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# Open Door Lubbock

Since 1997, Open Door has provided resources to people in poverty, homelessness, and sex trafficking within the context of a loving and supportive community.

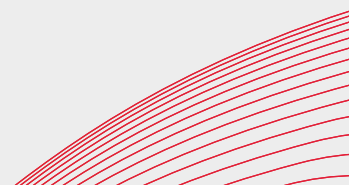
"This work does so much good for the homeless and inner city people in Lubbock."



# Next Step Development Corporation

Helps provide permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness

"Throughout the past year I've been able to leave homelessness through not only the help of the sign industry; but by being able to meet people like one of the founding members of this organization. This is a great nonprofit that is fully deserving of being able to pay forward and help others in need."







# The Wheelhouse Inc.

Restores mens lives throught recovery. A no cost live in detox facility for men and transitional sober living home.

"The Wheelhouse plays a huge part in our community helping men recover from addiction. We see the results of this program daily as the men return to their families, careers and become productive members of our community."



# Clothes To Kids, Inc.

nonprofit organization that provides new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis school-age children, free of charge.

"They work to make sure every school-age child has quality clothing so that he or she may attend school with the confidence and self-esteem needed to achieve academic success.."



# PACS

PACS is a model for community feeding community. Collaborating with other food pantries and meal providers in the Phoenixville community, we provide our clients with dignity, respect and healthy, nutritious foods. Providing access to additional resources, we create a food secure community.

"They've helped my daughter and I manage to get through hard times and back on our feet. They've been a helpful resource for putting food in many families and customer's bellies even through the pandemic.."



# Lindenhurst Youth Center

Provides after school activities and services to our community youth in a safe haven. Creating positive environments that give kids the opportunity to be a part of a multi-faceted program that may not be able to participate in elsewhere. Operates a Drop-In lounge which is open to all the youth 10-17 years of age in, and surrounding, the Village Area.

"They are an amazing organization which could do more with additional funding."





# Helping Families In Need Society

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"This work does so much good for the homeless and inner city people in Lubbock."



# Niagara Gospel Rescue Mission

NGM provides overnight emergency shelter, no cost recovery programs and short term single resident to homeless men in Niagara Falls, NY. A twelve-bed dorm was added in 2023 to house homeless veterans and assist them to obtain services such as health, and permanent housing. In addition to housing, meals are served daily to the community in the dining facility. 100% of the funds given is used to provide services to the residents.





# CNY Birdies Fore Babies

Raises funding and awareness for the IVF and Infertility community, it's families and friends.

"They support an underserved community in a tremendous way; by providing grants to couples who cannot afford the IVF process and raising awareness through their charity golf event."



# Equal First Aid

Advocating for funding to include non-invasive airway clearing devices in schools, restaurants, and other public settings to provide choking first aid for people with disabilities and in wheelchairs.

"[Work for] non invasive airway clearing devices in all public places but specifically schools and restaurants, they are bringing about a safer world for everyone.."



# Feral Cat Program of Georgia

This non profit offers Trap Nueter Return efforts to the local community as well as helping get kittens adopted to help reduce stray and feral cat populations in North Georgia.

"They have been instrumental in helping with my own stray cats that I inherited when I bought a house. With them I have TNR'd 10 cats and fostered three kittens in a colony that would easily double each year without these efforts."



# Helping Hands Cochrane



This organization will help with rides to medical appointments, food drives, mentorship, snow removal, lawn care, handyman services, companionship, moving assistance, downsizing, errands, food rescue, Free Food Shed maintenance and so much more!

"They are the most helpful caring non profit group I have ever came across. There is mission is truly about giving back."



# Foster Progress

Foster Progress empowers Illinois youth currently or formerly in foster care to attain a college degree and transition into adulthood successfully by providing mentorship, advocacy, and educational opportunity.

"The future generation should have every right to go to college / graphic design school no matter if they have experienced the foster care system."





# Community Health Center

Community Health Centers (CHC) improves the health of ALL within the communities we serve.

"They have been integral to the health of everyone and are looking to re-brand. [Their website says] In 2022, we rebranded!

Recognizing that over half the CHCB locations were now outside of Burlington, we removed the "B" from our name, and became the Community Health Centers, or CHC."

# Waynesboro YMCA Foundation

Create opportunities for people to improve their lives and their communities. Through empowering young people, improving individual and community well-being, and inspiring action, we aim to create meaningful change across the country.

"Reputable organization that has been organized in our area a long time. Often heard they sometimes struggle monetarily; they have a very visible location downtown that could benefit from Gemini letters for marketing their brand to the community"



# Delta Waterfowl Foundation



Delta Waterfowl is a non-profit organization operating in both Canada and the United States whose mission is to provide knowledge, leaders, and science-based solutions that efficiently conserve waterfowl and secure the future for waterfowl hunting. 100 years operating.

"I have been a member of Delta Waterfowl for over ten years. Their contribution to conservation efforts are based on a grass roots level and unmatched in their commitment to conservation. Their transparency and goals are unmatched in the North America."

# Flemingdon Park Ministry



Flemingdon Park Ministry (FPM) builds community through compassionate service and care. they focus on bringing people together to break the barriers of isolation and food insecurity. Flemingdon Park Ministry continues to seek out new and meaningful ways to establish connections within our community, and to foster hope and empowerment among those in need.

"They are growing and very well known for the friendly, enthusiastic and compromised staff."



# The Golden Scoop

The Golden Scoop is a life changing, non-profit ice cream and coffee shop that provides innovative, meaningful employment for individuals with developmental disabilities and delicious ice cream and coffee to the Kansas City community.

"They truly live their mission of fostering an environment in which their employees with developmental disabilities feel empowered and successful while bringing joy and awareness to our community. Second, the timing is PERFECT, as they have just announced they plan on opening a second location this fall,."



# Shelby's Way



Bringing Awareness to Suicide. After the death of our son Shelby in 2009 by suicide, Christ and passion convicted me (Mark Cain) to start a non-profit. Shelby's Way, in Lexington, KY, not only educates and informs, but through our events we raise money to help clients with everyday financial needs, mental health care and medicine along with funds to help families bury their loved ones lost by suicide.

"The founder lost his son Shelby to suicide, now his life is dedicated to helping others."



# Giving Kitchen

The Giving Kitchen provides emergency assistance for food service workers through financial support and a network of community resources.

"Looks out for food service workers in crisis. During the pandemic, the care they provided to this highly essential industry was put to the test as were those who support it through their patronage. This charitable gift would not only serve as a "give-back", it would continue to recognize the need that still exists in a community we sometimes overlook."





# Kare Youth League

Kare Youth League has served the greater San Gabriel Valley and the Inland Empire since 1931 through a uniquely designed program integrating athletics, camping and educational experiences. Our purpose is to provide a wholesome environment where a child can grow, make choices, develop character, build confidence, and shape their future. "They do more good to help children than any other organization in the San Gabriel Valley of Southern California."



# Beach Keepers, Inc.

The mission of Beach Keepers Inc is to keep Florida beaches in their natural pristine condition. Beach Keepers Inc's mission is to clean up Florida beaches, parks, city streets, waterways and any other areas of debris negatively impacting our natural resources.

"They keep things free of trash, employ the homeless & have kid days to teach about the environment."





# Dallas 24 Hr Club

Provides transitional living, support services and essential life skills for homeless alcoholics and addicts, so they can embrace long-term sobriety and become contributing and self-supporting members of the community. Each year, Dallas 24 Hour Club helps over 600 individuals get off the streets.

# Randolph Area Community Development Corporation

RACDC is a nonprofit organization that unites the community behind initiatives which strengthen our region's social and economic assets in order to enrich quality of life, instill pride, and build confidence.

"RACDC works to help the community provide safe, clean and affordable housing. They support businesses in our small community and support events that bring us all together with positive inclusive events. Our community is stronger in so many ways, because of the work this dedicated group of people do."



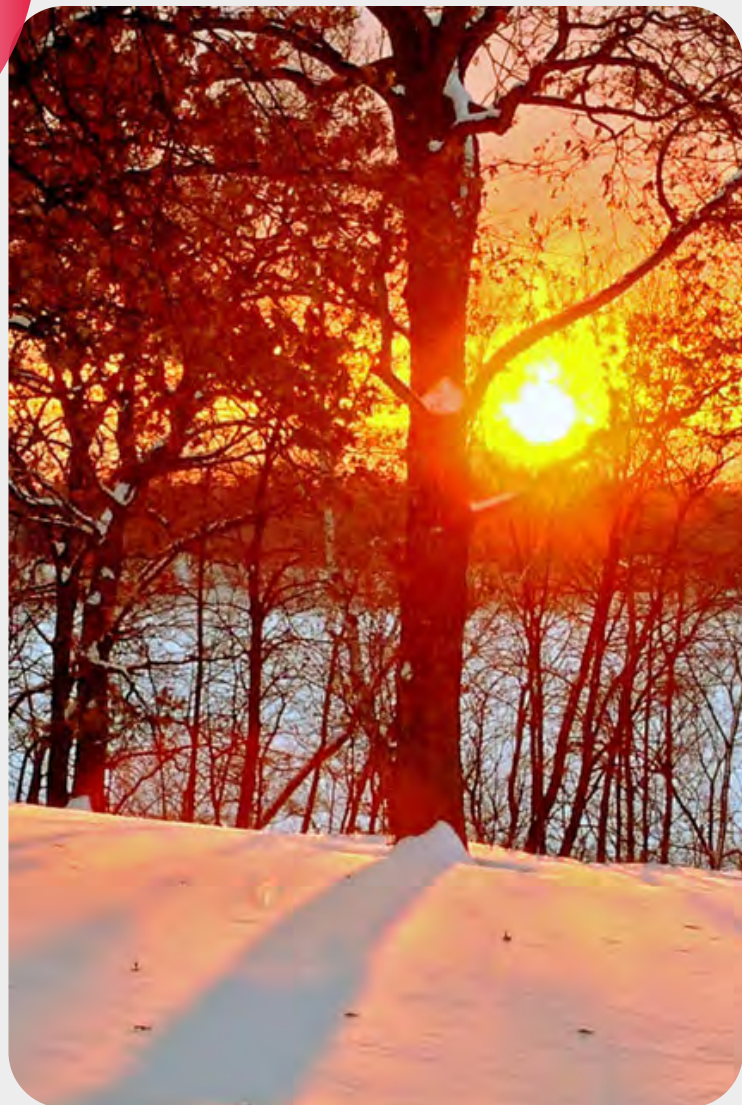


# Nationwide Trophy Recycling Program



Recycles old trophies and donates new rebuilt trophies to non-profits nationwide. The Nationwide Trophy Recycling Program started 40 years ago at a small town trophy shop in Poynette, Wisconsin. During that time customers would drop off their old trophies in hopes that they could either reuse the parts or give the trophies directly to others who could use them.

"They keep trophies from the landfills and they really need a sign. They get reduced rent, but no sign."



# Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House

Conducts 47 weekend retreats offering a time for quiet reflection and prayer, spiritual renewal, and consideration of how the Lord is calling a person to live out his faith.

"I have made 39 annual retreats at Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House and experience great benefits.."



# The Flint Children's Museum

FCM is a hands on interactive children's learning facility that serves the 1-8 year old underprivileged community of Flint Michigan and it's surrounding communities.

"The FCM operates on a very small budget but serves a large amount of children up to 8 years old."





# Eleventh Hour Rescue

Rescues Dogs and Cats from Kill Shelters.

"Their logo was developed by me and is my first fostered dog- the kitten was added later. Butler Sign Company and I have helped them with their signage over the years. These include a laminate and foam letterset as well as a machined plaque from Gemini. I participate in using PTO Days to keep cost down even further. They really do need signage at their thrift store in Randolph NJ."

# Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation (NEICAC)

NEICAC provides the support and services to improve the stability and quality of life for individuals and families with limited resources. They assist those living in the Northeast Iowa counties of Allamakee, Bremer, Chicksaw, Clayton, Fayette, Howard, and Winneshiek with programs serving in all stages of life.

"[Since 199] We have witnessed the "good" this organization has done. They serve a large area and benefit many individuals and families in our area. They are certainly deserving of this award."







# Operation 143

Even before the stresses of Covid in the last few years, childhood hunger, food insecurity, and lack of access to food was a huge problem in our country. They refer families to their program and after a simple enrollment process, the student begins receiving supplementary food for as long as needed.

"This is a very worthwhile cause that helps feed hungry children."

# Boys & Girls Clubs of Fort Wayne



They serve the at-risk youth of Fort Wayne with a focus on academic success, character and leadership, and healthy lifestyles.

"We have worked closely with them providing (Gemini) signage for two facilities and witnessed the impact they have on our community. Joe Jordan and his team live their mission each and every day.."

# Washington's National Park Fund



The fund is the official nonprofit partner to Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks. The Fund works closely with the parks to support park priorities that have been carefully selected by park staff.

"Aside from running a sign company, on weekends, I'm also a volunteer wilderness ranger at Mt. Rainier National Park. Improved and updated signage would help protect the beautiful wildflowers in the alpine meadows, and preserve the park for future visitors."

# Matthews Free Medical Clinic



Matthews Free Medical Clinic (MFMC), our mission is to create a medical home for uninsured families and individuals in Mecklenburg and Union counties. We not only treat our patients physically through primary care and specialty services, but we also provide behavioral health and education to empower and treat the whole individual.

" I have personally met and spoken with many who receive services that are so appreciative. The folks that work and volunteer at the clinic are some of the most dedicated folks I know. ."



# Sherwood & Myrtie Foster Home for Children



Provide a great home type environment for children suffering from violence, neglect, abuse, addiction, racism and trauma.

"This community has served over 4,000 children since 1960. They have a little community of about 50 acres and have about 15 large houses on it. They have volunteers come in and assist with school work and just loving on the kids sharing in their interests in sports or whatever. "



# Brain Injury Association of Georgia



Helps brain injury survivors and caregivers cope with life after injury. Georgia has over 30,000 suspected traumatic brain injuries reported each year through the Central Registry, yet brain injury remains largely silent and unseen. They have caregiver and survivor resources, support groups, and more.

"They have been so helpful to our family and the brain injury's community. Grants for medical help, camps for survivors, endless support for the caregivers."

# South Central Industries, Inc.



Provides training, housing, job opportunities for special needs adults in the community. Two group homes are located on the South Central campus that provide housing for twelve of these individuals. South Central's job offerings include city beautification, janitorial, lawn care, pallet construction and product sales. Self-enrichment programs through the Shawnee Senior Center and Blue Zones of Pottawatomie County.

"This a great service to our community through programs which help special needs individuals find their way and purpose in life."



# Crossroads NOLA Inc

Facilitates people to foster kids in the Louisiana Foster Care System. Their mission is to connect children in foster care to the families, individuals, and opportunities they need to thrive. They recruit new foster families from local churches, develop them into competent caregivers for kids from hard places through training in TBRI®, and support them through the ups and downs of their journey as foster parents.

"They do a great work and help children in distress."





# YMCA of San Antonio

Their mission is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. They have a variety of membership categories to serve you and your family. Staff can help you find a category that suits the individual's needs.

"They do a wonderful job serving the wellbeing of the local community."



# Braden Aboud Memorial Foundation



Since 2007, the foundation has been 100% volunteer-run, with a board of volunteers at the heart of this organization. Over \$3,000,000 has been returned to the El Paso community through in-kind and monetary donations to schools, teams and organizations via scholarships and grants since our start. We work with the community to give back through projects like a biannual shoe giveaway, annual blanket drive, backpack drive, tennis clinics, and a hydration program.

"I have seen first hand the much needed services the Foundation provides the community through their programs and grant funding. "

Multiple  
Nominations



# Jimmy Jam Community Outreach LLC

Gives a hand up not a hand out! Jimmy Jam host one of the largest BBQ competitions. Most of the funds for the entire year are raised at this one event.

"The Jimmy Jam is all about community support. They help people in need by paying bills, mortgages, food, gas, anything. They step in where other non-profits can't. There is very little red tape involved, show proof of the need and Tim or Jeff will make a follow up phone call to verify and then they handle it. There are no paid employees and it is 100% volunteer. They work tirelessly to grow and help people in need. This is why I get involved and why I am nominating them."

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# Freestore Foodbank

Freestore Foodbank's mission is to improve lives by eliminating hunger in partnership with our community, and our vision is to create a hunger-free, healthy, and thriving community. To achieve this vision, our objectives are to provide nutritious food, connect to support services and offer a pathway from crisis to stability.

"They do great work to provide healthy food to the indigent in a multi-state area. I chose them, as part of their donor signage is Gemini cut plate aluminum, with PO's totaling over \$20,000."





# Gibault, Inc.

Gibault is a much needed home for kids that have lost their way through no fault of their own.

"There is a huge need for counseling, housing, therapy, and different programs for children and young adults that have been abused and neglected. Gibault does an amazing job to provide that safe space for healing and all the necessities as well."





# Food for Life Ministry

FFLM is committed to serving those in need with food and encouragement.

"They help serve over 300 families a week by giving away groceries worth hundreds of dollars. They serve people from all over. Some even travel two hours to get food. The food bank is looking to raise money to expand the cooler and freezer space and potentially a new warehouse."

# Giving Hope Inc



Giving Hope operates 2 local food banks that serves meals to low income families in both Orleans and Jefferson Parish. Last year, they distributed 7 million pounds of food to low income families and fed 1100 meals per day to senior citizens on fixed income.

They partner with New Orleans Mission to serve men battling drug addiction through Giving Hope Retreat Center.

"Giving Hope is and incredible organization that not only serves the community locally, but also on a globally. I cannot think of a more deserving organization. They truly 'give hope' in hopeless circumstances and situations."

# Beyond Blindness



Empowers children with visual impairments and other disabilities to achieve their fullest potential. Beyond Blindness envisions a world where all children, no matter their abilities, are equipped to live full and rewarding lives. They champion and build upon the inherent strengths and value within each child

"They are an amazing non profit that helps disabled at risk children to develop in ways that they couldn't otherwise. And...they could really use some new tactile signage.."



# Bountiful Food Pantry

Provides food for families and weekend lunches for school age kids.

"They serve the local community. Along with the regular household food items, they provide school age children pre packed lunches to to get them through the weekends. Food is the most basic necessity that everyone needs. Thinking of families struggling to put food on the table tugs at my heart stings. That is why I nominate the Bountiful Food Panty."



# All Things Made New



Provides mentorship, character development, & life skills training for youth to lead fulfilling & rewarding lives. Their ultimate goal is to motivate middle & high school students to be goal oriented with strong character as they grow into adulthood. They support & empower youth facing high risk behaviors in their community.

"All Things Made New is a small nonprofit with a huge impact. Their funds are spent primarily on programs so they do not have a huge cash reserve. Due to Covid they moved their mentoring program online & now serve youth across the United States."

# Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore

JAES inspires and prepares young people for success by offering experiential learning opportunities in the areas of financial literacy ,workforce development development , an entrepreneurship.

"JAES impacts over 10,000 students each year, teaching financial literacy, work and career readiness, and entrepreneurship to students in grades K-12 JAES is opening a new state of the art facility in october 23 where students from all over the eastern shore will get to be adult for the day learning skills that will prepare them for their futures."





# Lakes Area Dog Park



Provides a free and friendly safe park to exercise all sizes of dogs! Their mission is to establish a fenced in, off-leash dog park where canine citizens can exercise in a clean, safe environment without endangering or annoying people, property or wildlife. To develop a beautiful, well-maintained space open to all dog lovers and friends who are willing to uphold the park's rules and restrictions. To view this park as a community project, designed to satisfy the needs of dog-owners and non-dog owners alike

"It's a wonderful space to socialize and exercise your dogs and yourself. Our community gathers at the dog park!"

# Mission 25



They empower individuals to break free from negative patterns and achieve long-lasting positive change in their lives. Since January 2000, Mission 25 has been providing for the residents of Whitley County, Indiana who are in need of our services. Their services are designed to provide community residents with the tools they need to get out of their current situation and live a healthy and successful life.

"This is a fantastic local non-profit that make true life changing differences in the lives of those they serve!"



# Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth



Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth (NPHY) is the most comprehensive service provider for the thousands of young people experiencing homelessness in the our community, providing access to life-changing services for homeless youth 24 hours a day at virtually every street corner in Southern Nevada.

"PHY doesn't just talk about changing the lives of youth experiencing homelessness, they actually do. Their mission is to end youth homelessness in Southern Nevada, but they do so much more than that. NPHY provides youth experiencing homelessness a safe and supportive enviroment so they can focus on building their own path to self-suffiency."

# Opportunity Enterprises

Opportunity Enterprises is an organization that strives to help individuals with developmental disabilities reach their fullest potential and live a full, enriching life.

"This organization goes above and beyond to help individuals in need and it shows. But they are always seeking help. Between state funding limitations and a non-profit industry, their needs outweigh incoming funding. They are currently building a new Respite Center so those individuals have a home, along with a fully ADA compliant treehouse so those individuals can enjoy the outdoors. "



# Dorchester Paws



Local animal shelter that feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and protects the abused animals in the county. a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of animals in Dorchester County, South Carolina. Partnering with Dorchester Code Enforcement, they take in every lost, abandoned, and abused animal and provide them with food, shelter, and medical attention until they find their forever home.

"Dorchester Paws cares for over 4000 animals each year in a 50 year old building with a minimal budget. They are a no-kill shelter with a great staff and dedicated volunteers. Our company is involved as a corporate partner and volunteer."



# Lake Country Foundation



The nonprofit donated a splash pad and a fine arts pavilion to the Village of Hartland. Provide funding scholarships for area schools, donation funds to area free health and dental clinics, sponsor hunting and fishing opportunities for disabled vets, and children with disabilities. They also build and deliver bunk beds to area residents who need them. Additionally, they collect and donate luggage to an area shelter for women leaving bad situations. Until the violence in Haiti they annually did vision projects there.

"This is a fantastic local non-profit that make true life changing differences in the lives of those they serve!"



# Imagination Factory Children's Museum



Offers interactive exhibits and youth programs in our Community in a safe environment. They are in the process of buying a larger building to expand and create a much needed community center.

"I just cannot say enough about the museum and it's amazing programs for our Community's Youth! Our company is involved with supporting the museum because it is so important for the health of our Community's children and youth. The Imagination Factory Children's Museum sponsors experiences for children, youth and family members."

# VFW POST 2801



Their mission is to to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts. To serve our veterans, the military, and our communities. To advocate on behalf of all veterans. And ensure that veterans are respected for their service, always receive their earned entitlements, and are recognized for the sacrifices they and their loved ones have made on behalf of this great country. Core values:

- Always put the interests of our members first.
- Promote patriotism.
- Honor military service.

"They need new signage."

# Agape Oasis



Agape (supports youth) & Oasis (supports women) of domestic violence/sexual assault. They also have a men's accountability program.

Provide culturally relevant services that focus on empowering people, restoring families, healing individuals, and strengthening communities.

"I am a survivor of domestic violence, they helped me. A chance to give back would be nice. Financial abuse is one of my ex's abusive ways, thus, raising the kids has been challenging with minimal or no support. Financial contributions are difficult myself, I can only advocate."



# Disability Supports of the Great Plains, Inc.

DSGP provides day services and around the clock care for those with developmental and intellectual disabilities in our region.

"There are a few organizations serving the Developmentally Disabled community in our area, one who always is asking for money, and Disability Supports, which is a first-class organization that never asks for money. Their facilities are the best money can buy, inviting the community into their facilities to interact with DD clients as they create artwork, or just use their facilities for meetings and gatherings. "





# Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank

Provides food to individuals and families in need.

"Our business center interacts with the SDFB on a weekly basis to support their operations, and their recent Drive Out Hunger golf classic teed off the summer fundraising season for this deserving nominee. SDFB conducts many food drives throughout the year to help fill the shelves and refrigerators with produce and other food that is then distributed to, on average, over 400,000 people per month - including over 39,000 active duty and military veterans. Last year alone, SDFB processed over 44 million pounds of food."





# Route 40 Business Association

The Route 40 Business Association is a non-profit organization established in 1987 with the goal of helping to enhance the business environment for the Route 40 corridor.

"They help to coordinate the efforts of organizations (such as: local politicians, local law enforcement, and local charities) that directly affect the quality of life for the citizens of the Route 40 corridor, we can improve the business environment of the Route 40 corridor in Harford County."

# Alexandria Area Arts Association



Andria Theatre is west central Minnesota's foremost live theatre and performing arts center, providing quality stage performances for families and adults.

Andria also holds a growing reputation for hosting live comedy improvisational theatre and also its Student Theatre Project.

"Their most recent addition of the student theatre project has flourished, giving children of all ages the chance to open up and feel the confidence of being on stage with others. Nearly every performance is sold out on multiple nights."



# Community Provisions of Jackson County



Mission: To provide food to those in need in the name of Jesus. Food drives conducted by local churches, schools and service organizations provide a large portion of our food supplies. Provisions has only one part-time employee, the Director of Operations. Provisions is the largest food pantry in the county. An average of 238 families utilized Provisions each month in 2019. As a general rule families are provided food only one time per month.

"Increased demand for food has in turn required more funding."



# Forward Training Center of Hood County



The principal program offered by Forward Training Center is called Jobs for Life (JFL) which uses non-denominational faith-based principles to instill in program participants the value of work and an improved sense of self-worth. This program provides needed skill sets for individuals to channel their development towards new jobs and careers and possibly higher educational pursuits.

"I have volunteered with this organization for years and truly believe in their mission and have seen, first-hand, the changes they have made in the lives of the students and their families."

# KETCH (Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicap)

KETCH is a 501c(3) non-profit local to Wichita, KS that supports adults with developmental disabilities as they live, work, and play in the community.

"KETCH has many programs and services that could benefit from updated signage, such as transportation, and the Work program, among others. The Work program provides opportunities for persons served at KETCH to learn important job skills as well as determine what type of work they enjoy through the production of air filters."





# Cultivating Hope Farms

Sensory Care Farm for development of skills and social interaction of individuals and families with Autism and Special needs.

"These folks make a big difference in the lives of folks with special needs but it takes community funding and support to make it possible. CHF is raising funds to finish building their barn and learning stations. They are in great need of signage of all types (structural, way finding, exhibit informational, donor plaques, materials identifications, etc.) but its difficult at best to ask for donations to buy signs."




# Jewish for Good



They provide engaging opportunities that deepen Jewish connections and knowledge through the arts, enrichment and summer camp; services for helping those in need with basic needs through food pantry and financial assistance to a nationally recognized inclusion program; and programs that foster healthy living through their best in Durham Health and Wellness Center.

"Jewish for Good is committed to meet the growing needs of the community and is in process of opening a state of the art early childhood center specifically providing care for infants and toddlers and an adult day center, providing rich experiences for older adults in need and respite for caregivers. "





# In His Hands Children's Home

Offering a place for displaced kids to live in a safe and clean environment where they will be loved for as long as necessary. Their vision is to provide a safe haven for children in need, where kids can learn life skills and about the love of Jesus Christ. They want children to go forward with an enriched life remembering that we are backing them in prayer and support.

"They are loving kids that may not have felt loved in a very long time. Coming out of some very rough circumstances."

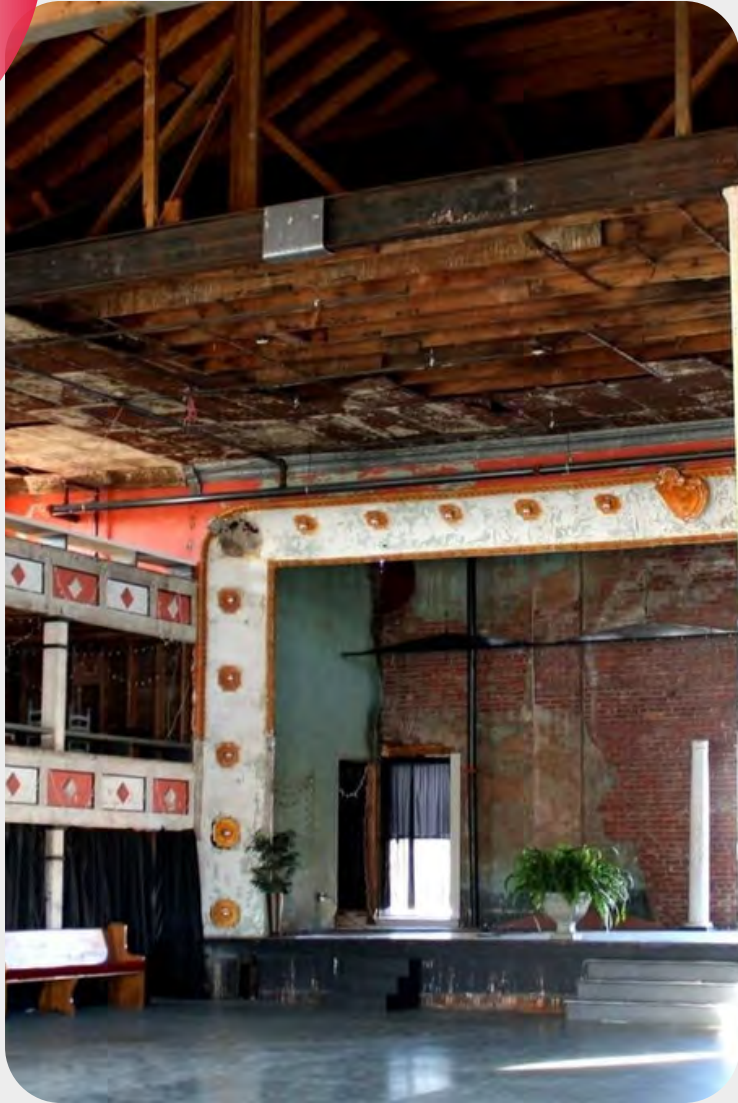
# LMJ's Lost Souls



Raises Funds for Alzheimer's Research, Education and Awareness. Lost Souls is supported by people with personal connections to this disease or a connection to someone who is affected by it. They share that common bond to work together towards a larger goal! They unite to fight to End Alzheimer's and bring year-round fundraising efforts to the community that are FUN!!

"Both of the founders of this organization have lost family members to Alzheimer's, and since then they have been very active educating our community and raising funds to help find a cure for Alzheimer's."





# Friends of Dreamland Ballroom

Restoring the Dreamland Ballroom and educated the public about the rich history of African American culture on 9th street in Downtown Little Rock. It has stood in downtown Little Rock for over 100 years.

Once a central fixture of religious expression, fraternal support, economic progress, and entertainment in the African-American community in the early 20th century,

"The 9th street corridor of Little Rock is an important historic site, with lessons to teach about urban development, race, and culture."



# Possibility Place

A day program for special needs adults. Possibility Place provides a full curriculum of job skills, productive work habits, functional academics, computer skills, health and nutrition, physical wellness, art, music, crafts, community activities, volunteer opportunities, daily life skills, leisure, and learning activities.

"A wonderful benefit to my son Charles and so many others. Offering educational and social benefits"

# Mi Centro



Provide services to the Latinx Community.

educational programs, crisis intervention, family outreach services, Arts & Culture programming, or our advocacy efforts.

"I have nominated them as they are an organization that has been vital to our community and gives and gives. All through Covid they provide food gift cards, diapers, rent check to a very needy community. Their focus is advance the Latino Indigenous community by providing social services, education opportunities while honoring their heritage and culture through the arts."



# Camp Jorn YMCA



Building character, confidence and community through enriching outdoor experiences in the north woods of Wisconsin.

"I've donated hundreds of hours passionately supporting this group. They change the life of young children, teens and even those that have long left the camp in a positive way unlike any other experience. I frequently run into customers that spent a portion of their childhood there and share the deep impact the camp had on their life. Teaching them to be confident in themselves and seeing the value of others."

Multiple  
Nominations



# Minnesota Brass

Provides music in performing arts education and experiences for diverse communities of all ages in the upper midwest and Canada. This organization has been around since 1946. Like Minnesota's flourishing community bands, Minnesota Brass is a home for those that love pageantry and want to continue after their high school, collegiate, or junior corps experience is over.

"They provide a fun and competitive escape from the 'real world' to bring art and music to their communities."

# Children's Foundation of Michigan



Through funding, advocacy, and building new partnerships, The Children's Foundation is deepening the impact on pediatric health needs and advancing the well-being of more children and families in the community. They bring child health and wellness issues forward through our advocacy efforts.

"We support their mission to improve the lives of children especially those faced with medical issues in our community."



# Gifts to Give



From providing thousands of local kids a tangible giving and service experience to providing gift packages of clothes, books and toys to thousands of local children who are homeless or living with their families in poverty, to our tutoring, mentoring and service learning programs, we strive to use our time and our talents to help one another and help build a stronger, more connected community.

"James Stevens is in his 70's and has dedicated his life and time to helping those in need. They help so many children in need, while getting the younger generation to understand the need to help those less fortunate."

# Family Promise of West Michigan



Children are what motivates everything we do at Family Promise. They are doing everything in our power to end family homelessness so no child ever has to experience it. They want kids to be kids and not to worry about whether there will be dinner tonight or where they will sleep when it's dark.

"They offer a practical and wholistic approach to families experiencing homelessness. They are committed to walking with a family to make sure they have the continued resources to sustain a life and family with housing."

# Access Gallery



Access Gallery is an inclusive nonprofit organization that engages the community by opening doors to creative, educational and economic opportunities for people with disabilities to access, experience and benefit from the arts. Access Gallery's summer program provides youth between the ages of 16 and 21 with an eight week, creative, career-focused paid internship.

"They supply art made by people with disabilities to several local businesses in the Denver Metro Area."





# YaiPaks Outreach

Give resources to abused women and homeless. Their mission is to meet those that are neglected, hurting, or afflicted where they are in order to provide support, comfort, and resources aimed at promoting positive life changes and reminding them that they are loved and important. 564,708 people in the US are homeless. 25% of the homeless are children. 8% of the homeless are veterans. They exist to serve the under-resourced through acts of kindness.

"They are an absolute rock in our community, the one that started is doesn't even take a paycheck."



# The Crooked Creek Township Volunteer Fire Department

Rural volunteer fire department, community food hub for the underprivileged, fitness center with walking trails, broadband hub for school children and small businesses, community center

"The location of this fire department is in the boonies and is critically important to their rural community. The firefighters are heroes, not only for fighting fires, but for being a community resource."

# Pawsperity



Pawsperity is devoted to helping impoverished families become self-reliant through job training in the high-demand, high-pay trade of pet grooming. Pawsperity's education-based approach not only financially empowers single parents in poverty through equipping them with credentials in a competitive market, but it also ensures that they focus on improving their family's future as a whole.

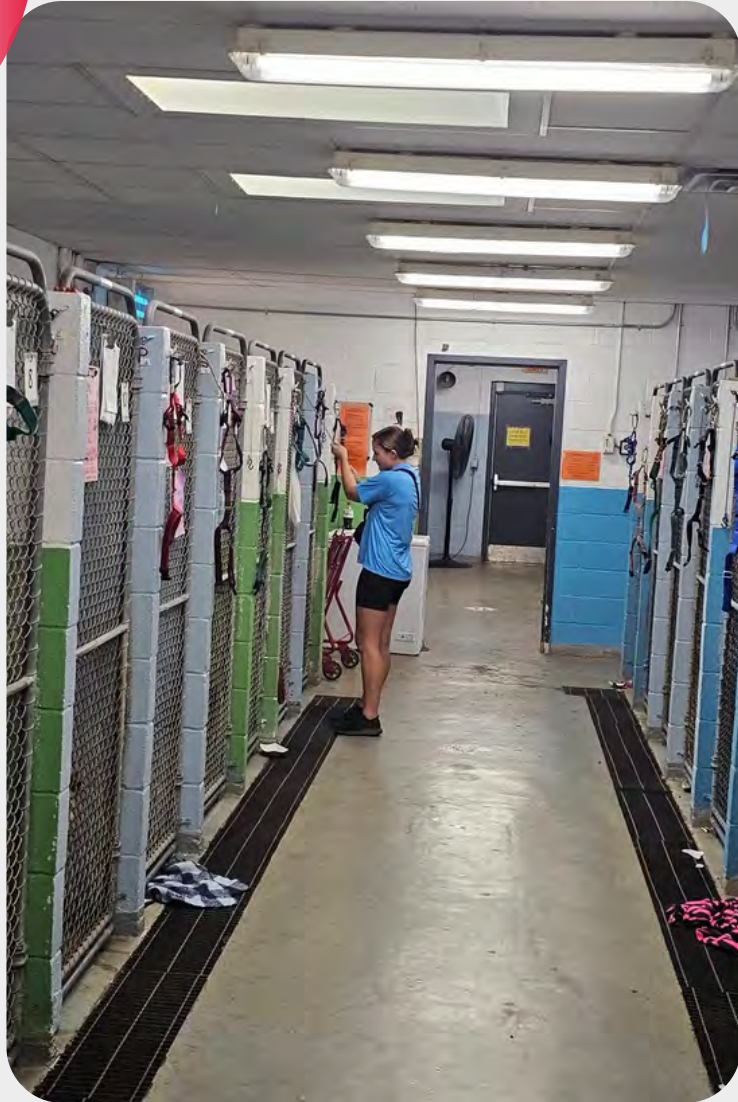
"Pawsperity is a great organization that started from an idea to a full on charity that really is doing good work. We've seen it grow over the last few years and know the people it helps. What's the old saying? 'Give and man a fish, feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, feed him for a lifetime.'"



# Niagara SPCA

Animal Shelter and rescue. Their mission is prevent cruelty to all animals through public education on their humane treatment and to provide love, care, shelter and advocacy for companion animals in our community. We are committed to a no-kill philosophy, embracing the practices of rehabilitating, fostering and rehoming companion animals in need and to preventing their overpopulation through community outreach.

"The volunteers and staff have little identification except a "temp" changeable message board. Would love to give them a nicer sign to provide better visibility and brand."



# Matthew 25 Ministries

Matthew 25: Ministries is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor and disaster victims locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion.

"Matthew 25 Ministries helps so many people in so many situations not only locally but world wide. We see them regularly head to parts of the country that are experiencing natural disaster to assist with everything from food, shelter, and clothing to providing traveling laundry facilities. They not only accept donations of clothing but will accept things like pill bottles and paint to help decrease landfill waste."





# Eagle Group of Minnesota Veterans

Advocate for military veterans by helping transition from military service to civilian life, helping veterans, their spouses and children, through a job transition, advocating for veteran assistance with PTSD, and veteran suicide awareness.

"I helped start the Eagle Group of Minnesota Veterans, wrote the by-laws used in applying for the IRS 501(c)(3) tax designation, helped form the Board, was elected as the first President, sat on the Board for ten (10) years, and continue to serve and advocate on behalf of the Eagle Group."



# Merrick Inc

Empowering Adults With Disabilities. (They are a fantastic company I have worked with since 2000)

They offer a mix of life enrichment, work, and self-advocacy options to nearly 400 clients. Merrick is the largest day program in Ramsey County with a 59-year history of leadership in person-centered planning, self-advocacy, meaningful work options, community inclusion, operational excellence, and continuous innovation.

"They provide a full array of life enrichment and employment support to their many clients. They really care about each and every client and everyone on staff calls each client by name."



# Gift of Life Howie's House



Support Individuals and families going through organ transplant and donation

"I have witness their commiment and tireless efforts to assist and support people through one of the most challenging times of their lives. They offer support in countless ways, through lodging , meals, transport, education. You will not find a more committed and motivated group of professionals who live their "job" to raise awareness and give hope and a future to those dealing with organ transplant. They not only support the recipients, but also the donor families, who in most cases have endured a traumatic loss."



# Angels for Animals

Animal shelter and spay/neuter clinic "fixing" 50-60 animals per day. The pet project began out of their homes and farms, running ads promoting spaying and neutering and meeting with veterinarians and other groups. With the publicity, this sparked individuals to dump cats and dogs at their homes which quickly became overwhelming. Mutual animal advocates began to volunteer and the homeless and helpless animals began to be a much bigger problem than they realized. The dream became bigger to work to build a bigger and better shelter.

"It is the nicest facility in America, all built by private donors from the community(no tax dollars)."







# Hope For Helm

Provide Adaptive physical training and community support for individuals who have catastrophic life changing injuries or diagnosis. The mission of Hope for Helm is to help individuals who have experienced catastrophic, life-changing injuries or diagnoses move forward through life's toughest challenges by providing access to adaptive physical training and community support.

"Have worked with this organization in the past and they really do some amazing work. Origin story is tragic and they have been able to turn tragedy into hope and produce positive outcomes for many!"

# Friends of Oatland Island

(Helps support the Oatland Island Wildlife Center). We enable great nonprofits to harness their most authentic and most effective advertising— These stories are submitted by people who know you best — your clients, donors, volunteers, and others — all those who have experienced the impact of nonprofit work up close!

"Every child that goes here loves it and learns so much about wildlife and the ecosystem we must take care of."



# Friends of Fido Mahoning County Dog Pound



Assist the rescue of dogs from Mahoning County Dog Pound.

"Friends of Fido assists with the rescue of dogs from the Mahoning County Dog Pound. They accomplish this by fundraising, educating the public about responsible pet ownership, promoting spay/neuter programs. They utilize the funds to supply necessary medical care, veterinary and other expenses to give dogs a well deserved second chance at life. They financially assist local animal rescues who are willing to pull dogs from the Pound and ultimately find a forever home for them."



# Miami Lighthouse for the Blind



From music education to pre-employment service, from programs for children to adults to seniors, Miami Lighthouse works with people to help build their skillsets and abilities, strengthen their connections to others, and foster their enjoyment of life. Miami Lighthouse has been continuously accredited by the National Accreditation Council For Blind and Low Vision Services (NAC).

"Programs at Miami Lighthouse enable blind and visually impaired persons to regain independent living skills."

# Run the Race Foundation - Brian Muha Foundation



Provides Inner-city young children and teens with a safe environment, meals, tutoring and love.

"Before buying FastSigns in 2015, for years my children and I volunteered at Run the Race and witnessed first hand the lives being changed by Rachel Muha and her outpouring of love. Rachel continues to help the poorest of the poor families in the Columbus Hilltop area. Her son Brian and roommate were kidnapped and murdered 24 years ago by two inner city, young men. Currently she is trying to raise money to pay off an expansion to a gym to create more safe places for the children and community."

# Home Works of America



Repair homes of low income families to try and allow them to stay in their homes. They work to create a context in which youth can meet with poverty stricken homeowners.

"We have worked with them on several projects and they are a very focused organization. They keep the main thing, the main thing and that is repairing homes of deserving people who usually have no one else to look out for them. They are also very contentious of how their donation dollars are spent and always try to maximize their impact."





# Pony Partners

Pony Partners is a faith based non-profit in Louisa County that helps children with special needs learn social skills and connect with others with the help of ponies. Their therapy program is highly sought after. They transport the ponies to the local schools for therapy programs which benefit children with Autism. Special needs sessions support specific additional goals within the horsemanship class framework.

"I believe the work they do in our community is outstanding. They are filling a great need in our community."

# Carol Closet



Let's family with children shop for free. There moto is it take a village to raise children. They shop from cloths to diapers to toys and food. They are driven by a single goal; to do our part in making the world a better place for all. We strive to build productive relationships and make a positive impact with all of our community. Families in need of household items, clothing, diapers, new cribs, car seats, and other baby/child essentials.

"They really help families in need. It does take a village to raise a child."

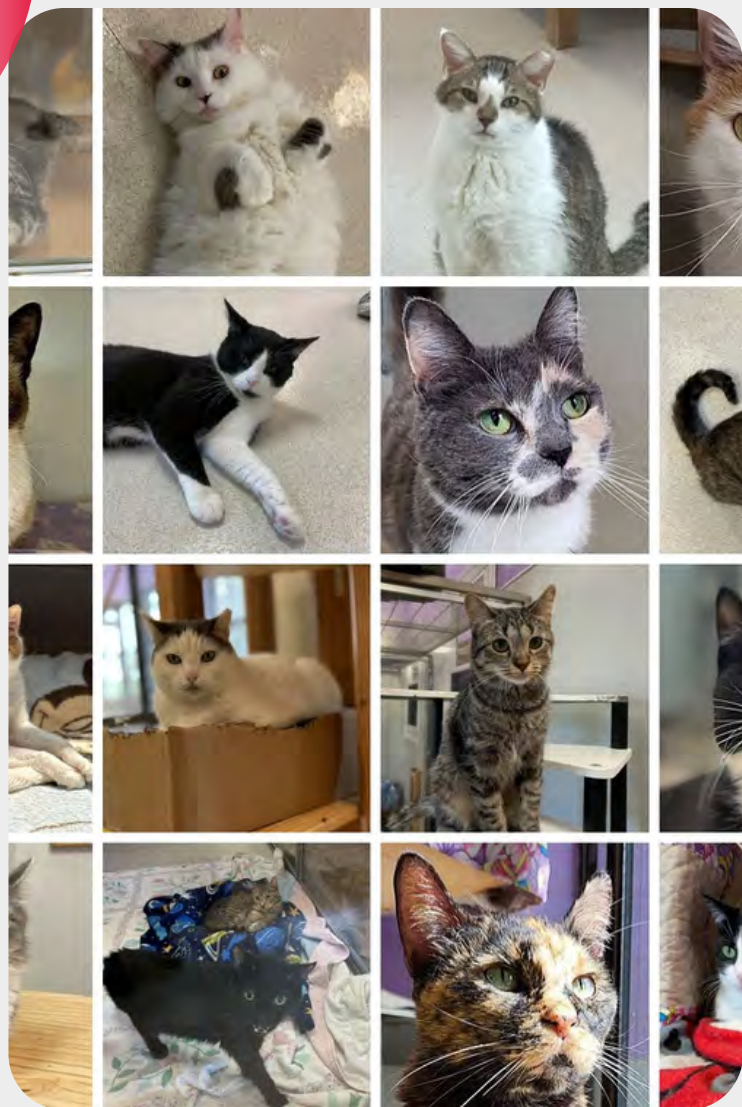


# Greece Peace Officers Association

Volunteer Police work.

"Great group of people helping the community for over 70 years working in all sorts of weather conditions directing traffic for special events emergency situations. for very little recognition from the citizens or the Town we serve. We provide a vital service of assisting the full time police officers when they need additional manpower we can cover the traffic points while full time police officers can continue to respond to priority police calls"





# Save A Pet

A true no kill shelter for animals. They have three main goals: rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome. With donations from generous people like you, they have helped over 66,000 animals have a second chance at life! They will never put a limit on the amount of care we will provide for an animal and we never give up on them. Thus, Save-A-Pet offers rescued dogs and cats the greatest opportunity for a second chance.

"Because they have an amazing reputation in the community, loyal volunteers and because they take care of neglected, hurt or sick animals."



# Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon

Employment and other services for developmentally challenged people.


"I have dealt with this company for years. They have always been caring and compassionate, and do their very best to improve the quality of life for their clients. They are constantly improving their programs and expanding to make their organization and services bigger and better. I cannot say enough good things about the Opportunity Foundation of Central Oregon. I support them whole-heartedly."



# United Way of Fairfield County

It provides the determination of how donated funds are distributed to the many underlying organizations. I was a board member for 10 years and was please with the diligence used to make this determination. No donated funds were wasted. United Way of Fairfield County seeks to use our resources to achieve the greatest impact on community needs.

"The staff working there are dedicated to helping the people of Fairfield County OH that need additional help."







# Fort Greeneville DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution)

They go around repairing and restoring public military dedication sites with Bronze plaques so we don't forget those who have served our country.

"They work tirelessly with minimal recognition so we don't forget."



# Welcome Home Veterans - Military Museum at Richard's Coffee Shop

A gathering place, support system, living military museum, gift shop, eatery, and 501c3 non-profit dedicated to honoring and advocating for America's veterans, active duty personnel and emergency services personnel.

"The Most Patriotic Coffee Shop in America. Richard Warren's dedication to fellow vets. Great organization for past, current veterans. Also a place for youth to learn about the sacrifices it takes to live in a free country AND here it directly from those that fought for it."

# Fishing for Freedom Quincy IL



Fishing For Freedom - Quincy is a no entry fee bass, catfish, and crappie tournament that pairs our Warriors (active Military and Veterans) with our Boaters (professional anglers, avid tournament fishermen, fishing guides, and local outdoorsmen) for a fun day of fishing on our local fisheries. Fishing For Freedom - Quincy cannot give back all the lost time away from the great outdoors during deployment, but we can give back a weekend.



# Meals on Wheels of North Central Texas

They deliver meals to the elderly and disabled, our older generation that are no longer very mobile and need help with meals and food.

"ASI produced and installed the new headquarters building graphics for this organization, they are national but I nominated the N Central Texas group because I got to know this wonderful group throughout this project, we actually ended up donating several portions of this project because of the great work they do for the children of yesterday. They are a very large part of defending the freedoms in this country we all enjoy today."



# Historic Harmar Bridge Company

In 2020 the HHBC launched the 'Save Harmar Bridge' initiative in order to fully restore the Historic Harmar Bridge, maintain its structural integrity and once again provide a safe pedestrian link between Harmar and Downtown Marietta Ohio.

"I work with the Harmar Days Festival Committee which is the main driving fundraiser for the HHBC. The bridge was a pathway used by our community to access our downtown and enjoy the outdoors.

Closing the bridge has created an enlightenment of its importance, and encouraged a new direction for the surrounding area also owned by the HHBC.





# Cache Employment & Training

Disability services in Utah include: day supports, supported employment, a seniors program, youth summer programs, therapies and behavior supports, home supports, and Transportation. Helps the participant obtain, maintain, and advance in competitive employment in integrated work settings on a full or part-time basis.

"WE team members whose family members have benefited from these services."





# The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army of Modesto (Red Shield) is committed to serving the community by providing food, clothing shelter, transitional living house, etc. Specifically, The Salvation Army Red Shield has a strong dedication to serving the youth. They accomplish this by providing tutoring, character building programs, sports activities such as baseball.

"This organization has a significant historical presence, has made an impact on countless youth in our community, has a strong volunteer base and operates their services in a fiscally responsible manner."

# Depot Renovation, Inc.

Preserves and tells the thousands of stories associated with this depot and railroading in NW Iowa.

"They are now in their 31st year. It is Cherokee's premiere historic preservation project. Many of the volunteers in that group also became and are members of the Cherokee Historic Preservation Commission. This project also spurred designation as one of the first Cultural and Historic districts in the State of Iowa. The precedent and example had been set to spur on the saving and restoration of the Brummer building in downtown is undergoing a three million dollar restoration and adaptive reuse project."





# Countryside Christian Church and School

Countryside offers a Biblically-based education. This is evident in our world view, our materials, and our methodology, all of which are designed to develop independence in your child's learning and strong moral character for life. We will encourage the positive values of respect for authority and for the property of others, and personal responsibility. This is effective life training, which is the most important aspect of education.

"They need a new sign and cannot afford it."





# Break The Silence Foundation

Assists Victims of Physical and mental Abuse.

"The help they give to victims of abuse goes so far that they created an initiative to reconstruct the faces of the victims through Surgeons that donate their time and resources. Break the Silence now shares their office with their initiative Face to Face and cannot think of a more active organization that is spreading so much good that is deserving of a sign for their new office that will lift their spirits and help them rebuild their new lives."



# Reston Raiders

Youth hockey program providing opportunities for boys and girls to play hockey from 4-18 years old.

"I've long been associated with the Reston Raiders and they've always promoted improving the individual in a team atmosphere. It doesn't matter if you're the best player in the organization or stepping on the ice for the first time, the Raiders focus on making the person better as a player and overall person. Some of the best young people I've met have come out of this organization."



# Able to Serve

Giving adults with special needs the ability to serve and connect within their community. Participants explore new experiences that provide them with confidence to become the best they can be.

"Able to Serve gives back to the community by helping adults that have so much to offer but may not have the ability to do so like the rest of society. They care so deeply for the participates and the community. They give so much to all of us and I would love to give back to them."





# St. Michael's Special School

Mission is to provide a Catholic environment where students with intellectual and developmental disabilities are able to grow in faith and reach their full potential – academically, socially, and physically.

"St. Michael Special School is a leader in Special Education, providing an environment where students with special educational needs are able to grow and reach their full potential – academically, socially, and physically. Technology rich programs are designed to educate students age six through adulthood with mild to moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities."

# Father Purcell Memorial Exceptional Children's Center



The Father Purcell Memorial Exceptional Children's Center (FPM) is a skilled pediatric nursing home for 58 developmentally disabled children. FPM serves the nursing, medical, physical, and psychological needs of children who, because of severe developmental disabilities, require ongoing residential care in a skilled nursing facility.

" I called and talked with Brenda Hicks regarding donations and found out they do not advertise because they can not afford it. All donations recieved are at years end and it goes toward the children."



# Higher Ground Baptist Church Care Ministry

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet available to those need(anyone in community). The Higher Ground Baptist Church Care House serves as a ministry to feed and clothe those in need in our community. Our goal is to provide food and clothing for our client's physical needs and also, through kindness and grace, administer to their spiritual and emotional needs.

"Serve average 600 families per month and typically give out up to 25,000 lbs of food per month with and average of 800 pieces of clothing per month."





# Cancer Support Community Montana

Cancer Support Community is a national non-profit dedicated to providing emotional support, education and hope for people with cancer and their loved ones, free of charge.

"As a breast cancer survivor, it is invaluable to have them part of our community with the programs and support that they provide. They started in Bozeman with an office and have expanded to Missoula. We built a sign on a skid for them over the winter, but it would be great for them to have a nice building sign."



# Canadian Mental Health Association

Support & Help with Recovery for Canadians suffering with mental illness.

"I see the need for help is strong in recent times. My sister also volunteers her time overseas to help people as she is a licensed therapist and I also have a special place in my heart for this. I have long friends and family to the mental battle and I believe there is a strong need."



## Friends of Brian D. Yanoviak LLC

PAC for Property Rights. He is a Policy Maker following the United States and Pennsylvania Constitution. Safeguarding essential information and documents to protect citizen PROPERTY RIGHTS. Property that is transferred, needs to be flagged and clearly communicated to Voter Services to help prevent people who no longer live here, remain on the voter roles.

"Works to stop Deed theft."





# Reveal Resource Center

Food pantry, clothes closet and diaper ministry, serving over 500 families (2000 people) each week.

"Reveal Resource Center is staffed 100% by volunteers. Having volunteered myself, I have a hard time coming up with the right adjectives (although I try here) to describe how impactful, thankful, grateful, humbled and privileged I've felt to be part of the community serving the long, long lines of individuals in families who are patient, grateful and appreciative to be there, receiving the food, clothing and diapers they need to care for their family in the coming week."



# City Blessing Churches

Christian Church serving the community in the City Walnut and its surrounding communities. Community is at the heart of our church family. Caring And Reaching Everyone, CARE Cells are small groups, a place of fellowship and discipleship. We encourage everyone to get plugged into a local CARE Cell. Through Bible studies, fellowship, and sharing, our aim is to grow together in our relationship with God and each other.

"This Church group have missions serving the people in other Cities and States and Overseas."



# National Autism Association of North Texas

The National Autism Association of North Texas is a non-profit organization with the mission of helping and advocating for families, individuals and professionals dealing with Autism Spectrum Disorder(ASD). They use all their funds locally to provide support, resources and education.

"Helps families and individuals with Autism, very impactful to the community."



# The Littlest Heroes Foundation



The Littlest Heroes is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to funding the financial, emotional, and social needs that accompany childhood cancer.

"The foundation helps hundreds of families struggling to survive the battle against childhood cancer. They provide financial help with housing costs, food, transportation, medication and many other financial needs created when a child in the family is being treated for cancer. They rally a huge group of volunteers and supporters to make the Christmas needs and wishes of these families come true each holiday season. "



# Friends of Campus Park

To improve the quality of life of Oxnard's diverse community by providing enjoyable and inspiring places through connections with people, nature, and by promoting wellness, creating educational opportunities and environmental awareness.

"This wonderful group is working to build a botanical garden in the city of Oxnard. This is a diverse city with many who are low income. They are teaching the importance of native plants for a healthy habitat. This park will be a model for inclusiveness both naturally and culturally."



# Homeless Backpacks - dba All Kids Win



Feed hungry children throughout the county through the schools so the kids have food on evenings and weekends. All Kids win is sending out nearly 1,000 bags weekly. The bags that transport our food need to be durable and have the ability to tie at the the top. The cost of each bag itself is a financial burden and we have community partners that sponsor bags to help cover the additional costs.

"Children are our most precious resource. If they cannot focus on studies due to hunger, they are not setup to succeed. We want them to be the best they can be."





# Colfax Downtown Association

They exist to spark enthusiasm and foster a greater sense of pride in our rural community. Their intention is to enhance the downtown atmosphere by building upon current and potential assets to implement a well-connected, creative, and inclusive downtown corridor.

"I've chosen them because they have worked countless hours over the last 3 years to keep our rural town thriving through storefront makeovers to community events and involving our youth, so they too can have a sense of pride. The future is bright because of our downtown association."



# Historic Willamette - A Main Street Community

Historic Willamette Main Street celebrates the history of the area and fosters an inclusive, diverse community where local residents and visitors feel welcome to shop, dine and socialize with others.

"I support this organization's work to improve the quality of life in small town America. They helped to revitalize West Linn's business district and town as a whole. They promote equity and inclusion in the community."



# Maui Cat Rescue

Maui Cat Rescue's mission is to facilitate adoptions of homeless cats on Maui and limit overpopulation. Maui Cat Rescue fosters cats, provides them with high level care, and facilitates adoptions through its cat lounge, a warm and inviting space where guests can come to spend time with cats, relax and rejuvenate and potentially adopt. The cat cafe also hosts and provides educational programs and activities for the public.

"We are on the island of Oahu, and we watched helplessly as these people at Maui Cat Rescue stepped up to same as many animals as possible."





# Animal Place

Rescue and care for displaced, abused and Senior farm animals. They are dedicated to rescuing and providing sanctuary to farmed animals while advocating for their rights. These sentient beings deserve compassion and protection.

"They are amazing and the animals the help are even more amazing. They are all volunteers and the fact that they are helping farm animals is very special, because it's not as popular in society to consider how humans treat farm animals after their 'use' has been exhausted or when they become senior age."



# Geneva Academy

Geneva Academy is a non-profit Classical Christian School committed to your child and his or her unique, individual journey, which begins and ends with hope in Christ.

"Geneva Academy has outgrown its original spaces and now works its classes from multiple locations spread throughout the community. The Academy is currently looking to centralize their facility in order to secure a more dynamic and cohesive presence and we would value the opportunity to contribute to their full potential - expressing the integrity of their vision through exceptional signage."

# Baxter Hometown Pride/Baxter Economic Development

Focus on overall economic development, amenities for our community to make this a great place to live.

"This group is passionate about the community and having amenities. We have raised money to put up flags on main street, added way finding signs and are now on a mission to rebuild a park. We have partnered with the city of Baxter and a local daycare board along with personal donations and have placed a large playground area, in the middle of building a shelter house with cooking, tables and trash cans."







# Rockingham Hope

They operate an appointment-based community food pantry that serves upwards of 500 households per month. Approximately one-third of those served are over the age of 60 years. We also provide free consultations with volunteer nurses and volunteer licensed counselors for personal wellness and mental health support.

"This group supplies so much food and spiritual support to our community as well as other faith based opportunities to people that otherwise would be lost. When I reached out to them on needs they might have, I was moved that they had just been praying for God to provide some much needed signage."

# Boys and Girls Club of the Corridor



They provide year-round youth development programs to school age children in Marion, Cedar Rapids & Iowa City. Their mission is to inspire and enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens.

"I have known the director for a number of years. They serve children of low income, provide a safe haven for before and after school and mentor children that are living in both difficult home lives as well as personal struggles."



# Yadkin Arts Council

Provides programs for children and young adults in music appreciation and theatrical arts.

Scholarships are provided for children unable to make the payments for the classes.

"They continue to provide an alternative to our children and youth in teaching the arts and after-school programs. Each production on stage has over 100 participating and sales out each event"





# Kimberling Area Library

Area Library for the community. Not tax supported. All volunteer, all contribution.

"This Library is all volunteer run, all donation driven. No taxpayer money. They run groups for all the area people, children, elderly. Very community minded. This year a Sound Garden was implemented. Mainly for children, however adults love it too. It was made to be accessible for all, with pathways and accomdating features. I'm proud to live in a community where this is available to all."



# Furnish with Love

Mission Statement: Furnish with Love transforms empty housing into uplifting homes for families coming out of homelessness. We professionally design and fully furnish nourishing, beautiful, and functional spaces that allow families to focus on each other and their futures.

"My wife and I have volunteered with Furnish with Love since its inception in May of 2019. We have seen the work they do and know the people who manage the charity and have full confidence in both. "



# Food For All Foodbank - Prescott - South Grenville Food Bank

Food Bank to help feed people in the community. The Food For All Food Bank is a community-based non-profit organization that provides food to those in need. The food bank relies mainly on volunteers, donors, grants, and the community for its continued operation.

"I'm a strong supporter in helping those in need within my community, and the food bank is constantly doing what they do and could always use a little help. Thank you."



# Centre County Youth Service Bureau



The Youth Service Bureau exists to help ensure children, youth, and families have every opportunity to reach their full potential. Over time we have grown in our ability to truly partner with all constituents. We want parents to view YSB staff as resources, rather than as experts mandating change.

"I was on the Board of Directors for 6 years and have seen the positive impact that this wonderful organization has made for children and families in Centre Country"



# **L/Cpl John J. Van Gyzen IV Marine Corps League Detachment #1285**

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together to promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines.

\*More info and photos coming for this one