

May 9, 2019

Re: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program CoC Support

To Whom It May Concern:

The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition supports the Continuum of Care in its application for the Youth Homeless Demonstration Program. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in the Heart of Texas Region. We believe that this collaboration between the Continuum of Care and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. We have agreed that it is important to increase our community's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within our community will be increased.

As a part of the YHDP, we will support the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness. We are pleased to commit up to \$2000 in salary hours from the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition board staff to support the YHDP. It is our hope that through our efforts in our community that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-297-7067 and/or email, shaun.lee@hotrmhmr.org.

Shaun Lee

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Chairperson of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition





### Housing and Community Development

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May 6, 2019

The City of Waco has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between The City of Waco and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness.

The City of Waco's commitment to support this team will include continued participation in the planning and implementation of a process to prevent and end youth homelessness. Financially, The City of Waco's Department of Housing and Community Development will commit the following in-kind donations:

• Value: \$732

 Donation: Minimum of 1 hour per week participation during the 6 month planning period by the CoC Administrator for planning, coordinating, and implementing the YHDP.

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We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased.

As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

Galen B. Price, Director

City of Waco, Housing and Community Development

2017-1042a

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF WACO AND THE HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while not a legally binding document, does indicate a voluntary agreement to assist the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in their mission to foster community awareness of the issues of homelessness and support a coordinated network of services for all homeless individuals in Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties.

**Overall Project Goals, Services and Outcomes:** This partnership is seeking to assist in providing for the needs of the homeless in Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties. The collaboration between The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the City of Waco, hereafter referred to as *Partner Agency*, will provide an opportunity to innovate new ways to close the door to homelessness in our community. This partnership will increase the capacity for innovation by increasing collaboration between agencies fighting towards the same goal of ending homelessness.

**Term One:** This MOU shall begin after conversation and upon the signing of the agreement and shall renew yearly unless either party gives notice of intent to withdraw from the partnership.

**Term Two: Partner Agency Provisions:** In addition to continuing the on-going partnership, Partner Agency will provide the following services in support of this partnership:

- a. Open communication of further program development and additional partnership opportunities
- b. Ongoing openness to feedback from The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition staff
- c. Promote the mission of The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition

**Term Three: Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Provisions:** In addition to participating in the on-going partnership review process, The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide the following services in support of this partnership:

- a. Promote partnership (logo) on The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition website
- b. Remain open to additional collaborations and adjustments to partnership
- c. Ongoing openness to feedback from the Partner Agency staff
- d. Promote the mission of Partner Agency when appropriate

- e. Open communication of further program development and additional partnership opportunities
- f. Ongoing openness to feedback from Partner Agency staff

**Term Four:** Neither party signing the document is responsible for the business of the other party.

**Term Five: Termination:** This MOU may be terminated by either party, for any reason, by giving 30 days written notice. It would be helpful if the partner would participate in an evaluative conversation to determine best practices for both partners.

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Chairperson of	
The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition	City Manager
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## Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Center 110 S. 12 St. • P.O. Box 890 • Waco, TX 76703-0890 • (254) 752-3451

May 3, 2019

To whom it may concern,

Heart of Texas Region MHMR has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team as well as act as the Lead Agency for the grant application. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Heart of Texas Region MHMR and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Heart of Texas Region MHMR and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

The Heart of Texas Region MHMR commits to providing kind match towards this endeavor. Depending upon final program design, it is anticipated that match would be up to \$75,000.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-752-3451

Barbara Tate Baban Tate

Executive Director EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to confirm Methodist Children's Homes commitment to participate and support the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) team in order to end youth homelessness in Waco, TX. Founded in 1890, Methodist Children's Home (MCH) is a national leader in childcare. MCH serves youth and families from "hard places" through residential services in Waco, transition services, independent living services and a variety of community based services throughout Texas and New Mexico. We serve youth who have experienced various trauma including homelessness. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to participate in the YHDP effort.

We agree with the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that our community's capacity for innovation will be increased. As a part of the YHDP, we will support the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that our efforts in Waco will provide a template that many cities around the nation can use as they seek to end youth homelessness.

As the staff of Methodist Children's Home, we bring many skills and resources to the table. We are skilled in trauma informed care and have experience developing a continuum of care. We have developed an independent living program that includes casemanagment, mentoring and housing to meet the needs of young adults aging out of care in our community. Additionally, we have strong connections in the Waco community and have successful collaborations with like-minded community agencies.

I therefore am pleased to commit up to \$5,000 of in kind resources from Methodist Children's Home to support the YHDP six month planning budget. This commitment may include services from myself, additional MCH Staff, meeting space and other resources.

We believe the community of Waco is blessed with a strong collaborative of like-minded agencies that is positioned to successfully implement a YHDP Project that will improve the lives of homeless youth with the goal of ending youth homelessness in our community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Creel, LCCA, MSE Program Administrator Methodist Children's Home www.mch.org





May 8, 2019

Attn: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Application - TX 604 Region

#### To Whom It May Concern:

We are pleased to support the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition's application to HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project opportunity for 2019. The Cove, Heart of Texas serves youth ages 14-19 who experience homelessness yet remain in school. We have served over 80 young people this school year by providing safe space and wraparound care in our after-school Nurture Center. We are pleased to be an active member of the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and commit to provide \$8,124 in in-kind support for the 3-6 month planning period of the first phase of YHDP funding.

#### Commitment for 6-month planning budget amounts:

- The Cove will supply meeting space for monthly YHDP planning meetings
  - Est. 3 hours/mo @ \$50/hour for boardroom seating for 20+ = \$900
- The Cove will supply .25 FTE of our Program Manager's time to support the planning grant
  - o Est. 112 hours for 28 weeks @ \$26/hr = \$2,912
- The Cove will supply .1 FTE of our Executive Director's time to support the planning grant
  - Est. 56 hours for 28 weeks @ \$37/hr = \$2,072
- The Cove will support YHDP efforts through the use of computer and office space, telephone, and utilities
  - Est. 112 hours @ \$20/hour per office = \$2,240

Total financial commitment from The Cove, Heart of Texas for the 6-month YHDP Planning Period = \$8,124.00

We are dedicated to working alongside our community partners to close the door on youth homelessness in Central Texas.

Sincerely,

Kelly M. Atkinson, LMSW

Executive Director, The Cove, Waco

Kelly atkinson, LMSW

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Waco, TX 76703

www.thecovewaco.org



May 6, 2019

Waco ISD Homeless Outreach has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Waco ISD Homeless Outreach and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness.

Waco ISD's commitment to support this team will include continued participation in the planning and implementation of a process to prevent and end youth homelessness. Financially, Waco ISD will commit the following in-kind donations:

• Value: \$1,158.72

Donation: Up to two hours of weekly volunteer time from MSW Graduate Social

Work Interns

Time Frame: Up to six months

• Value: \$394.31

• Donation: Up to two hours each month for planning for community plan from Homeless Population Specialist, up to six months

• Value: \$570.80

Donation: Up to two hours each month for planning for community plan from

Waco ISD Homeless Liaison

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-755-9433.

Sincerely,

Suzame Hamilton

**Executive Director Student Services** 

Special Education

Kim Ells

WISD Homeless/Foster Liaison

Supervisor Homeless Outreach



PAT ATKINS
PRESIDENT

TOM STANTON

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5/9/2019

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to confirm Prosper Waco's commitment to participate in and support the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) team in order to end youth homelessness in Waco, TX. Prosper Waco is a community-wide initiative focused on addressing poverty-related challenges in the areas of Education, Health, and Financial Security. As the initiative's staff, our job is to build and support collaborative approaches to difficult problems like youth homelessness. Therefore, we are extremely pleased to participate in the YHDP effort.

We agree with the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that our community's capacity for innovation will be increased. As a part of the YHDP, we will support the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that our efforts in Waco will provide a template that many cities around the nation can use as they seek to end youth homelessness.

As the staff of the Prosper Waco initiative, we bring significant skills and resources to the table. Our Director of Data and Research holds a PhD in Applied Sociology from Baylor University. She can provide a number of services related to community research, data analysis, GIS mapping, etc. Our Results Manager is trained in Results Based Accountability and is responsible for holding the organizations and working group members accountable for their work as it relates to the initiative's overall goals.

Therefore, we are pleased to commit up to \$5,000 of in-kind resources from the Prosper Waco organization to support the YHDP. This commitment includes the use of facilities and staff time with the purpose of monitoring the effectiveness of the collaborations and their work in our community.

The Prosper Waco initiative and the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition are two examples of the exceptionally connected and collaborative approach to community work that distinguish Waco. We believe that our community is prepared to successfully implement a YHDP project that will have a significant impact on the rate of youth homeless in Waco and serve as a model for what other communities can do to solve this difficult but critical challenge. If you have any questions about our initiative or our participation in this work, please email me at Brittany@prosperwaco.org or call 254-741-0081.

Sincerely,

Brittany Fitz-Chapman, PhD

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Administration Office 204 N. East St. Suite A Belton, TX 76513 Office: 254.939.3466

Fax: 254.939.2103

April 30, 2019

Central Texas Youth Services Bureau has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Central Texas Youth Services and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Central Texas Youth Services and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

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If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254-939-3466) email kami.diaz@centraltexasyouthservices.com or karen.willis@centraltexasyouthservices.com

Kami Diaz

**Executive Director** 

Mission: Assist troubled children, youth and families toward development of their full potential through provision of quality community-based services.

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CENTRAL TEXAS YOUTH SERVICES BUREAU AND THE HEART OF TEXAS HOMELESS COALITION

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), while not a legally binding document, does indicate a voluntary agreement to assist the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in their mission to foster community awareness of the issues of homelessness and support a coordinated network of services for all homeless individuals in Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties.

Overall Project Goals, Services and Outcomes: This partnership is seeking to assist in providing for the needs of the homeless in Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan Counties. The collaboration between The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and Central Texas Youth Services Bureau, hereafter referred to as Partner Agency, will provide an opportunity to innovate new ways to close the door to homelessness in our community. This partnership will increase the capacity for innovation by increasing collaboration between agencies fighting towards the same goal of ending homelessness.

**Term One:** This MOU shall begin after conversation and upon the signing of the agreement. The agreement is renewable from year to year, unless either party gives notice of intent to withdraw from the partnership.

**Term Two:** Agency Provisions: In addition to continuing the on-going partnership, Partner Agency will provide the following services in support of this partnership:

- a. Promote partnership (logo) on Partner Agency website
- b. Open communication of further program development and additional partnership opportunities
- c. Ongoing openness to feedback from The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition staff
- d. Promote the mission of The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition
- e. The following service providers are currently under contract with *Partner Agency* and will provide additional collaboration: *Central Texas Youth Services Bureau*

**Term Three: Agency Provisions:** In addition to participating in the on-going partnership review process, The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide the following services in support of this partnership:

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Melinda Bonds	Kami Diaz , LCSW
Chairperson of	
The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition	Executive Director
Title	Title
4/9/18	4/9/18
Date	Date



April 23, 2019

Waco Housing Authority and Affiliates has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Waco Housing Authority and Affiliates and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Waco Housing Authority and Affiliates and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254) 752-0324 ext.280.

Sincerely,

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May 10, 2019

Jerry Maze
Executive Director

Nick Brown

Deputy Executive Director
Finance & Technology Services

**Terry Marak** 

Chief Financial Officer
Business Office & Financial
Services

Charlene Simpson

Deputy Executive Director
Academic & Administrative
Services

Amy Jimenez, LMSW Homeless Population Specialist and Case Manager Homeless Outreach Services Waco ISD 501 Franklin Avenue Waco, TX 76703

Dear Mrs. Jimenez:

Education Service Center Region 12 has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We believe that this collaboration between Waco Independent School District, the surrounding Learning Education Agencies, and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end homelessness. Cooperation between Waco ISD and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will lend support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation with Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254-297-1252 and/or email at <a href="mailto:cdownes@esc12.net">cdownes@esc12.net</a>).

Sincerely,

Carie Downes

Director, Federal Programs



# Heart of Texas Region Mental Health Mental Retardation Center

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May 06, 2019

Heart of Texas Region MHMR (Klaras Center For Families) has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Heart of Texas Region MHMR (Klaras Center For Families) and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Heart of Texas Region MHMR (Klaras Center for Families) and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-752-7889

James Harrison

Qualified Mental Health Professional II

Transitional Age Youth Program



P.O. Box 20395 Waco, TX 76702 Bus: (254) 772-8999

Fax: (254) 772-4770

May 9, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The Family Abuse Center has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between The Family Abuse Center and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between The Family Abuse Center and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness. If there are any questions, please contact me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Kathy Reid, Executive Director

Kathy Reid

Kathy.Ried@familyabusecenter.org



The Salvation Army has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between The Salvation Army and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between The Salvation Army and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

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If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-756-7271.

Ykenya Robertson

Director Of Social Services

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Changing Lives Through Hands-On Compassion

Mission Waco, Mission World Inc. has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Mission Waco, Mission World Inc. and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Mission Waco, Mission World Inc. and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

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If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-753-4900, x202, or email at cwillis@missionwaco.org.

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Carlton Willis

Associate Executive Director

Mission Waco, Mission World Inc.



# MCLENNAN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER Providing Community Services with "Safety, Care, & Concern"

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May 6, 2019

McLennan County Juvenile Probation has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between McLennan County Juvenile Probation and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between McLennan County Juvenile Probation and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

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Collin Coker

Director

### 20th - 82nd JUDICIAL DISTRICE UNIVERNILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

Milam County 110 West 1st St. Cameron, Texas 76520 (254) 697-7006 Fax: (254) 605-0735 Milam County 313 N. Main Rockdale, Texas 76567 (512) 446-3170 Fax: (512) 446-3182



Robertson County P.O. Box 640 Franklin, Texas 77856 (979) 828-4817 Fax: (979) 828-5011 Falls County P.O. Box 851 Marlin, Texas 76661 (254) 883-1429 Fax: (254) 883-3346

#### Chief Juvenile Probation Officer Jennifer Fox Lopez

April 23, 2019

Falls County Juvenile Probation Department has partnered with The Heart of Texas

Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team,

The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in

Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Falls County Juvenile Probation Department and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Falls County Juvenile Probation Department and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

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If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-883-1429 and/or

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

jlopez@milamcounty.net.

# JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

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**HILL COUNTY** 

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April 24, 2019

The Hill County Juvenile Probation Department has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between the Hill County Juvenile Probation Department and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between the Hill County Juvenile Probation Department and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase the overall region's buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within the region will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco and in the surrounding counties, within the region, that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254.582.4053 or via email at tinalincoln@gmail.com.

In Kind Regards, Juna M. Lyncoln Tina M. Lincoln

Chief Juvenile Probation Officer

Hill County, Texas



May 6, 2019

Our Community Our Future (OCOF), our community's local system of care committee, has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door on youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We believe that this collaboration between OCOF and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between OCOF and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide increased community collaboration via OCOF's extensive community membership and a continued mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall commitment to end youth homelessness. We believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased by way of the collaborative spirit of the many agencies that comprise the YHDP team. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness. It is our hope that through our combined efforts in Waco that many cities throughout the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-297-7280 or Telawna.kirbie@hotrmhmr.org

Sincerely,

Illauna Kirlsig, 108W &

Telawna Kirbie, LCSW-S

Director of Clinical Services-Klaras Center for Families

Heart of Texas Region MHMR

"Collaborating with and connecting families through a shared community vision to provide a culturally responsive continuum of care so children, youth and young adults are supported in becoming healthy and successful in the Heart of Texas region."



April 23, 2019

The Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at info@hothtc.org.

Allison Denman

**HOTHTC** Coordinator



April 23, 2019

UnBound has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between UnBound and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between UnBound and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254) 757-2333.

Allison Denman

UnBound Waco Program Director



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April 23, 2019

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We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness. If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254) 752-9330, ext. 110 or bwright@advocacycntr.org.

Barbara Wright

**Executive Director** 





Barbara Wright









Safe House and Empowerment (SHE) is Freedom has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between SHE is Freedom and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation SHE is Freedom and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at (phone number and/ or email).

Elizabeth Tews

Eliphoth M Tews

Founder and Director of Programs

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#### WICHITA FALLS OFFICE

1417 9th Street Wichita Falls, Texas 76301 Tel: 940-386-9546 info.wichitafalls@starry.org To Whom It May Concern,

STARRY Counseling has partnered with The Heart of Texas
Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness
Demonstration Program Team. Our goal of working together as a part
of this team has been to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco,
Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between STARRY Counseling and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between STARRY Counseling and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-399-6552 or email me at <u>Ashton.jimenez@starry.org</u>.

Best regards,

Ashton Jimenez, M.S., LPC-S

Director of STAR Program Services

STARRY Counseling

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Waco, TX 76707 Phone: (254) 399-6552

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Refuge Waco Ministries has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Refuge Waco and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Refuge Waco and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254) 744-1656 or kendallgoodwin@refugewaco.com.

Kendall Goodwin

**Executive Director** 



May 6th, 2019

The Arbor Behavioral Healthcare has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between The Arbor Behavioral Healthcare and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between The Arbor Behavioral Healthcare and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness. As a commitment to this partnership, The Arbor would be delighted to provide space at our Waco IOP location for meetings and events. Additionally, as opportunities arise, we would like to incorporate this cause into future fundraising and donation-based events hosted by our agency.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email.

Respectfully,

Christopher Asikis, LMFT-A, LCDC

Program Manager, The Arbor Intensive Outpatient- Waco

Phone: (512)948-0883

Email: casikis@thearbor.com



April 29, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Communities In Schools of the Heart of Texas ("CIS"), I am writing in support of The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition's grant application to continue to be a part of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. We strongly support this collaborative effort to reduce the number of youth experience homelessness in our community.

The mission of CIS is "to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life." On all of our partner campuses, we place a highly trained social service professional who provides academic, behavioral, attendance, and social support to students. Every student we serve through our core CIS program is assessed and has a personalized service plan created to meet their individual needs. Our CIS team then walks alongside the students to ensure they are empowered and on the path towards success. While working with students, it often becomes evident there are off campus matters that have a significant impact on our: students' success in school. The proposed collaborative program has the potential to significantly impact the students we serve on our partner campuses through reducing the number of youth experience homelessness.

Unfortunately, a greater emphasis on reducing the number of youth experiencing homelessness is an area of high need in our community and of significant importance to the students we serve in our community. CIS believes that this collaborative effort will enable our community to continue to provide a coordinated effort in implementing a comprehensive plan to reduce the number of youth experiencing homelessness.

Again, we strongly support this collaborative effort through a Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program to reduce the number of youth experience homelessness in our community. If I may be of any additional assistance to those considering funding this grant application, please do not hesitate to contact me at 254-753-6002, ext. 2013 or by email at mharper@cis-hot.org.

Sincerely,

Mike Harper

**Executive Director** 



Skillpoint Alliance has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Skillpoint Alliance and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Skillpoint Alliance and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness. If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254) 732-0620 and/or mherridge@skillpointalliance.org

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Waco Program Director Skillpoint Alliance

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April 26, 2019

Baylor University's School of Education has partnered with The Heart of Texas

Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team.

The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Baylor's School of Education and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between the School of Education and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at terrill saxon@baylor.edu

Terrill Saxon, PhD

Interim Dean



May 8, 2019

It is an honor for the Diana R. Garland School of Social Work at Baylor University to partner with the Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We believe that this collaboration between the Garland School and The Heart of Texas

Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a

comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness.

We know the importance of increasing Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-710-4819.

Sincerely

Jon Singletary, PhD

Dean and Professor



TARLETON STATE UNIVERSITY Member of The Texas A&M University System

Social Work Department Box T-0655 Stephenville, TX 76402

Phone: 254.968.9276 Fax: 254.968.0521

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019

To Whom it may Concern:

The Department of Social Work at Tarleton State University has an active and vital partnership with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between TSU's Department of Social Work and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between our two entities will provide for a mutually reinforcing partnership supporting an end to youth homelessness.

It is important to increase Waco's awareness of, and collaborative plans to end, youth homelessness. With the many agencies partnering and supporting the YHDP team, the capacity for innovation in Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope, that through our efforts in Waco, many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at 254-968-1696 or loya@tarleton.edu.

Sincerely,

Dr. Melody Aye Loya, LMSW-IPR

Department Head of Social Work

Dr. Melody a. Loya



Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Prairie View A&M University Cooperative Extension Program and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at (254)883-1410 or rlhartsfield@ag.tamu.edu.

Rosondra Hartsfield

Family and Community Health Agent

Hartofield

Prairie View A&M University

Cooperative Extension Program

Falls/McLennan Counties

# MAGNOLIA

FOUNDATION

May 9, 2019

Magnolia Foundation has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between Magnolia Foundation and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between Magnolia Foundation and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me by phone at 254-315-5193 or by email at <a href="mailto:lylemason@magnoliafoundation.net">lylemason@magnoliafoundation.net</a>.

e Mason

Executive Director, Magnolia Foundation

# United Way of Waco-McLennan County



May 6, 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

The United Way of Waco-McLennan County is writing in support of The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalitions work and their grant application for the HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project. The goal of the Coalition is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco.

We believe that this collaboration between the organizations who comprise The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition is vital to the overall wellbeing of our community. This particular effort will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness.

This demonstration project has the potential, under the guidance of the Homeless Coalition, to not only impact the issues in Waco, but serve as a replicable model for other cities. We are more than happy to provide this letter of support and are confident in the effectiveness and committed efforts of the agencies who comprise The Heart of Texas Coalition.

Barbara Mosacchio

Barbara Moscachia

**Executive Director** 



Warriors Research Institute 22(1 MacArthur Dr. Suite 22(6) Waeo, TX 76768 (254, 730-2676 wr.sw.org

March 19, 2018

The Warriors Research Institute (WRI) at Baylor Scott & White is pleased to work with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

I understand The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition's effort to end youth homelessness is part of a greater, shared goal of providing needed services to at-risk youth in the Central Texas area. We believe that collaboration between the WRI and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness and support the development and wellness of at-risk youth. Cooperation between the WRI and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing synergy of ideas and creativity to address the problems of youth struggling with uncertain housing and uncertain futures.

In recognition that safe, stable housing is a central factor to youth development and wellness, we agree that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. I agree with the tenets of the YHDP team, and hope that participation of the WRI in planning and evaluation will aid in increasing the capacity for innovation within Waco.

If there are any questions, please contact my office by phone at (254) 730-2676 or by email at Suzy.Gulliver@BSWHealth.org.

Suzy Birá Gulliver, Ph.D.

Director and Chief, Warriors Research Institute

# **ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES ADVANCEMENT CORPORATION**



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May 7, 2019

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Economic Opportunity Advancement Corporation (EOAC) has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between EOAC and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between EOAC and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-753-0331.

Dorothy Marstaller
Executive Director



**OUR MISSION:** 

Building stronger neighborhoods through bomeownership.

May 6, 2019

NeighborWorks Waco has partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition to work as part of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Team. The goal of working together as a part of this team is to close the door of youth homelessness in Waco, Texas.

We have partnered with The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition in an effort to end youth homelessness. We believe that this collaboration between NeighborWorks Waco and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide a better avenue for coordinating and implementing a comprehensive plan to end youth homelessness. Cooperation between NeighborWorks Waco and The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition will provide both agencies with a mutually reinforcing partnership that will provide support in fighting to end youth homelessness.

We have agreed that it is important to increase Waco's overall buy-in to end youth homelessness. With the many agencies within the YHDP team, we believe that the capacity for innovation within Waco will be increased. As a part of the YHDP we will support The Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition and the Continuum of Care as they fight to end youth homelessness to the best of our ability. It is our hope that through our efforts in Waco that many cities around the nation will also be aided as they seek to end youth homelessness.

If there are any questions, please contact my office at 254-752-5815.

Sincerely,

Roy Nash

President/CEO

Roy Nash