

TEXANA TALKS



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GRAND OPENING H-E-B

Texana Center was invited to attend the Grand Opening of the new H-E-B Store at Aliana on the Grand Parkway in Richmond. Kate Johnson-Patagoc, Director Specialized Services, represented Texana at this event and to her great surprise was presented with a \$5,000 check for the autism program, which she happens to oversee. This was part of their Grand Opening Launch to give a donation to a local non-profit organization. The new store will offer curbside service, where shoppers can place their orders and pick-up outside. They also plan to have a sushi and noodle bar. Texana Center was thrilled to be the recipient of this philanthropic gift. Texana has had a relationship with H-E-B for several years through our Supported Employment Program; a couple of our clients are H-E-B partners. Thank you H-E-B!



FLUOR HOLIDAY MARKET

Texana's Art program Volunteers attended the Fluor Holiday Market which is an annual event where handcrafted items are displayed and sold in the Fluor Cafeteria. This gives Fluor employees an opportunity to get some early Holiday shopping in before the rush and to get some very unique items. The Texana Art Program is made up of volunteers who work with adults with intellectual disabilities to make all kinds of great handcrafted items including; Holiday ornaments, cork pumpkins, Angel songbooks, wreaths, birdhouses and much more.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

You do not need to be artistic or even crafty, you can learn how to use a hot glue gun, paint, fold and thread beads. Better still you will be helping an adult with an intellectual disability to learn how to make craft items.

If you would like to volunteer with this program please contact:
Andi Wallis - andi.wallis@texanacenter.com or Phone 281.239.1427



J.C. WHITTEN RECEIVES A PROCLAMATION

J.C. Whitten, who recently retired from the Texana Board of Trustees, was presented with a proclamation from County Judge Robert Hebert during Commissioners Court on November 8, 2016,

This proclamation was in recognition of his tireless contribution to Fort Bend County. He began working with Fort Bend County in 1998 under Judge Jim Adolphus, as the Manager of Administrative Services, and then as a Special Projects Manager under Judge Bob Hebert. He currently serves as a consultant to the County's Juvenile Probation Department. J.C. Whitten had represented Fort Bend County on Texana's Board of Trustees since 1999 and also served on the Texas Council on Community Centers' Board and the Texas Risk Management Fund Board where he was regarded as a real asset. because of his knowledge of behavioral healthcare and intellectual & developmental disabilities services.



TEXANA'S TURKEY PARADE



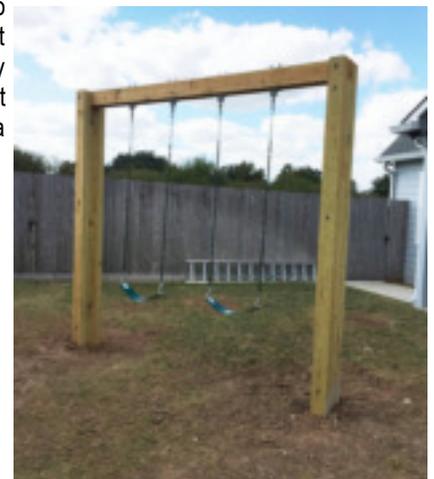
The Children's Center for Autism organized a Turkey Parade for the kids in the program. Last week their theme was Thanksgiving so they learned about how Thanksgiving began and talked about what they are thankful for. Then they made their Pilgrim and Chief costumes in class while making a turkey poster to carrying during the parade, at home. Following the parade they all gathered for a special Thanksgiving Feast!



NEW SWING FOR AUTISM PROGRAM



Ever Guerrero, a Boy Scout with Troop 1631, came to Texana Center looking for a project for his Eagle Scout Award. The autism program social skills group had recently moved to another location at Texana which had a great backyard but no play equipment. So Ever came up with a swing design, raised funds and received donations to build a two-seat wooden swing set and two large goal posts for soccer. He enlisted the help of friends and built the swing with some guidance from Kip Hasselmeier. The swing looks great as do the soccer goals. We wish Ever the best with his Eagle Scout Award.



TEXANA DECOR & MORE... AT SUGAR PLUM 2016

The Fort Bend Junior Service League organized another great Sugar Plum Market event at the Stafford Centre. Texana Décor & more.. were back for their second year selling rustic décor items for the home, outdoors and office at this 2 1/2 day event.

Texans Décor & More... was the brainchild of Linda Flory, Owner, Allied Lumber Enterprises who is committed to a sustainable process where all the wood from this pallet manufacturer is repurposed rather than discarded. All the wood is donated as is much of the paint and embellishments. Texana's adult clients are paid for their work on the décor items. For a lot of the adults with intellectual disabilities this is their first opportunity to work and earn a paycheck. However, the job requires them to follow instructions, stay on task and learn new skills which can be applied to any workplace in the community. As you can see, they also help with the selling of the décor items and feel a real sense of accomplishment and pride when their items are bought. We welcome volunteers to the program to work on some of the finer details that our clients are unable to do. To volunteer contact Andi Wallis: andi.wallis@ttxanacenter.com



SAVE THE DATE
Monday, April 10, 2016
WESTON LAKES COUNTRY CLUB

THERAPY FOR TOTS NEEDS TOYS

Need to make way for Santa's upcoming visit? Then we have the perfect solution - Texana's Therapy for Tots is starting a toy lending library for its families, many of whom do not have the resources to purchase learning toys for their children. 'Tis the Season of Giving, so while making room for new toys, you can help a child with a developmental delay by donating your gently used ones. Of course, we also would love to have new toys, too - in case you don't have a child who already has toys!!!

Toys should be appropriate for ages birth to 36 months.

Therapy for Tots is an infant and toddler program that provides early identification and delivery of therapeutic services for children from birth to 3 yrs. with developmental delays or established risk factors for developing delays. The delays fall between 15% to 24%.

If your child is not meeting their developmental milestones, Texana can provide you with a free screening:

Phone :281-238-1836 or

Email T3.referrals@texanacenter.com



Children's



We are collecting *new and like-new* toys for children ages 0-3 to set up a **Texana Toy Lending Library**.

These toys will be used by families with low incomes who are served through Texana's Therapy for Tots program. We want to encourage play as it is extremely important in a child's development.



**TOYS MAY BE DROPPED OFF AT
TEXANA CENTER'S WEST CAMPUS
4706 AIRPORT AVENUE, ROSENBERG**



Wrapping

for a



Holiday Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

supporting

Texana Therapy for Tots'

Infants & Toddlers with Developmental Delays



Bring in your holiday gifts with your donation and let us take care of the wrapping on **Merry Mondays** November 28th December 5th & 19th 8am-12pm or by appointment

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