



2024 – 2025 Hopkins County United Way Officers

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GOAL: \$160,000

Bright Star Baseball

\$1,750

Provides a special needs baseball league for children and adults. Bright Star Baseball had 52 players and 57 buddies in their Spring 2024 season.

### CANHelp

\$16,000

solutions that empower the under served in our community to make positive, lasting changes in their lives. In 2023, CANHelp served 893 people with much of the assistance coming in the form of helping with rent and utilities, and helping people remain in stable housing.

Provides compassionate, comprehensive

Circle Ten Council,
Boy Scouts of America
DBA Scouting America \$1,000

Helps prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Hopkins County had 87 youth participating in the Spring of 2024.

Community Players, Inc. on behalf of the Summer Children's Workshop and the Adaptive Community Theatre \$1,500

Provides opportunities for aspiring actors and actresses to learn about theatre. Summer of 2023 had 27 students participating in the Summer Children's Workshop, along with 13 actors and 13 buddies participating in the



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### Heritage Christian Counseling Center

\$7,650

Provides faith-based mental health counseling to those unable to obtain these services due to lack of finances or insurance. Heritage Christian Counseling Center served 240

### Hopkins County 4-H \$3,000

Prepares youth to meet the challenges of

people in Hopkins County in 2023.

childhood, adolescence, and adulthood, through a coordinated, long-term progressive series of educational experiences that enhance life skills and develop social, emotional, physical, and cognitive competencies.

Through four 4-H clubs, 856 Hopkins

County students benefited from 4-H activities in 2023.

Hopkins County Christian Alliance on behalf of Community Cupboard \$8,000

Provides food assistance to families in need. Through Community Cupboard, Christian Alliance provided food to 1,524 Hopkins County families in 2023.

### Hopkins County Community Chest

\$45,000

Seeks to help Hopkins County residents who are at or below the poverty level meet basic needs of food, shelter, utilities, hygiene, and gain access to medical and dental care.

Community Chest helped 4,651 people in Hopkins County in 2023.

### Journey Road

\$3,000

Provides physical, emotional, spiritual, and financial support as needed to foster children and families, foster adoptive children and families, and biological parents of children who are or have been in foster care. Journey Road served over 200 people in 2023.

## Lake Country CASA \$9,000

Provides trained volunteer advocates for abused and neglected children involved in the Family Courts with the goal of achieving a permanent living

arrangement as quickly as possible which will serve that child's best interest. Lake Country CASA served 52 children in Hopkins County in 2023.

# Lakes Regional Community Center on behalf of Our Place \$4,000

To encourage independence and enhance quality of life, Our Place is a Skills and Socialization program that strives to integrate individuals in the community by providing on-site and off-site opportunities that are chosen by each individual. Our Place, located in Sulphur Springs, currently provides services for 34 people.

### Meal A Day

\$8,000

Provides hot nutritious lunches 5 days a week, including most holidays, to senior adults aged 55 and older. Meals are available for a nominal charge, if seniors can pay, to eat at the Senior Center, carry out, or for home delivery on a regular basis to those who are ill, disabled, homebound, or have no one to prepare meals for them. Meal A Day served 33,762 meals in 2023.



### NETCAC (Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, Inc.) \$4,000

Coordinates and provides services for child abuse victims including forensic interviews, medical exams, case tracking, and family advocacy. **NETCAC served** 68 people from Hopkins County in 2023.

## SAFE-T (Shelter Agencies for Families in East Texas) \$5,000

Provides services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. The center provides education, violence prevention services, and crisis intervention to victims of family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. SAFE-T served 370 clients in Hopkins County in 2023.

### Shadow Ranch Therapeutic Riding Center \$1,000

Increases the quality of life of kids and adults dealing with disabilities or disabling situations in their lives. Shadow Ranch currently provides a boot camp style program called Empowering for Success for teens in trouble that have been identified through the Hopkins County Truancy Court. Shadow Ranch served 14 teenagers in 2023 through Empowering for Success, 52 students in 2023 through their literacy program, and 900 students in 2024 through Ag in the Classroom.





### Sulphur Springs Symphony League on behalf of the Children's Concert \$1,000

Seeks to educate students in developing their cultural understanding and improving their social skills by presenting live orchestra performances at the Children's Concert.

Approximately 900 students attended the Children's Concert in 2024.

#### Teen Court

\$2,500

Provides teenage misdemeanor offenders an opportunity to accept responsibility for their actions by participating in the judicial process and performing community service work. Teen Court also encourages volunteerism among teens to work the court as a juror, bailiff, clerk, or attorney. Students that volunteer are called Merit Members, and they are given points which accumulate toward scholarships and awards. Teen Court served 68 students in 2023, with approximately 20 Merit Members.

#### The Dinner Bell

\$7,000

Provides a weekly nutritious, well-balanced meal to any person in need. **The Dinner Bell provided 10,973 meals in 2023.** 

### United Way Worldwide

\$1,600

Works cooperatively with local United Ways to make the local United Way movement more viable. Membership in United Way Worldwide is required for all local United Way organizations.

### Administrative Expenses

\$30,000

Includes salary for part-time secretary, supplies, utilities, annual audit, postage, and campaign materials.









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