



VOICE

ANNUAL REPORT 2014





VOICE programs encourage physical activity of all types because evidence shows that individuals who lead healthy lifestyles develop positive attitudes and are less likely to abuse tobacco, alcohol and drugs.

Focus

We focus on education, health and wellness to prevent substance abuse in our children and youth.

Vision

We envision a safe, healthy and thriving community for children and families.

Mission

We empower children, youth and their families to lead healthy and productive lives by promoting success in education, nurturing wellness in mind and body and developing skills in tomorrow's global leaders.

Guiding Principles

- Children are our greatest asset.
- Lifelong health and wellness begin with good decisions.
- Education is the key to unlocking the future.
- Parents are children's strongest advocates.
- Strong families are the cornerstone of thriving communities.



Quick Facts

5,200 healthy lunches served during summer programs

68 schools served

36 staff members

1,549

books given to students to encourage reading

college scholarships awarded 31

60,000+

individuals impacted through large group, small group and one-to-one interactions

participants in programs held at housing authorities 517

6,478

hours contributed by volunteers

23 years of serving children, youth and their families

SERVING

16

COUNTIES

Anderson

Bosque

Cherokee

Coryell

Falls

Freestone

Hamilton

Henderson

Hill

Kaufman

Limestone

McLennan

Milam

Navarro

Rains

Van Zandt

Leadership

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2013-14

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Navarro County Sheriff's Department

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Ralph Fortner, Vice President, Southside Bank

Tom Gutierrez, Pastor

Viento Fuerte Centro de Adoración

Janet Jacobs, Adjunct Professor, Navarro College

Steve Keathley, Attorney at Law, Keathley & Keathley

Larasha Osborne, Clerk, O'Reilly Auto Parts

Tommy Stringer, Administrator, Navarro College

Tiffany Villarreal, Community Volunteer

Debbie Wilson, Community Volunteer

HENDERSON AND KAUFMAN COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dorothy Campbell, Community Volunteer

Brett Powers, School Counselor
Eustace Intermediate School

Bonnie Turnage, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer
Henderson County Juvenile Probation Department

Benjamin Hassell, Owner, Sugar Rock Designs

Sondra Price, Director
The Library at Cedar Creek Lake

Diane Russ, Administrative Assistant
Henderson County Attorney's Office

McLENNAN COUNTY ADVISORY COUNCIL

Erica Ancira, Visiting Lecturer
Hankamer School of Business, Baylor University

Robert Callahan, Attorney at Law, Callahan & King

Alexis Christiansen, Community Organizer
Waco Community Development

Tara Kimbell, Marketing Account Manager III
Amerigroup

Krystin Peaslee, Partnership Specialist
Waco Independent School District

Pete Peterson, Justice of the Peace
McLennan County, Pct. 1 Pl. 2

Cathy Pleitz, Community Volunteer

Gaylene Reed, Director of Community Relations
Rapoport Academy Public School

Patrick Swanton, Sergeant/Public Information
Officer, City of Waco Police Department

Josh Tetens, Attorney at Law, Simer & Tetens

Will Turner, Director of Clinic Operations
Baylor Scott & White Hillcrest Medical Center

Ashley Thornton, Director
Continuous Improvement, Baylor University

Jeff Wilhelm, Fire Prevention Specialist
Waco Fire Department

VOICE EXECUTIVE STAFF

Lynda Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

Luan Arnett, Chief Financial Officer

Cheryl Allen, Director of Program Advancement

John Goodnight, Deputy Director of Programs

Marian DeLeon-Smith, Region 7 Program Director

Valerie Horn, Regions 3 and 4 Program Director

Programs



Children, youth and adults learned the harmful effects that alcohol, tobacco and other drugs have on individuals, families and the community during **Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Educational Presentations**.

1,034 tobacco presentations were made to 18,614 children, youth and adults and 1,048 alcohol and other drugs presentations were made to 17,948 children, youth and adult participants

Families attended **tobacco, alcohol and drug free community events** that gave them the opportunity to enjoy time together in a safe, healthy environment.

32 events were attended by 22,859 children and youth and 7,010 adults

Students in the first through eighth grade, identified as being at elevated-risk for early substance abuse, delinquency and violence, participated in **Curriculum-Based Support Groups** held on school campuses. In small group settings, they were taught how to: cope with difficult family situations, resist negative peer pressure, respect themselves and others, set and achieve goals, make healthy choices and refuse alcohol, tobacco and drugs.

775 students participated in the program

In **La Voz Para La Familia**, Spanish-speaking parents learned to advocate for the educational needs of their children, improved their ability to communicate in English and, along with their children, developed skills to strengthen family relationships.

128 adults and 160 children were served by the program

High school students gained the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective leaders, volunteers and employees in the community by attending **Pathways to Success** (formerly TOOL and Master Scholars Programs). Each teen completing the one-year program, which included forty-six hours of volunteer work, received a \$500 college scholarship and was eligible to be hired for VOICE spring break and summer programs.

28 students received college scholarships and 1,288 volunteer hours were given to the community

VOICE helps teens improve relationships with their families and peers, develop leadership and job skills and connect with resources needed to earn a college degree.



Ninth through twelfth grade students who demonstrated high-risk for substance abuse learned self-control, effective communication, appropriate decision-making and how to live alcohol and drug free in **Project Toward No Drug Abuse**.

448 students participated in the group sessions

During spring break vacation, children residing in low-income neighborhoods, including housing authorities, attended **Spring Training** where they learned healthy behaviors that emphasized physical fitness and good nutrition. 157 children learned new behaviors with the assistance of 35 volunteers



Programs

Family relationships improved when youth, parents and siblings learned to communicate effectively by attending **Strengthening Families Program** together. The seven-week, fourteen session program has been proven to significantly improve family communication and reduce problem behaviors, truancy and alcohol and drug abuse. 275 adults accompanied 392 youth, many recommended by the court system, and their siblings

Summer Breakout was a five-week program held in housing authorities that helped students maintain mental acuity and wellness over the summer. Using nationally recognized curriculum, children learned how the brain influences learning and behavior. The value of books was emphasized and volunteers from partner organizations joined VOICE staff in reading with the students on a one-to-one basis. 66 first through fifth grade students attended

VOICE conducts multiple programs that teach and provide support for parents and other adults so that they can positively influence the lives of children and teens.





Students from kindergarten to eighth grade increased their love of learning and art while attending **Summer Freedom School**, a multi-week program held on school campuses in low-income neighborhoods. For their children to attend, parents were required to volunteer three hours per week at the program and attend year-round training that encouraged them to play active roles in their children's lives and education.

131 students attended, while 145 adults attended the parent training and volunteered at the program

Students of all ages participated in **Too Good for Drugs** where they learned to resist peer pressure, set goals, make sound decisions, respect self and others, manage emotions and communicate effectively. The multi-session program focused on substance abuse education and was conducted at school campuses and community sites.

9,930 students learned how to avoid tobacco, alcohol and drug addiction

CAP (College Achievement Program)

CAP is a program conducted in Navarro and McLennan counties that encourages students to further their education after high school. Ninth through twelfth graders receive individualized and group support that help them access resources which will aid them in enrolling in, paying for and completing college.

Seniors that complete the required tasks are eligible to enter a drawing for a \$2,500 college scholarship. Completing CAP qualifies Navarro County students to receive an application to the Barney M. & Hester Kent Scholarship, the J. Tom Eady Scholarship and the Clifford Foundation Scholarship and McLennan County students to receive an application to the Clifford Foundation Scholarship.

Required Tasks

- Meet with CAP coordinator or advisor
- Submit most recent official high school and college transcripts
- Submit official copy of ACT or SAT results
- Complete three Kuder Navigator Assessments
- Submit up-to-date resume
- Complete the 2015-16 FAFSA
- Complete the 2016-17 FAFSA
- Apply for MAC College Money Program (McLennan County only)

CAP Coordinators Afton Aldama and Maria Vallejo, along with CAP Advisor Dr. Toni Brown (not pictured), speak at schools and events where they encourage students to earn college degrees. They also meet one-to-one with high school juniors and seniors to provide support and assistance in accessing admission and financial aid resources.



VASA (Voices Against Substance Abuse) Community Coalition

VASA Community Coalition works to create a drug and alcohol free culture for young adults in McLennan County. Funded by a five-year grant from the Department of Health Services in 2013, the organization is researching and environmentally addressing the use and abuse of alcohol (underage and binge drinking), marijuana and prescription drugs in the county.

VASA began by researching the use of alcohol and drugs by young adults and the community's attitude regarding the issue. This task included surveying high school and college students, parents and other adults to determine their perception of substance abuse. The results of the survey will be released in April 2015. Using the collected data, the coalition is enacting environmental strategies that target young adult drinking, marijuana use and prescription drug abuse in McLennan County. Strategies include highlighting the increased risk of underage and binge drinking during prom and graduation and the penalties incurred by adults caught purchasing or serving alcohol to minors.

VASA Community Coalition Members

Business

Claude Van Ness, Lonestar T-shirts & Graphics

Civic/Volunteer

Keith Guillory, Waco Fire Department

Sophia Martinez, Waco Police Department

Community Organizations

Cheryl Allen, VOICE

Cynthia Cunningham, Waco Recovery Oriented
Systems of Care (ROSC)

Marian DeLeon-Smith, VOICE

Rhema McKinney, Care Net Pregnancy Center
of Waco

Faith Based

Sam Doyle, Greater New Light Baptist Church

Marshall Lopes, Mighty Wind Worship Center

Government

Teri Holtkamp, City of Waco

Health Care

Taylor Bee, Hillcrest TeenSafe

Keith Reed, Hillcrest Teensafe

Kahler Stone, Public Health District

Darlene Terry, Veterans Affairs

Media

Hector Sabido, Prophecy Media

Parents

Tony Abad, L3 Communications

Education

Don Arterburn, Baylor University

Heather Branch, Waco Independent School District

Rose Freeman, Retired WISD Counselor

Paul Gonzales, McLennan Community College

Treatment/Recovery

Kattina Bryant, Cenikor

Katrina Hansen, Cenikor

Tiffany Roberts, Cenikor

Evelyn Sadler, Bluebonnet Trails Community Services

Amy Soho, Cenikor

Nick Vache, Cenikor

Youth

Caitlin Clossen, McLennan Community College

Ashley Steenberger, Baylor University

Community Partners

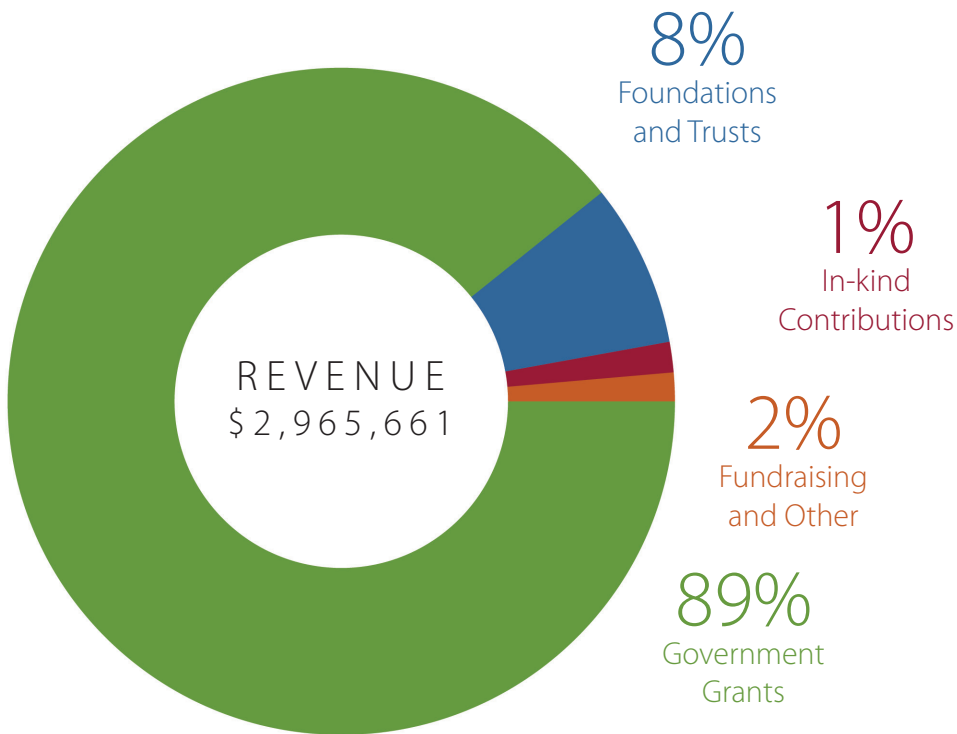
SCHOOLS

A.B. McBay Elementary
Agape Christian Academy
Blooming Grove Elementary
Blooming Grove High
Blooming Grove Middle
Bowie Elementary
Bruceville Eddy High
Canton Elementary
Carroll Elementary
Cedar Ridge Elementary
Chilton Elementary
Chilton Middle
China Springs High
Collins Catholic
Collins Middle
Connally Elementary
Corsicana High
Dawson Elementary
Dawson High
Dawson Middle
Drane Intermediate
Eustace High
Eustace Intermediate
Eustace Primary
Fairfield Elementary
Fairfield High
Fairfield Intermediate
Fannin Elementary
Frankston Elementary
Frost Elementary
Frost High
Frost Middle
Grand Saline High
Grand Saline Middle
Harmony Science Academy
Hillsboro High
J.H. Hines Elementary
Kerens Elementary
Kerens High
Kerens Middle
LaVega Elementary
LaVega High
LaVega Intermediate
Mabank High
Mabank Junior High
Malakoff Elementary
Marlin Elementary
Marlin High
Marlin Middle
Mart Elementary
Mart Middle
Mexia High
Mildred Elementary
Mildred Junior High
Navarro Elementary
New Summerfield Elementary
O.P. Norman Junior High - Kaufman
Provident Heights Elementary
R.Q. Simms Intermediate
Rice Elementary
Rice High
Rice Intermediate
Sam Houston Elementary
South Waco Elementary
Spring Valley Elementary
Teague Elementary
Tennyson Middle
Tool Elementary
University High
Waco High
West Avenue Elementary
Wills Point Middle

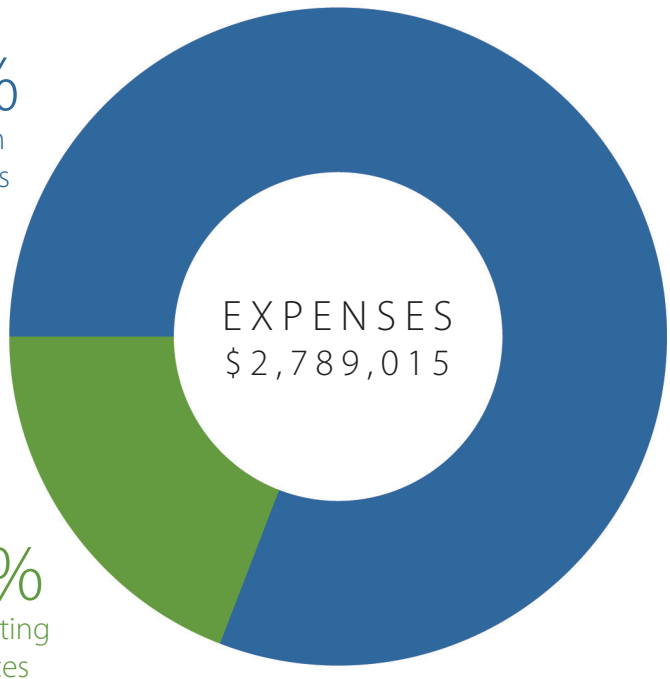
COMMUNITY

Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children
Athens Housing Authority
Bluebonnet Trails Community Services
Boys and Girls Club, Corsicana
Cain Center
Calvary Baptist Church, Waco
Cenikor
City of Tool
Communities in Schools of the Heart of Texas
Community Coalition Partnership, Longview
Corsicana Housing Authority
Doris Miller YMCA
Drug Prevention Resources, Inc.
Fairview Apartments, Athens
Freedom Fellowship, Corsicana
Henderson County Extension Service
Henderson County HELP Center
Henderson County Juvenile Probation
Hillcrest TeenSafe
HOT Recovers!
Iglesias Bautista Calvario
Waco Housing Authority
Kiwanis Club of Cedar Creek
Lifeline Fellowship Family Church
Lil Angels Giving Back to the Community
Little Red School House, Corsicana
Mabank Housing Authority
Malakoff Housing Authority
Mary Peterson Child Care Center
McLennan Community College
Memorial Baptist Church, Corsicana
Mighty Wind Worship Center
Mosaic Family Services
NAMI Waco
Navarro County Alternative Education Program
Navarro County Juvenile Probation
New Life Praise Center
PAX United
Rainbow Days, Inc.
Recovery Resource Council, Fort Worth
Right Track Ministries
Road to Damascus Resource Center
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church
St. Peter Lutheran Church, Mabank
Taylor's Memorial, Corsicana
Temple Nueva Vida, Corsicana
Texans Standing Tall
Texas Agrilife Extension
The Library at Cedar Creek Lake
UT Arlington CARS
Viento Fuerto Church, Waco
Waco-McLennan County Public Health District
West Hylands Apartments
YMCA, Corsicana

Financials



81%
Program
Expenses



Our auditor has issued an unqualified opinion in the audit report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2014. In addition, our internal controls were reviewed and no concerns were noted.

19%
Supporting
Services

Supporters

3 Spoons Yogurt
Richard Aldama
Amerigroup
Homer Andrews and Mark Rash
Annie Lee Robbins Trust
Marsha Jean Banks
Bass Industrial Coatings, Inc.
BCM Innovative Therapies
Jane Biltz
Stephen and Leah Blackard
M. S. Bonin
Cathy Branch
Joe Brooks
Clifford and Toni Brown III
Roy and Meredith Burrell
Canterbury Court
Elonda Cassady
Cedar Creek Lake Area Chamber
of Commerce
Centene Management Co LLC
Charlotte Paulk
Chili's Corsicana
Chili's Waco
Citizen's National Bank, Corsicana
City Air Systems, Inc.
Lori Clemons
Communities Foundation of Texas
Community National Bank and Trust,
Corsicana
Community Services, Inc.
Byron Cook
Ken Cook
Sue Cook
Melinda Corder
Kathryn Corley
Corley Funeral Home
Corsicana Bedding, Inc.
Corsicana Kiwanis Club
Corsicana Lion's Club
Corsicana/Navarro County Chamber
of Commerce
Corsicana YMCA
Dorinda Coursey
Mike Cox
Tresa Darby
Dawson & Sodd LLP
Gina Dieterichs
Lea Dominy
Kerri Anderson Donica
Double Trouble Duds
Marsha Douglass
Sherry Dowd

Carla Dyess
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Suzanne Edling
Edward M. Polk Associates
Ed Erwin
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Erwin
Ken and Diane Frost
Robert Gage
Paula Gilliam
Glenwood Consultancy, Inc.
Joe Glicksman
Kyle and Rockie Glicksman
Shelley Golden
Neal and Laura Green, Jr.
Guardian, Corsicana
Jimmy Hale
Denise Harper
Brandy Harrison
Brad and Lori Haynie
H-E-B
Helping Hands
Paul Hooper, Jr.
Wendy Huffman
J. Tom Eady Charitable Trust
Janet Jacobs
Lisa Jacobs
Shelley Jennings
Richard and Mary Jones
Keathley Law Offices
Joe D. Kennemore
Kerens First United Methodist Church
Kerens Kiwanis Club
KidsCare Therapy
William King Jr
Kiwanis Club of Cedar Creek Lake
Kiwanis Club of Corsicana
KWKT Fox 44
Barbara Lagomarsino
Vickey Little
Lone Star T-Shirts & Graphics
Lott Physical Therapy & Fitness Center
Lynda Housley Insurance
MADD, Henderson County
Shawn Malone
Richard Martin
Kristen Maupin
Chuck McClanahan
John McClung
Carolyn McCombs
Laura McGee
McKee Lumber Company
Lewis and Valerie McMahan

Roxanne McManus
Dr. and Mrs. Joseph McNally
Gale Meador
Amanda Melton
Member's Choice Federal Credit Union
of Central Texas
Heather Miller
Edward Monk
Napolis
Navarro College
Navarro Community Foundation
Wayne and Judy Nelson
Hester Parker
Navarro Regional Hospital
Prophecy Media Group
Rena Fleming Foundation for Youth
Bryan and Nancy Ruez
Russell Stover Candies
Angeline Sanchez
Mary Jane Sanders
Stuart Schoppert
Audrey Sloan
Ron and Suzanne Smith
Ellen Roman Sodd
Maynard Sowell
Jerry and Mary Steely
Ann Stites
St. Peter Lutheran Church
Betsy Stroder
Patti Summerall
Susan Wilson Marketing LLC
Taylor Harrison Wealth Management
The Library at Cedar Creek Lake
The National Banks of Central Texas
Thyme and Elegance Catering
Linda Timmerman
Tomcat Drilling LLC
Ralph and Fran Townes
Trinity Valley Electric Cooperative
Charitable Foundation
Elbert Turner
Upland Bird Country
Linda Veldman
Roy and Malinda Veldman
Victorian Sample Interiors
Ronny and Barbara Watkins
Tony Watkins
Cara Wilson
Debbie Wilson
Winters Oil Partners LP
John and Carolyn Yates
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