

Making a Difference in our community

Each month, we will feature a local non-profit organization on this special sponsored page. **Why?**

Because non-profits **benefit Everyone**. When one individual directly experiences improved quality of life, or one cause is financially supported, that person or cause better contributes to the entire county. What helps one, helps all. **In addition**, non-profits create strong community relationships, which undergird the decision-making infrastructure and helps the entire community thrive.

Hunt County Kids – Helping children in need

Hunt County Kids was started in 2007 to meet the needs of underprivileged children in Hunt County. And the need is great. Sixty percent of all students in Hunt County are considered economically disadvantaged, according to the Texas Education Agency. In some of the schools, up to 80 percent of the students are considered economically disadvantaged. We are a 100% volunteer organization. \$.93 of every dollar donated goes directly to serving the needs of underprivileged children in Hunt County.

OUR PROGRAMS

The Back to School Mission provides backpacks and all the school supplies on the list for the grade the child is in. These supplies are taken to the school and are in the students' room the day school starts. In 2019, we provided **476 backpacks** and school supplies to students; this included 21 students in the foster care system.

Clothe the Kids is a program designed to help families in need by providing school clothing for their children. Students are nominated by their teachers, approved by the counselors, then the applications are sent on to us. We contact the family and make arrangements to take the family shopping.

The Medical Assistance Program is funded by Hunt Memorial Hospital District. Most any medical expense, within reason, not paid for by Medicaid, can be paid for by this program providing the family meets our requirements. This includes gasoline to get a child to the medical facility.

Our Emergency Response Program is partially funded by United Way of Hunt County and it covers most any expense that falls through the cracks of our other programs.

Reading Roundup is a program to provide elementary students with a book

to keep, and a volunteer will read to each student. We have a fire truck and police car for students to tour. Cookies and juice will be served for a snack.



Adopt A Family

- Connecting faith communities to families in need.
- Working to establish partnerships in the community.
- The faith community meeting the needs to help support & strengthen families from their community.

Reasons for Request:

- Child's Safety
- Family Preservation
- Placement Stability
- Family Reunification
- Adoption Stabilization
- Improve Child's Wellbeing
- Youth Transitioning out of Care

Items Commonly Requested:

- Beds
- Bedding
- Clothing
- Help with rent/utilities
- Food

First Night Bags in Hunt County alone about 25 to 35 children a month

are placed in foster homes; many as an emergency placement. The children often arrive on the doorstep of foster parents at night with few to no supplies. First Night Bags are for social workers to distribute during these types of placements.

Bag Contents:

- Pajamas
- One set of clothes
- (Underwear/socks/shirt/pants)
- Toiletries
- Toothbrush/paste
- Comb/brush
- Comfort item such as a stuffed animal/blanket/toy

Hunt County Kids - What We Do

We work very closely with our local schools, churches, and agencies to address children's needs which are not being met by other services. We work hand-in-hand with other organizations to help needy families with utility bills, clothing, food, school supplies, Christmas, medications, baby food, diapers, car seats, coats, shoes, blankets ... and the list goes on.

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