

# 2023 Agency Partner Overview

### **American Red Cross**

The American Red Cross provides relief to families affected by disasters in West Ellis County. The Red Cross arrives at the scene of local disasters and provides immediate aid to victims. Long-term needs for victims can also be provided when applicable.

### **Avalon Summer Recreation Program**

The Avalon Summer Rec Program provides supervised summer recreation activities for students of Avalon ISD. It runs in conjunction with the school's "Free Summer Lunch" program. The program runs for approximately six weeks. "Promoting healthy bodies and minds for the youth of the Avalon community."

### Boys and Girls Club of Waxahachie

The Boys and Girls Club of Waxahachie provides an after school enrichment program during the regular school year and a day camp over the summer. Children have the opportunity to fill idle time with education, exercise and extracurricular activities. Staff and after school carer workers are utilized as role models and provide an array of programs for youth 6-18.

### **Boy Scouts of America**

The Circle Ten Council (Boy Scouts of America) strives to shape and mold the values and character of youth by helping members, families and communities through a comprehensive development program. Priorities include building strong families, nurturing children, meeting basic needs and developing positive youth. The Council also provides a positive impact on crime prevention, substance abuse, child abuse, cultural diversity, unemployment, personal well being and independence.

### **Believing Restoration is Attainable**

BRA was created to support and uplift separated, divorced or suddenly widowed women. BRA promotes servant leadership and believes that ladies that are giving and uplifting of others in the program, become more loyal to their own restoration in the process.



# **Bridges Training Foundation**

Bridges Training Foundation serves people with intellectual and developmental disabilities from all over the Dallas/Fort Worth area through advocacy services, support groups, and education programs designed to make communities aware of the unique challenges people with disabilities face.

# **Common Ground Ministries**

Common Ground Ministries is a Christian outreach to children and youth in east Waxahachie, Texas. Their mission is to provide a safe and structured environment for children and youth to meet their spiritual, educational and physical needs. Common Ground Ministries also hosts a program for youth after school, during Spring Break and the duration of the Summer.

# Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation

Eagle Oak Retreat Foundation provides combat veterans and first responders with the skills necessary to overcome traumatic stress experienced as a result of their service to our country. They leverage the proven science of Posttraumatic Growth through transformative programs, equine assisted learning, community development and advocacy efforts. They work to create a wellness retreat home base that provides our heroes with programs and teams that focus on Posttraumatic Growth, nurturing ways to identify practices to struggle well, and a place to foster community support to help them find a new purpose and thrive in a life of service.

### Ellis County 4 H

A unique education agency, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service teaches Texans wherever they live, extending research-based knowledge to benefit their families and communities. The mission of 4-H is to offer its members the opportunity to grow intellectually and develop life skills through a wide array of programs so that they develop into productive and contributing members of society.

# Ellis County Children's Advocacy

Ellis County Children's Advocacy Center provides a child-friendly environment that facilitates a coordinated intervention process reducing further trauma to the child. Their goal is to optimize the investigative and prosecution process, provide quality legal, psychological, social and medical services to abused children and to heighten community awareness.



## Ellis County Homeless Coalition

The Ellis County Homeless Coalition is a community action group of concerned citizens and organizations dedicated to raising awareness, preventing homelessness and developing affordable housing in Ellis County. They exist to spearhead the fight against homelessness in Ellis County. They have made it their mission to come alongside other non-profits in the county to equip citizens with the tools they need to break the cycle of poverty and set them up for a better tomorrow.

### Harvest Family Life Ministries

Harvest Family Life Ministries exists to defend, care for, and support abused, abandoned, and neglected children in our community, state, and nation. They do this in our own local community through various programs and by engaging, equipping, and empowering local churches to do the same. Their Vision is to see the US orphan crisis eradicated one community, one church, and one child at a time.

### Hope Health

Hope provides comprehensive health care services including adult and pediatric primary health care, women's health, dental care, and restoration, and behavioral health assessment and treatment at fees based on income and household size for the uninsured and the underserved. Additional services such as prescription assistance, benefits counseling, case management, diabetes education, and support, and nutrition and health education are also provided. Hope Clinics seeks to establish a patient-centered medical home for their patients.

### Manna House

Manna House is dedicated to serving the physical, emotional and spiritual well being of people in crisis, striving to bring hope, encouragement and stability as they build a stronger & healthier community. Manna offers a food pantry and other needs such as clothing. All funds made by Heaven's Attic Thrift Store are directed back to Manna House and to the community.

### Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels of Johnson and Ellis Counties provide daily meals for the homebound elderly and disabled residents of both Johnson and Ellis County.



#### Mentor's Care

Mentors Care reaches high school students at risk for not graduating due to unfortunate circumstances in their home or school life. Mentors Care pairs community volunteers with students to increase their likelihood for graduation and also create a plan for after high school.

# **Midlothian Senior Activity Center**

The Midlothian Senior center provides a positive, caring environment for local residents. They offer a wide range of classes, educational seminars, health screenings, flu shots, foot care, musical performances, field trips to local venues, transportation services to and from the center and local doctors, the hairdresser and stores. Free hot lunches are served daily and there is also a weekly food pantry. Senior Citizens consider the Center a home away from home.

### **Milford Senior Center**

The Senior Citizens Center of Milford offers fellowship, recreation, fun games, quilting and meals. Programs are designed to help with health concerns, fitness and spiritual needs.

### Milford Summer Recreation Program

The Milford ISD Summer Recreation program provides a safe environment for Milford-area youth for recreation activities. The program runs the month of June. After having a free lunch, students go to supervised locations for games, basketball, volleyball or weightlifting.

### PAWS for Reflection Ranch

At Paws for Reflection Ranch, professional therapists will help you design a counseling program that is right for you and/or your child. Working alongside equine professionals and our animal team, sessions will be structured to help you reach your goals, to assist you on your way to optimal mental health.

### Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services

PCHAS provides Christ-centered care and support to children and families in need. By doing this, they improve the self-sufficiency of families and their mental health, while reducing child abuse and neglect in the community. This improves the health and prosperity of the Waxahachie area community.



## The Heights of Ellis County

The Heights of Ellis County helps save the lives of women and children in Ellis County from the crime of domestic abuse. They are a public safety organization that uses science based assessment tools to determine a victims risk of homicide. They also provide mental and physical health resources to their clients as well as job educations and other education programs to help their clients get back on their feet to a fully sustained life.

### The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

#### Waxahachie CARE

Waxahachie Care provides counseling/ referrals, food, toiletries and financial assistance. Counseling with clients is designed to ensure an effective delivery of assistance. Food is provided through the in house food pantry service. Financial assistance based on availability, is primarily to help with utilities, rent, gas, elderly needs and transportation needs.

### Waxahachie Senior Citizens Center

The Waxahachie Senior Center provides a social outlet for Seniors age 50 and over. The center serves lunch daily and hosts a variety of activities, including games, cards, fitness classes, exercise equipment, sewing, dancing, computer classes, dancing, ceramics and much more.

#### Waxahachie YMCA

The YMCA provides programs and services for children, families and seniors. Some programs available include: After School Care, Swimming Lessons, Summer Day Camps, Fitness Classes, Sports, Teen Programs and much more.