out if he had other needs, but also so he could call 911 if he needed to. Lee was overwhelmed that someone he never met would do so much for him. He also knows he isn't alone on his journey.

As you read through this newsletter, you'll meet new faces at Mission Granbury, see how much fun we have honoring our amazing volunteers, and get a glimpse of just a few of the many community members who help support the work we do. It takes all of us working together to make a difference in someone's life. Your face may not be on these pages, but you're still a vital part of the work we do, and the journey we're on to choose to see and choose to help. And, we thank you for that. ☐

Dusti

OPERATION COOLDOWN



We need A/C units and box fans!

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Volunteers Honored

On April 29, 2024, Mission Granbury hosted its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, a heartfelt event dedicated to honoring the volunteers who tirelessly support the organization's nine programs. Executive Director Dusti Scovel welcomed the attendees and expressed deep gratitude for their invaluable contributions. Special recognition was given to the Board of Directors and staff, who were applauded for their commitment to Mission Granbury's mission and sustainability.

The event introduced the Mission Granbury Volunteer Service Awards, presenting Bronze, Silver, and Gold medallions based on 2023 service hours. The evening also featured fun awards created by staff and special honors, including the Shining Star, Heart of the Mission, and Servant's Heart Awards, celebrating volunteers who have gone above and beyond. A highlight was the presentation of the Impact Award to Shirley Wright, who retired after more than 11 years of dedicated service at the Ada Carey Shelter. ☐



Shirley Wright (middle) receives a Special Retirement Award for over 11 years of volunteer service, presented by Executive Director, Dusti Scovel, and Program Director for CASA/Family Violence, Justin Rossner.



From left to right: Jerry Prather, Tami Chaney, Ann Dahlquist, and Nan Culbine proudly receive the Heart of Mission Award. Carol Holmgreen, Candy Mattick, and Pat Henson were also honored but not pictured.



Brenda Bair (left), Dan Childress (middle), and Marilyn Luton (right) are honored with the Servant's Heart Award, presented by Emergency Assistance Resource Coordinator, Andi Luna, and Executive Director, Dusti Scovel.



Nana Lynn Dirks (left) and Beth Dalton (right) are presented with the Shining Star Award by Executive Director, Dusti Scovel (middle). Julie Hinds, Jody Ryder, and Antoinette White were also honored but not pictured.

Strengthening Mission Granbury's Board

Mission Granbury welcomes Terri Harmon and Ashley Heyen to our Board of Directors.

TERRI L. HARMON

Terri Harmon, a Market Advocate at Town Square Title Company, brings a rich background in community service and business development. Her involvement in local organizations like the Granbury Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club of Granbury, and the Granbury Association of Realtors highlights her commitment to community development and volunteerism.

Terri has served in significant roles such as Membership Chair for the Rotary Club of Granbury and Co-chair for the Chamber of Commerce, Women in Business Committee. These roles have allowed her to hone her skills in organizational leadership, event planning, and community engagement.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President, Marilyn Luton
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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dusti Scovel, *executive director*
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 Andi Luna, *EAN coordinator*
 Kara Dingman, *volunteer/ event coordinator*

MISSION GRANBURY PROGRAMS

- Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children
- Non-Residential Victims Assistance
- C.A.S.A.
- Emergency Assistance Network (EAN)
- Food Pantry
- Veterans Assistance
- Senior Care
- New Beginnings Resale Shoppe
- Disaster Relief

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24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE
844-579-6848

Supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

Terri first became aware of Mission Granbury through her community involvement and relationships with our employees. Her past contributions to Mission Granbury include both monetary and in-kind donations, demonstrating her ongoing support and commitment to our cause.

Terri's strengths as a board member are numerous. She brings commitment, excellent organizational skills, and a talent for event planning. Her extensive connections within the community will help foster relationships and enhance Mission Granbury's outreach efforts. Additionally, Terri's ability to communicate effectively and her public speaking skills will be critical in promoting Mission Granbury's events and initiatives.

When asked why she wants to join the board at this particular time in her life, Terri shared, "I believe in the organization and am passionate about the resources and services they provide our community, particularly in the area of services to women and children. I am especially drawn to efforts that involve providing food to those in need. In the five years I have lived in Granbury, I have come to learn more and more about Mission Granbury and continue to be impressed and appreciate this organization. I am honored to be part of it."



ASHLEY L. HEYEN

Ashley Heyen, a retired Air Force veteran, brings nearly three decades of dedicated service to our nation. Her extensive background in

strategic planning, public speaking, and event planning makes her a valuable addition to our board. Throughout her military career, Ashley developed a range of skills that will undoubtedly benefit Mission Granbury's initiatives.

Ashley's volunteerism is deeply rooted in her church and military organizations. At Mission Granbury, she has already made significant contributions by volunteering in various capacities such as food pantry administration, office support, Toys for Tots, and delivering food to seniors through the Stone Water Church ministry. Her hands-on experience with our programs provides her with valuable insights into our operations and the needs of the people we serve.

Although Ashley has not previously served on nonprofit boards, her organizational skills, budget-minded approach, and ability to work effectively within teams will be key in driving our strategic goals forward. She expresses no reservations about her new role, only enthusiasm and readiness to contribute. "I am excited about the opportunity to serve," she shared, reflecting her eagerness to take on this new challenge.

Ashley's motivation to join the board stems from a desire to give back to her community using the skills and gifts she has cultivated over her career. "I would like to use my skills and gifts to make an impact on my community. I have served in the Air Force for the last 29 years and have a passion for service. Now that I'm retired, I want to spend my time and energy supporting our community through an organization that aligns with my beliefs," she said.

A Unified Vision for Mission Granbury

Mission Granbury is honored to welcome Ashley Heyen and Terri Harmon to our Board of Directors. Their combined skills, experiences, and passion for service will undoubtedly enhance our efforts to support and uplift those in need within our community. Please join us in welcoming these two exceptional individuals. Together, we look forward to making a lasting impact on the lives of those we serve. □

7TH ANNUAL GHOST Run 1K & 5K

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5 AT 6PM

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By DCBE Women's Club
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OCTOBER IS
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MONTH

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GRANBURY SQUARE GAZEBO | OCT. 22, 2024 AT 7:30PM



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Celebrating Two Star Employees of Mission Granbury

Mission Granbury is proud to spotlight two remarkable staff members whose dedication and passion significantly enhance the organization's impact on the community: Kara Dingman and Elena Henderson.



KARA DINGMAN

With a background in Administration from the City of Stephenville's Parks and Recreation Department, Kara brings a wealth of skills and a deep commitment to

community service. Her motivation to join Mission Granbury stems from her desire to facilitate positive change and support others.

"What excites me the most about Mission Granbury are its people!" Kara exclaims. She is devoted to supporting volunteers and ensuring their needs are met. Her responsibilities include maintaining open communication, organizing special events to raise awareness and funds for Mission Granbury's nine programs, and developing strategies to recruit and train volunteers effectively.

Kara's experience at the Senior Center in Stephenville, where volunteers played a pivotal role, prepared her well for her current position. Reflecting on her time there, Kara says, "They helped me grow as a team member and as a leader. They helped me see my full potential."

One of Kara's main challenges is addressing the growing need for

community assistance. She aims to find innovative ways to recruit more volunteers to enhance Mission Granbury's capacity to serve effectively.



ELENA HENDERSON

Elena serves as the Direct Services Case Manager at Mission Granbury. A graduate of Texas A&M with a degree in Public Health, Elena's journey

to Mission Granbury was driven by her passion for serving others and making a tangible difference in the community. Her background includes impactful work with the Austin Public Health department's Long-Term Care Facility Covid Response Team.

"Being able to use my Public Health degree and see the impact it is making around me through Mission Granbury has

been an extremely fulfilling experience," Elena shares. Her primary goal is to make a meaningful impact in people's lives, whether by providing essential supplies, offering courtroom support, or assisting with paperwork.

In her role as a Direct Services Case Manager, Elena advocates for and supports victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, providing crucial services such as food, necessities, and utility assistance. Her inclusive approach and attentive listening create a positive atmosphere at the shelter, ensuring that everyone feels valued and heard.

"I see my role contributing to the overall mission of the organization by advocating and serving women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault," Elena explains. Her dedication significantly enhances Mission Granbury's impact, making her an invaluable member of the team and a beacon of support for those in need. □

A HOMETOWN Christmas Gala
DECEMBER
SATURDAY **7** 6:00PM
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BY THE NUMBERS

How You've Helped

Food Pantry/Emergency Assistance

- Provided food to **4,399** individuals including **1,487** children totaling more **\$900,000**
- Provided hygiene, diapers and formula totaling more than **\$26,240**
- Answered **3,484** calls for assistance and provided emergency assistance to **12,604** individuals including **6,030** children totaling more than **\$220,200**



SEPTEMBER 1, 2023 - MAY 31, 2024

Ada Carey Domestic Violence/
Sexual Assault Program

- Provided **46,778** nights of shelter to **135** individuals including **63** children
- Provided non-residential services to **268** individuals including **116** children
- Answered **835** hotline calls

CASA

- **78** children served in **49** cases
- **21** new children from **15** new cases
- **30** advocates provided **2,037** hours of service, completed **339** hours of continuing education, and traveled more than **22,360** miles

Thank you to our contributors!



(Left) **Granbury High School's National Honor Society** generously collected hygiene items for our Food Pantry and the Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children.



(Right) The Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children received a much-needed donation of hygiene items from the **American Legion Auxiliary Unit 491**.



(Bottom) **Ladies Ministries of Granbury Church of Christ** provided crucial items for the Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children and the Mission Granbury Food Pantry.



We are deeply grateful to **First Presbyterian Church Granbury** for their donation of vital items to the Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children and the Mission Granbury Food Pantry.



Frankie Eggert and Frank's Flowers crafted and donated these stunning bouquets for the mothers at the Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children, bringing joy on Mother's Day.

(Top) **Granbury High School Student Council** donated essential items to our shelter and food pantry.

(Right) **Solid Rock Global Methodist Church of Granbury** contributed crucial items to help clients who require assistance.



(Right) A heartfelt thank you to the **Indian Harbor Ladies Club** for their generous donation to The Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children and Mission Granbury.



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