

Friendly Door

Linda and her husband have been members of the Friendly Door for many years. Almost since day one, Linda has been involved in the programs of the Friendly Door. She delivers Meals on Wheels weekly and is always willing to fill in when needed. She is an active member of the board, and she has proven to be even more valuable as a leader and advisor to the board. Being a retired nurse, she is the go to person for the congregation when there are questions about medications, diagnosis, and almost anything related to medical issues. Most recently she became the leader of the craft class and loves it. She will drive all over hunting down the best deal on craft supplies for projects after finding them on the internet. Pinterest is her favorite and she loves to send pictures for everyone's approval for the next project. She is a true asset, a great friend and one of the best members an organization could ask for.



Straight Street

Steven, like most of today's youth, was introduced to smoking and alcohol in his early teens. Sadly, this trend was fueled by his biological father and "friends". Through his teens, he wandered further into a dark fog of addiction. Using and experimenting with increasingly intoxicating substances, he was chasing a high and a peace through the most temporary and damaging of means. The rift and tension of the situation led to a clash with his father and his mother had to take him away. Steven slipped further into depression, as his "friends" abandoned him after an overdose and left him to die. He felt the pull to make it all go away.

That is where so many stories end, but Steven's story isn't over.

Steven's mother embraced him with the love of God, which provides a high no drug can replicate. He stepped out of a world of pain and began a walk of sobriety with Christ. He felt called to continue spreading the freedom he has found as a youth minister at his church and as a Missionary at Straight Street. Here he can provide kids with true guidance in a world where most signs point the wrong way. Through God, and the love of God shown through others, Steven is able to share that there is a much better way and freedom to be found on a Street called "Straight." Acts 9:11



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- The Arc of Wichita County
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- Boy Scouts of America NWTG
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- Boys & Girls Club of Burkburnett
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- Camp Fire North Texas
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- Child Advocates (CASA)
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- Children's Aid Society
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- Friendly Door of Iowa Park
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- Straight Street
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Hands to Hands Community Fund was founded by concerned community leaders to help support programs and services of nonprofit agencies.

Collectively, our **member agencies** have served this community for more than 500 years. Their programs are vital. **Their passion and dedication to those they serve is unwavering. They need your help. Most importantly, the people they serve need your help more than ever before.**

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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!

The Arc of Wichita County

At the age of 8 Robert was struck by a drunk driver, altering the course of his life forever. After numerous surgeries, he was left with intellectual and developmental disabilities, which would challenge him and his family in many ways. His behavior was often aggressive and misunderstood and his emotional & physical health was a constant concern. After most of his family died, at 57 Robert found himself in a group home in a stagnant state of being. His stepsister intervened and moved him in with her family in Wichita Falls. She contacted the Arc to seek help with his development and other struggles.

The Arc enrolled Robert into their Day Habilitation Program, The Hero House and his life changed for the better. He has found structure, guidance, friends, and opportunities for growth. Most of all he has found happiness – you rarely see him without a smile on his face. He feels at home at the Hero House and accepted. He is a shining example of the remarkable transformations we see through programs like the Hero House.



Boy Scouts of America

Evan was a shy boy who found purpose within the Scouting program. Initially hesitant to speak to anyone beyond his close circle, he discovered his potential as a leader within his unit. Over the course of several years of summer camp, he began to embrace the challenges and camaraderie around him. In 2023 he attended the National Jamboree, the pinnacle of Scouting, which provided him with an unparalleled opportunity for growth and self-discovery. From there he embarked on an unforgettable sailing expedition at BSA Seabase navigating the waters of the Florida Keys for five exhilarating days. He was not only testing his physical abilities, but it instilled in him a deep sense of teamwork and overcoming challenges which charted a course of success. Later he was honored as the Optimist Club of Wichita Falls youth of the year from the Boy Scouts. From a timid and hesitant boy, Evan has emerged as a confident and capable young man, ready to make a positive impact on the world around him.



Burkburnett Boys & Girls Club

Keagan, Ayden, and Sophie have been members of the Burk Boys & Girls Club since 2021. They participate in the After School Program and Summer Day Camp each year. As they have all experienced, the Club is a place to make new friends, learn, grow, and realize their full potential.

In late 2023, this family experienced their worst nightmare. They had a home fire and lost many of their belongings. The Boys and Girls Club immediately began collecting daily necessities, household items, Christmas Gifts for the children and anything to help restore some sense of normalcy during this difficult time. This was an easy task as the staff describes these 3 as always in good spirits and a light to those around them. The Club is happy to provide a safe place for these children, as well as so many other families in Burkburnett.



Camp Fire

Corey fondly remembers attending Camp Fire Day Camp from Kindergarten through 8th grade. Over the years, he became a Junior Counselor and developed a passion for swimming, thanks to his instructor, Miss Beth. She even encouraged him to try out for his high school swim team. He says some of his best childhood experiences were at Camp Fire, singing Camp Fire songs, canoeing, and building lasting friendships with fellow campers.

Today, Corey is a 15-year veteran of the Wichita Falls Police Department and uses some of the leadership skills he learned at Camp Fire in his daily adult life. He and his wife enjoy watching their son, Elliott, experience some of the exact same opportunities at day camp as he makes his own memories.

Child Advocates (CASA)



Rudi has served as a CASA volunteer since 2010, and had just wrapped up his 11th case when he was matched with Da'Mari. Da'Mari had spent the previous year in care, and during that 12-month time he had been moved to eight different placements, changing homes, schools, and caregivers each time. Rudi was able to provide stable, reliable support for Da'Mari as he worked to finish school. Da'Mari has now graduated from high school and is living in a supervised independent living program. He is working and preparing to start college soon, and Rudi is there every step of the way! Rudi is a perfect example of how CASA volunteers impact the lives of the children for whom they advocate and continue to do so even after they "age out" and seek their own goals. He has been a lifeline for this young man, whose future now looks promising despite his difficult past.

Children's Home & Teen Shelter

Alma's mom struggled from substance abuse which created a ripple effect of problems for Alma and her two siblings. One day her mom left and did not return for two days. Upon her return, it was obvious this time was different. Her mom did not wake up! The children witnessed a Fentanyl overdose. Alma struggled with guilt feelings that she should have done more to help her mom.

These three children found safety at the Children's Home where they received new clothes, a warm environment, counseling, and long overdue medical check-ups. It was also Christmas time. They did not celebrate Christmas last year, but this one was extra special. Not only did they receive things from their list to Santa, but they were also reunited with their father. He had been searching for them since their mom disappeared with the children. After state placement approval, the children are now living with their dad realizing he did not abandon them and adjusting to a safe, loving home with a stable parent.

