

Edmond Opportunities for Our Time, Talent, and Treasure



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BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS

- Volunteers spend time with the child at their school doing such as activities as eating lunch, playing games, and just talking.
- Just added three Edmond Elementary schools (Orvis Risner, Ida Freeman, and Sunset Elementary)
- Little Brothers/Sisters are:
 - 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
 - 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
 - 52% less likely to skip school
 - 33% less likely to hit someone
 - 37% more confident in schoolwork



BIRTH CHOICE

- Edmond Birth Choice has done an excellent job in coordinating efforts to show abortion-minded women their unborn babies in the womb through ultrasonography.
- 95% of clients who have seen their unborn babies chose life!
- Birth Choice is a nonprofit, interdenominational, charitable corporation that exists solely to help women with an unexpected pregnancy.
- Their priorities have been simple for over 30 years: They strive to serve these women and to protect the unborn.
- Support is given in a loving, personal, non-judgmental and strictly confidential way to meet the specific needs of each individual.
- Over 700 women are seen on a monthly basis with 200 pregnancy tests performed.



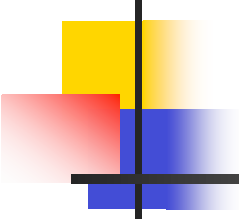
BOYS RANCH TOWN

- Mission: to help children become capable, caring, Christian adults by sharing Christ's love and providing hope and homes for children.
- Offers small animal, equine therapy, sports & recreation, computer arts, and outdoor adventure programs on 145-acre ranch in Edmond.
- The ranch has about 60 head of cattle, 30 goats and sheep, 20 full-sized horses, seven miniature horses, eight llamas, five donkeys, two camels, and an unknown number of chickens and ducks.



BOYS RANCH TOWN

- The campus contains comfortable modern cottages, each housing eight boys and a married couple serving as house parents.
- The atmosphere is that of a caring family. Each cottage contains a spacious living room, dining room, kitchen, laundry room, an apartment for the house parents, and four bedrooms, each with a private bath. Each boy shares a bedroom with one other boy.
- Boys participate with house parents in making the home a safe, comfortable place to live. Their time and activities are organized to help them learn responsibility in a structured-living situation.



BREAKFAST ON BOULEVARD

- A 100% volunteer team of over 80 dedicated volunteers provide a hot breakfast and a sack lunch to anyone who needs it without questions.
- Provided over 350,000 breakfasts and 525,000 sack lunches.
- 100% of their funds go directly to the purchase of food.



CHILD SHARE

- Child SHARE – (Shelter Homes: A Rescue Effort)
- Challenges and equips local Methodist Congregations and families to provide foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children.
- In response to God’s call to make Disciples of Jesus Christ, The Oklahoma United Methodist Circle of Care (Hope Church) ministers to the changing needs of Oklahoma’s “at promise” children, youth, and families by providing residential and foster care.
- Child SHARE exists to challenge and equip local congregations, families, and community volunteers to provide foster and adoptive homes for abused and neglected children.



CITIZENS CARING FOR CHILDREN

- Breaks the cycle of abuse and neglect for Oklahoma foster children by addressing their material, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual needs...because every child deserves the chance for a better life.
- During 2004-2005, nearly 4,000 children were served from the Oklahoma City metro area.



CITIZENS CARING FOR CHILDREN

- Offers a mentoring program (recruiting & training) and matches caring adult volunteers with foster children in custody of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.
- The Resource Center provides personal belongings, clothes, school supplies, and toys for the children removed from their homes.
- Also provides a Back-To-School Program, A Santa Stop, and Shelter Birthday Parties.



COFFEE CREEK RIDING CENTER

- Currently has over 170 students participating in therapeutic riding classes benefiting in mental, physical, emotional, and social areas.
- Classes include specifically designed games and exercises to help students gain balance, strength, and coordination.
- They serve students with a wide range of disabilities.
- Founded over 30 years ago at no charge to riders.



GENESIS PROJECT

- Provides residential group home services to 6-12 year old boys who have experienced severe emotional, physical and sexual abuse.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- Nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry working in partnership with God and the community.
- Builds simple, decent, affordable housing and provides hope for responsible, hard-working, limited-income families living in substandard conditions.
- Homes are offered with a zero-interest mortgage loan.

The logo for HOPE CENTER features a vertical black line on the left side. To the left of this line are three overlapping squares: a yellow one at the top, a red one in the middle, and a blue one at the bottom. The text "HOPE CENTER" is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font to the right of the vertical line.

HOPE CENTER

- Mission is to provide a coordinated effort to help people facing difficult times in the Edmond Community.
- Served approximately 30,000 people in 2003, of which 75% were women and children.
- Sees problems of divorce, unemployment, illness, homelessness, and child abuse.
- Provides referral service to clients on resources available to them in the Oklahoma County area.
- Strives to focus on long-term solutions to client problems by requiring them to complete a specific plan to improve their situation, such as, look for employment, apply for disability, reduce expenses, or seek financial counseling.



HOPE CENTER CLINICS

- Are to meet the health care needs of people that are at risk because of a lack of insurance coverage or means to pay.
- Care for every mother and child from pre-natal examinations, to vaccinations, to well-baby
- Edmond school-age children are provided free vaccinations.
- Serves over 1,350 patients per month.



OKLAHOMA LAWYERS FOR CHILDREN

- Purpose is to use the time, talent, and resources of qualified *pro-bono* lawyers to represent children in the Juvenile Division of the Oklahoma County District Court.
- Assist deprived children in shelter and obtaining kinship placement are priority projects.
- Assist in moving cases swiftly through the system and hopefully achieve permanence for hundreds of children in safe and secure homes.
- Over 400 attorneys have represented over 2,000 children with over 300 open cases.



KID WE CARE

- Helps restore faith in God and Country for children who have suffered tragedies in their lives.
- Takes children to sporting events, camp-outs, or on a fishing trip— laughs and giggles are key.
- Was born out of the Oklahoma City bombing to take the youngest victims of the bombings, both those injured and orphaned.
- Now reaches out to children of all tragedies.
- Vision is to attract all kids who need good influence in their lives, to direct them towards healthy activities such as fishing and the outdoors.



MOBILE MEALS

- Mission: to help meet the nutritional needs of homebound adult citizens by providing an affordable meal five days a week, and at the same time, to give daily social contact.
- Served 20,821 meals in 2005, with 7 routes each with 12-16 people.
- The primary service of Mobile Meals is to provide a daily meal to homebound citizens, 5 days a week, which helps them to maintain or improve their health; allows them to live independently.
- Emergency services are called when needed.
- Appropriate social agencies are contacted if further needs are evident.



PROJECT READ

- Provides free adult tutoring for those in need of basic reading skills and English as a Second Language tutoring.
- Volunteer tutors provide learning opportunities in which each student can overcome their illiteracy and achieve their goals.
- Goal is *to clear the confusion*.
- A not-for-profit organization serving the needs of illiterate adults in the Edmond community area.
- Coordinates literacy efforts with Edmond Hope Center, Edmond Human Needs Task Force, Department of Human Services, and Oklahoma Department of Libraries.



U R SPECIAL

- Over 200 volunteer seamstresses from all over the state provide new, hand-crafted clothes to over 1,500 children in a way that is celebratory, interactive, and affirming.
- Children “shop” for their special outfit and choose the dress, shirt, shoes, and other clothes which suit them best.
- Their volunteers interact positively with the children and affirm their choices.
- Their program, which reflects the need in the community, continues to grow.
- In 2004 between 1,500 and 1,600 boys and girls were clothed.



HEARTLINE

- Listens, educates, and empowers the people of Oklahoma through 24/7/365 emotional support, promotion of mental health, and access to community resources.
- Has served the Edmond community since 1971.
- In 2005, answered 50,000+ calls and directed callers to nearly 1,000 agencies and faith-based organizations that provide assistance with food, shelter, clothing, emergency assistance, counseling, and medical care.
- Launched 2-1-1 services for Edmond and Central Oklahoma that allows a caller to reach a caring, compassionate, and informed HeartLine staff person or volunteer.
- Anticipates answering as many as 100,000 calls in 2006 from the 1.1 million people in our service area.



Meadows Center for Opportunity

- Non-profit, sheltered workshop providing developmentally disabled the opportunity to work, socialize, and focus on a positive future
- Employees are responsible for product assembly, packaging, and document destruction
- Vocational training prepares workers for employment and learning