

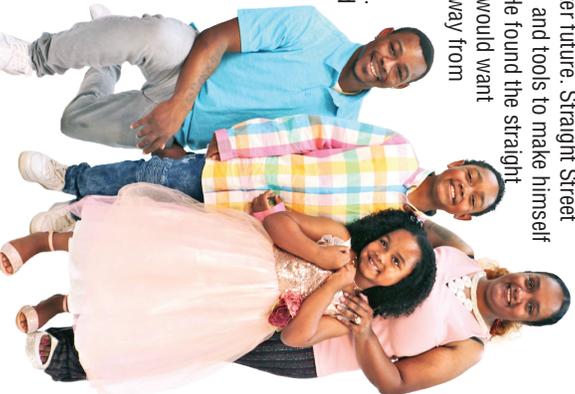
Friendly Door of Iowa Park



Jim is the MVP of the Friendly Door. He and his wife Lou have been members for over 17 years and Jim has delivered Meals on Wheels for 15 years. On top of that he volunteers to take care of all their recycling and helps with fundraisers. Six years ago, when they were looking for a new van driver for their transportation service – Jim stepped up and took the job. During the pandemic, Jim kept the van going delivering Meals on Wheels and taking homebound clients to appointments or wherever they needed to go. Shortly after the pandemic began, the Friendly Door received a new van which was greatly needed and it is equipped with a lift chair for those who need help. Jim finds great joy in helping others.

Straight Street

Ed was abandoned by his parents at a young age. In this difficult and completely uncertain time of life, Ed found Straight Street. He found a place where he could go and find love as well as hope for a better future. Straight Street provided the guidance and tools to make himself and his life different. He found the straight path to live a life God would want him to live: to break away from the trajectory his life had taken so far. "I was stressing for love. Straight Street opened their arms to me and gave me something that no one else could. They gave me faith. They gave me empowerment. They gave me baptism. If you're looking for somewhere to go, as a young adult, Straight Street is the place to be." Ed



met a young woman named Brenisha at Straight Street who would later become his wife. Together they have two beautiful children Brenisha takes care of while Ed works a full-time job. At 30 years old, they are still going strong. Ed and Brenisha are the exception to society's rules that say where you come from is where you will end up. The rules say pain, abandonment, and broken families only lead to more. God says otherwise.

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- **Boy Scouts of America NWTC** 940-696-2735
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The Arc of Wichita County

10-year-old Grady was born a micro-preemie causing developmental delays, chronic lung disease as well as making him wheelchair bound. Before attending the Arc Child Care Program, Grady's socialization was very limited. He is now very social and loves to play with his friends as well as the staff. In addition to the childcare program, Grady also attends the monthly parent's night-out social event and the yearly summer camp. Grady is also the reason why The Arc began an after-school transportation program. He found it difficult to ride the bus for such a long route and now he enjoys The Arc staff picking him up from school every day. The Arc has brought so much joy to Grady's life and he brings joy to all who come to know him.



Burk Burnett Boys & Girls Club

For the past two years the Burk Boys & Girls Club has partnered with Better Living for Texas and the Wichita County Master Gardeners to cultivate raised beds for growing fruits and vegetables. After year 1, there was so much interest they went from 3 raised garden beds to 8 garden beds. They harvest lettuce, celery, cabbage, kale, peas, onions, beets, spinach, strawberries, and herbs. When the pandemic hit last year, they shared their bounty with the International Students at MSU several times and this year with the Food Bank. The most important thing is the children learn where these foods come from, how great it is to taste it right out of the ground, and the power of giving back. Their parents say they have now developed a taste for vegetables and are asking for them at home.



Child Advocates (CASA)

For years Brooke was tossed around from place to place. She stayed with family members, group homes, and even residential treatment centers. She came from a place where violence, sexual abuse, substance abuse, and toxic choices were normalized. Some might say being in foster care was hard, but Brooke says she was saved. She was placed with positive family members and provided a CASA who helped change her whole life. "My CASA was my best friend and she believed in me. I knew she cared for me and did not treat me like another case file. Because of that positive redirection, I beat all the odds. I crushed every statistic and overcame every mountain that wanted to stop me from achieving my present success. While I endured several hardships as a child, it molded me into the woman I am today. I am strong. I am resilient. I am a warrior. I am now prepared to help the next generation learn to believe in themselves and achieve greatness as well!"

I am Brooke Shewmake, BSW
CASA Supervisor



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Through difficult times, our community has supported our agencies which allowed them to continue providing programs and services to the most vulnerable in our area - Children and Seniors!

Boy Scouts of America

To watch Chris teaching a group of Cub Scouts how to tie knots is an amazing thing to behold. You see Chris was born with diverse needs. Because of this he was homeschooled and needed an outlet for socialization other than church. When he first joined Scouts, he was shy and withdrawn until one day he discovered he and a leader shared a passion for comics. Quickly he started to become more comfortable and now Chris is a team player; he loves to go to meetings and on campouts. In 2019, he was one of a 20-member Scout contingency that attended the World Jamboree in West Virginia with over 40,000 youth attending. This year he is finishing up his Eagle Scout project which requires Chris to use all the leadership skills he has learned in Scouting.



Camp Fire

Jamaria has been coming to Camp Fire for 6 years. She and her brother are being raised by a single mom who is a Type 1 diabetic. Jamaria is one responsible young lady - she has saved her mom's life several times from a diabetic coma by calling her grandma and letting her know Mommy won't wake up! She now calls 911 to get 1st responders. Jamaria participates in all Camp Fire activities and is always one of the top campy sellers. She attends summer camp each year and is so excited her brother will get to go this year.

She is also a budding artist and has participated in the Boys and Girls club art contest for the last three years. She received 1st place all three years in the local area and in 2020 she made it to Nationals and received 1st place - Nationwide.



Children's Home & Teen Shelter

"The Teen Shelter was the most stable place I have ever lived", Queen said. She knew what stability was but had never experienced it. One day she found herself homeless after conflict with one parent and the other gravely ill. She had been to the shelter on more than one occasion but was now at the age where she knew where she needed to be to have a chance at a better life. They worked with her to complete high school and enter Midwestern State University. From scholarships to everything she needed for her dorm room -they were with her all the way. The shelter continued to help with support and resources during 2020 and she secured an on-campus job in the student center. Queen had a great first year and is now a Sophomore and working on her Accounting Degree - her opportunities are limitless.

