

Efforts bring heat relief



Imagine facing day after day of triple digit temperatures without electricity, air conditioning or a fan. There are many in Hood County in exactly that situation.

Collaborative efforts coordinated through Mission Granbury are creating a cooling breeze for these families through **OPERATION COOL DOWN**. **United Co-op** and the **city of Granbury** have provided funds to Mission Granbury

to help people pay their electricity bill. Donations from **Bond Arms** and **Walmart** provided funds for 17 window A/C units. More than 100 fans were donated by individuals, companies and organizations, and were collected by **Granbury Rehab and Nursing**, **Renew Home Health**, **Harbor Hospice** and Mission Granbury. **Crestwood Midstream Partners** donated 50 box fans and pallets of water.

Thanks to these donors, Mission Granbury distributed 20 A/C units and 24 fans in

the first three weeks of June. This is one example of how Mission Granbury collaboratively meets needs in the community, working with donors and nearly two dozen agencies, plus community service organizations and churches.

“It is through these partnerships that we are able to help,” said Executive Director **Dusti Scovel**. **“I want the whole community to know we are in this together – and we’re doing really good things, together.”**

To help fund fans or A/C units to low-income households without air conditioning, please go to www.missiongranbury.org/donate and scroll down to the sun emblem.

“We’re all really proud of all we do for the community,” said Dusti. “But we don’t do it alone. It takes all of us.” □

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 8, 2022



Dec. 3, 2022



Clothesline display supports victims of sexual assault



Granbury may be the best small town in the U.S., but even in Granbury people are not immune from sexual assault and abuse. In FY 2021, Mission Granbury served 40 victims of sexual assault – one male and 39 females. In Granbury in April 2022, Mission Granbury volunteers, staff and residents of the Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children were raising awareness of Sexual Assault and of Child Abuse Prevention, two issues that are observed nationally each April.

Shelter Director Shelly Muncy had heard about the Clothesline Project, created

in 1990 in Massachusetts, and garnered buy-in and support from the community and the women in the shelter to do the project in Hood County. According to theclotheslineproject.org, the catalyst for the project was the statistic that during the Vietnam war when 58,000 soldiers were killed, 51,000 women had been killed by an intimate partner.

“It was a release for them,” said Shelly, who said she had a counselor at the shelter during the project to help the ladies process their feelings.

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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

Board Member Cliff Andrews

Board Member and Granbury Deputy Chief of Police Cliff Andrews more than understands and supports Mission Granbury's programs and vision. Growing up in Glen Rose, he lived the struggle of homelessness and experienced needs that many of Mission Granbury's clients face.

"To have a resource like Mission Granbury is invaluable," said Cliff. "I love the services that we provide."



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- Ada Carey Shelter for Women and Children
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- Emergency Assistance Network (EAN)
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- New Beginnings Resale Shoppe
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MG Resource Center

3611 Plaza East Court

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24-HOUR CRISIS HOTLINE

844-579-6848

Supporting survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault

Cliff has lived a life of service, starting in the U.S. Army, then continuing for 22 years with law enforcement here in Granbury. Serving others is "near and dear" to his heart: he is grateful to be on Mission Granbury's board of directors.

"This is my first opportunity to serve on a non-profit board and I'm loving every minute of it," said Cliff, who is beginning his second three-year term.

"Cliff is a busy, busy man, but if I ever have an emergency and I call him, he always helps," said Executive Director Dusti Scovel. "If we feel unsafe, I know I can call Cliff and get help. Cliff has also been instrumental in helping write and revise policies."

Cliff has seen many changes in Granbury and believes one of the "biggest needs



beyond the homeless population is more engagement with our children." Young people have more trying and difficult times today, and they don't always have a good role model, according to Cliff. He wants to do his part, and has been coaching youth baseball for 10 years, since his son was in T-ball.

Cliff and his wife, Mary, have been married 29 years and have a 13-year-old son and a 23-year-old daughter. □

BETWEEN The Lines

by Executive Director Dusti Scovel



There is a timeless adage, "If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together."

In the last two years, the human service organizations in Hood County have loudly demonstrated that we work collaboratively – not competitively. We are sister organizations, blending our services to reach completely around our neighbors who need help. We work together, identifying and filling gaps.

We support each other by sharing fundraising events on social media, attending when we can. When we see each other's name on our caller ID, we pick up, because we know there's a need. When our emergency assistance coordinator has an overflow of fresh produce or commercial-size food items, we share with Rancho Brazos Community Center. Likewise, when we're short on snacks for our backpacks, Rancho Brazos often saves the day.

Paluxy River Children's Advocacy Center and our Family Violence Program work hand-in-hand to educate the public about preventing domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse and neglect. They also provide ongoing counseling services to many of the children we serve.

We often partner with Hood County Children's Charities to provide immediate emergency needs for children, such as car seats, winter coats, clothing, emergency housing or other household needs. If the situation is critical, HCCC can make a decision and implement action within a matter of hours – while we manage longer term solutions.

We strongly support, promote and sign-up families for Hood County Christmas for Children every year and have enormous respect and appreciation for all they do.

The Senior Center connects us with their clients who need to be added to our grocery delivery route or senior advocacy program, and StoneWater Church rallies volunteers to make those deliveries, a service that is growing exponentially.

One of our strongest collaborations is with the Salvation Army. Several times a week, case managers from both organizations work in tandem to keep the lights on or keep a family in their home during a time of distress. Maybe it was a cancer diagnosis, the loss of a loved one or an unexpected car repair. These days the crisis is inflation, and it's very real.

People often ask me how many non-profits there are in Hood County and I can honestly say "I don't know." But I do know this. It takes all of us to provide the services needed in this community. As our population grows and the needs in our community explode, it is imperative that we continue to work together, to identify the needs and join hands to fill them.

Dusti

Volunteers recognized

Volunteers were recognized in April at the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner for the 19,484 hours contributed to Mission Granbury programs in 2021. Fifty-eight volunteers received bronze, silver and gold medallions through the President's Volunteer Service Award program, for contributing between 100 and 500+ hours of service. Volunteers, including Court



Debbie Davis, left, with Donna Fletemeyer

Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), drove 58,905 miles – which is equivalent to traveling around the earth more than twice!

The **Servant's Heart Award** was presented to Debbie Davis by Mission Granbury Operations Director Donna Fletemeyer, for her many years of heartfelt actions supporting the New Beginnings Resale



Martha Tinsley, right, with Donna Fletemeyer

Shoppe. Since 2018, when volunteer hours were recorded in a trackable software, Debbie has contributed 3,141 hours.

Martha Tinsley was honored with the **Heart of the Mission Award** for her spirit and the many hours she has volunteered for the Resale Shoppe. Since 2018, she has served 2,869 hours.

Jan Smith received the **Shining Star Award** from Justin Rossner, director of programs CASA/family violence, for the hundreds of quilts she has created, stitched and donated to foster children who are represented by CASAs in Hood and Somervell Counties. She has contributed 5,439 hours since 2018. □



Jan Smith, right, with Justin Rossner



Executive Director Dusti Scovel

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Staff and residents designed seven shirts which were hung on a clothesline on the Hood County Courthouse lawn. Blank T-shirts and markers were left there, with an invitation for other victims to participate, creating a T-shirt or putting a clothespin in a jar to signify that the person was or knew someone who was a victim/survivor. At the end of the month there were 20 T-shirts hanging on the clothesline and 36 clothespins in the jar.

“It was phenomenal and heartbreaking at the same time,” said Shelly. “Passersby commented that it was a very moving display, and one said ‘It got my heart.’”

Shelly definitely wants to continue doing the project every year. She wants victims to know they are not alone; she wants to encourage them to speak up and find help if they haven't already.

“You must talk about it and recognize that it is never your fault,” said Shelly. “You can't prevent something if people are not aware of it.”

As of last fall, Hood County now has a Sexual Assault Response Team; the first

meeting was held in December 2021. Participants include law enforcement, the district attorney, a sexual assault nurse examiner, shelter staff and mental health professionals.

Call the Crisis Hotline / Victim Services Program at 844-579-6848. Calls are answered 24 hrs./day, seven days a week.

“We stand with you, we support you and we believe you,” said Shelly. □

Gifts made in Honor and in Memory

January 1, 2022 – May 31, 2022

In Honor of

Mission Granbury Leadership Team and Board of Directors

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CASANews

Court Appointed Special Advocates



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

William “Bill” Dombrowski



If you need a laugh or an understandable answer to a question about family court, the man you need to see is Court Appointed Special Advocate Volunteer Supervisor Bill Dombrowski.

Although Bill has been in Granbury almost 40 years, his early years were spent in a small town outside of Pittsburgh, Penn. He attended high school in South Korea, and learned a few foreign languages as he traveled with his family.

But his special talent is translating legalese into English, which he learned while

working as a family law paralegal for more than 20 years. That comes in handy today, supervising 20 CASAs and 19 Child Protective Services cases, plus advocating for five foster children as a CASA himself.

Bill attained his paralegal certificate from the University of North Texas and was named the Pro Bono Coordinator of the Year by the State Bar Association of Texas in 2013 for his work at Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, where he supervised seven evening legal clinics in five counties.

“Bill is a fierce CASA advocate for his children and a dedicated supervisor for his CASA volunteers,” said Justin Rossner, director of programs/CASA and family violence.

“Seeing kids moved to forever homes is what I find most satisfying,” said Bill, “but unfortunately we don’t have as many homes as we need.”

Bill is married “for the last time,” to his wife Cynthia, with whom he worked at the Legal Aid clinic. Now he is blessed with four step-children and 13 grandchildren. Plus, he enjoys the unconditional love of Blaze and Duke – his two dogs.

“A fun fact about Bill is that he can make balloon animals, which is always a big hit,” said Justin.

Bill is a coffee connoisseur, who is always ready to entertain. Ask him about the time he arrested a four-star general or when he was kissed by a jaguar! □



Meet new Resale Shoppe Manager

Patrick Shields has a heart for service, having spent 20 years in retail grocery and five as a pastor. Patrick and his wife Hailey have two boys, 9 and 12 years old.

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