

## Friendly Door

Linda White and her husband have been members of the Friendly Door for many years. They enjoy coming to the center for fellowship and lunch with their peers. Linda is an active member of the Friendly Door board and loves helping others. She delivers Meals on Wheels daily. The joy she brings to our homebound members is indescribable. Seniors face many traumatic difficulties as they age, and loneliness is among the worst. Loneliness and feelings of worthlessness can directly be attributed to depression, lowered self-esteem, and illness. Linda also volunteers to do craft class for others who want to get out and be more active. Her biggest joy is knowing she is making a difference in someone's life within our community.



## Straight Street

For years, Jan's mother had trafficked her through a gang whose leader had decided he wanted her as his own. Through the WFPD, they located Jan - arrested the gang leader as well as her mother and both were sent to prison for Human Trafficking. Jan was relocated to a Christian home for teenaged girls who have been traumatized where she lived until age 17. About 18 months ago Straight Street agreed to work with her and found a wonderful home for Jan with a family who truly cares for her and creates boundaries. She recently received her GED and will be going to college next semester. Jan is relearning her worth and value and loves mentoring younger girls.



## Member agencies include:

- The Arc of Wichita County 940-692-2303
- Child Advocates (CASA) 940-766-0552
- Boy Scouts of America NWTC 940-696-2735
- Children's Aid Society 940-322-3141
- Boys & Girls Club of Burkburnett 940-569-2812
- Friendly Door of Iowa Park 940-592-9311
- Camp Fire North Texas 940-322-5209
- Straight Street 940-716-9898



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*Meet some of the many people whose lives have been changed by the programs and services provided by these 8 agencies!*



## Burkburnett Boys & Girls Club

The BBGC had 3 girls participate in the Girls With Impact Program which is an online mini-MBA program for girls 14-18. This program prepares them to form a business idea, make a business plan, prepare a prototype, and a venture pitch. This course is a 10 week, 1 hour live class and they collaborate with other girls their age around Texas to encourage each other and grow their ideas. After they graduate, they are matched with a mentor and a global alumni network, which will have a future impact on college and career success. BBGC makes programs like this available to their kids to insure they will be afforded opportunities they might not get anywhere else – especially at their age.



## Child Advocates (CASA)

Patti was a special education counselor for Montague County while Tara attended elementary school there. Because Tara was in foster care, Patti took a special interest in her. By the time Tara was 15 she had been placed in a Residential Treatment Center near Houston, but a court date in Montague was coming up.



Tara needed a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), and Patti was recruited as the perfect person to represent her! Six years later, although Tara has “aged out” of the foster care system, Patti stays in touch

with Tara and remains a significant part of her life. Despite having lived in 27 different

placements, Tara is making her way in the world as a young adult. CASA volunteers always have a great impact on the lives of the children they serve, but they do not typically know the children first. Patti was specifically chosen to be Tara’s CASA, and their relationship is an example of a success story that not only thrives but also endures.

## Children’s Home and Teen Shelter

Hannah and her little sister’s mom left their dad due to abuse, unfortunately she left the girls with him and disappeared. Hannah never felt she and her little sister were safe with their dad, but no one listened. After talking to a school counselor, the girls came to live at the children’s home. They finally felt secure. It took several months, and a foster home was located so both girls could stay together. The search for their mom continued and after several years she was located and was willing to work on doing what was necessary to return the girls to her care. This involved mom having a stable job, a suitable place to live and raise two girls as well as many personal hurdles. She did the work and the girls have been returned to their mom.



## The Arc of Wichita County

Jaime was adopted when she was 2 years old, and her mother was the center of her world. They were best friends. In January of 2022 her mother died of Covid! Jaime’s world was turned upside down. Even though she was 20 years old, she had no other family she was willing to live with and was forced to be alone. She was referred to The Arc by a case manager from Helen Farabee and was embraced by her new Arc Family. Surrounded by a support team of volunteers, Jaime began establishing her new independence. She was scared, but proved so much to herself and others and has been living independently for over a year. It is not easy for Jaime as she misses her mother and encounters challenges along the way, but she continues to grow every day. She is a true testament of what individuals with disabilities can do when given encouragement and opportunities.



## Camp Fire

In 2019, Gage’s parents enrolled him in the Camp Fire Afterschool Program seeking social involvement with new friends and a place to just have fun. They found that and so much more. He quickly became the kid who wanted to be involved in all the activities. His parents were so impressed they enrolled his younger sister too. Right after the first of the year, Gage embraced the opportunity of selling Camp Fire Candy. He quickly learned so many things – communication, money management, goal setting, and so much more. Each year he sets a personal goal, many times based on prizes to be earned at various levels. This year he sold 90 boxes of candy and earned a Squish Mallow, Pizza Party and a Family Pool Pass for the summer. It was hard to tell who was happier – Gage or his family!



## Boy Scouts of America

Katie Yurcho became an Eagle Scout in 2021 after completing her Eagle Project. She designed and engineered the construction of “Scouts Dog Park” in Henrietta, TX. She led 70 volunteers who worked 650 hours to construct the park. It has been in use for almost two years and is enjoyed daily by many local people and



travelers who stop along the way. Katie is currently a student at Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas majoring in Molecular and Cellular Biology, while still advocating for scouting by attending meetings and helping to recruit girls to follow in her footsteps. Scouting not only inspires young people to be anything they want to be, it gives them the tools to be successful.