

H-E-B DONATES 2,500 EASTER EGGS



Texana Center was very excited to receive a phone call from Crystal Moya, Community relations with H-E-B to say that she had 2,500 plastic Easter eggs that she would like to donate to the Children's Center for Autism. This donation came from the Aliana, Riverpark and Sugar Land stores. Abigail Jacobson, Education Coordinator with the program received the eggs and buckets from Crystal with time to spare to fill them with all kinds of surprises. This is a popular event with the program and is part of the children's social skills training and helps the children to learn what an Easter Egg Hunt is all about so that they can enjoy this activity with their family. Thank you H-E-B for this donation!!



LIONS CLUB DONATES \$1,250

The Fulshear-Simonton Lions Club invited Tracey Shaw, Development & Community Relations Director with Texana Center to be their guest speaker and update the members on the Texana Fulshear Campus and also give information about other services that Texana provides. After she had finished speaking, Lions Club President, Randy Emery presented Texana Center with a check for \$1,250 towards the *Forward Together in Fulshear Capital Campaign*.

The funds had been raised at the Lions Club's annual Charity Motorcycle Ride which took place on the first Saturday in April with a ride through the bluebonnets north of Fulshear. Texana Center produced "Two Wheels for Texana" patches for each of the riders, by way of a thank you. Tracey Shaw and Andi Wallis, Community Relations Manager were at the event to give out the patches and participate in the after party. Fun time was had by all.



Photo : President Randy Emery & Tracey Shaw



FBJSL VOLUNTEERS AT EASTER EGG HUNT

Volunteers from the Fort Bend Junior Service League (FBJSL) helped the Children's Center for Autism to set-up all the Easter eggs which had been donated by H-E-B for the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. The children arrived just in time to start the hunt before the skies opened and the rain came down. The FBJSL volunteers jumped into action and picked up the rest of the eggs and then hid them inside so the hunt could continue. They also did provided puzzle piece painting and face painting for the children in the autism program. Thank you Fort Bend Junior Service League for all of your help, because of you our children had a great time both outside and inside!



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ANOTHER GREAT TEXANA TEE OFF

Thank you to Presenting Sponsor Legacy Ford and all our other sponsors and players for another fun Texana Tee Off at Weston Lakes Country Club. Co-Chair Mary Rose Zdunkewicz welcomed all the golfers to the tournament. There were some 85 players who, in spite of a rain shower, seemed to have a good time hitting their best shots and leading to some great scores. The winners, Levee Management Services, were presented with trophies made by adults with intellectual disabilities in the Texana Décor & More... Program. Both live and silent auctions went well thanks to our auctioneer, Commissioner James Patterson, who was guided through our evening program by Tee Off Co-chair James Thompson. All proceeds will benefit the Texana 'Forward Together in Fulshear Capital Campaign'.



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ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS FOUNDATION DONATES

Texana Center was delighted to receive a \$2,5000 grant from Enterprise Holdings Foundation. Texana's relationship with Enterprise began back in 2014 when Ron Ewer of Legacy Ford introduced the company. Since that time they have employed a Texana client with intellectual disabilities to park and detail cars and they have awarded Texana Center with four grants for various programs. This year's grant will be applied to the *Forward Together in Fulshear Capital Campaign* to raise funds to build an additional Texas campus in the northwest part of Fort Bend County.



SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM
**2017 Texana
Reaching for the Stars Awards**
at
The Farmhouse, Harvest Green
3400 Harvest Corner Drive, Richmond



Join us as we recognize and celebrate some of the people, businesses and organizations who helped Texana Center's clients and patients to 'Reach for the Stars' through employment, volunteerism and philanthropy. This fast paced, fun evening is Texana's 'Oscar Night' which will take place at Johnson Developments latest master planned community in Richmond, Texas.



CENTRAL FORT BEND CHAMBER 2017 LEADERSHIP CLASS

The Central Fort Bend Chamber's 2017 Leadership Class visited Texana Center' in April to learn more about the work that we do. George Patterson, CEO welcomed the class and showed a video about Texana. Kate Johnson-Patagoc, Director, Specialized Services gave a brief overview of the Autism Program before taking the class on a tour of the program. Class members surprised the Children's Center for Autism with a donation of children's books for the program. Thank you to all who donated, the books were gratefully received!



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FULSHEAR PROCLAIMS APRIL - AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH



Autism is a pervasive developmental disorder affecting the social, communication and behavioral skills of those diagnosed. More children are being diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, resulting in rates as high as 1 in 68 children nationally. While there is no cure for autism, it is well-documented that if children with an autism diagnosis receive early and intensive applied behavior analysis treatment they lead significantly improved lives. Some children will improve to the point that they become indistinguishable from their typical peers.

Mayor Roberts urged all employees and residents to participate in National Autism Awareness Month and become better educated about autism and thus create a better community for individuals with autism. He welcomed Texana's Capital Campaign - *Forward Together in Fulshear* - to bring the Children's Center for Autism to the Fulshear area and applied behavior analysis treatment for those with an autism diagnosis.

Texana Center representatives gave everyone in attendance a puzzle piece pin to reflect the puzzling mystery and complexity of autism.

MAY is MENTAL HEALTH MONTH



National Mental Health Month raises awareness about mental illness and related issues in the United States. Although attitudes towards mental health issues appear to be changing and negative attitudes and stigma associated with mental health have reduced, there is still a need to educate the community about mental illness. George Patterson, Texana CEO and Shena Timberlake, Director of Behavioral Healthcare Services will be the guest speakers at the Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce on May 23, 2017.

MENTAL ILLNESS

THE MYTHS, THE FACTS, AND BUSINESS COSTS



George Patterson has been Chief Executive Officer for Texana Center since May, 2000, and is the first and only CEO the center has had. Prior to coming to Texana, he served as the Director of Operations for another community center in East Texas. He serves as an expert witness providing review and testimony in cases involving adverse patient outcomes such as suicide. Patterson currently serves as the chair of a statewide committee that presents quarterly seminars on current topics related to risk management and patient care. He also serves on the advisory board to the Texas Council Risk Management Fund, on the board of Mental Health America Fort Bend, and on the University of Houston School of Nursing Advisory Council.

Patterson will discuss the following:

- **The economic impact of mental illness on business**
- **What is mental illness?**
- **The facts and myths regarding mental illness**



George Patterson
Texana Center

FORT BEND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MAY 23, 2017 | 11:30 - 1:00 PM | 445 COMMERCE GREEN BLVD. | SUGAR LAND

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