OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS (Descriptions include only United Way funded programs)

**AMERICAN RED CROSS SERVING TEXAS SOUTH PLAINS**
Assists disaster victims, including food, clothing and temporary shelter to help families take the first step from crisis to stability; serves meals to emergency workers and handles requests for information from family members. Red Cross also assists members of the armed services with communications with family during personal emergencies, access to financial assistance, and counseling and referrals.

**CASA OF THE SOUTH PLAINS**
Empowers community members to serve as Volunteer Advocates and to be a voice for the best interest of children who have been abused and neglected. A CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocate, helps children in foster care navigate the whirlwind of change they face while in the child welfare system and ensure their needs are being met, while working to help find safe, permanent homes.

**BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF LUBBOCK**
Helps children ages 6 to 18 years old reach their full potential through professionally supported, one-to-one matches with mentors that have measurable impact on youth. Programs include a community-based program and a school-based program. Individuals and couples can serve as mentors.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF LUBBOCK**
Provides persons 60 years old and older with emergency assistance for dentures, medicines, hearing aids, eye glasses and transportation. Catholic Charities also assists low-income parents enrolled in a college, university or trade school with tuition, books and limited family expenses. The goal of the program is to transition the family out of poverty by mentoring and providing a supportive roadmap toward success.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF LUBBOCK**
Provides a safe, positive place for kids, ages 6 to 18 years old, at five locations. Programs focus on education and career development, character and leadership development, health and life skills, the arts, and sports, fitness and recreation. Includes after school pick up at approximately 15 elementary schools and several middle schools.

**CHILDREN’S ADVOCACY CENTER OF THE SOUTH PLAINS**
Brings together community resources to speed the healing to child victims of abuse and trauma. Collaborates with a multi-disciplinary team in the investigation of specific child abuse cases while also providing case reviews, free therapy, family advocacy, court room preparation/accompaniment, and raising community education/awareness of the problem of child sexual abuse.

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA, SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL**
Aims to serve others by helping to instill values in young people to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime to achieve their full potential. Educational programs for boys, girls, and young adults build character, teach the responsibilities of participating citizenship and develop personal fitness. Scouting promotes leadership skills through youth-led activities, community service, and outdoor adventure. Scouting programs available for ages 5 to 20 include: Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring.

**COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS ON THE SOUTH PLAINS**
Works with students in Lubbock and surrounding school districts to help students successfully learn and prepare for life by facilitating the connection of community resources in the school setting. CIS is a year-round, in-school prevention and intervention program that empowers young people to stay in school.

For more information about United Way and our Community Partners, visit our website where you can find links to partner websites and find out how you can get involved. LUBBOCKAREAUNITEDWAY.ORG
EARLY LEARNING CENTERS OF LUBBOCK

Provides high quality child care with educational programs for infants through Pre-K children and for school-aged children during school holidays. ELC partners with many community groups such as Lubbock ISD, Texas Tech, Foster Grandparent, and all the United Way Partner Agencies to provide enhanced services to children. Fees for the year-round program are based on income and eligibility. There are five locations: Carver, Talkington, Guadalupe, Vanda and New Directions.

FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

Provides affordable counseling services, including individual, marital, family and groups. Also provides consultation, education, information and referral to various agencies, organizations, businesses, schools and professionals.

GIRL SCOUTS OF TEXAS OKLAHOMA PLAINS

Prepares girls to practice a lifetime of leadership through access to girl-led experiences, skills, and connections. Girls built of courage, confidence, and character make the world a better place. Girls ages 5 to 17 can become part of volunteer or staff led troops, attend events, and venture outdoors at nearby Camp Rio Blanco. Volunteers 18 and older make the program possible.

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF NORTHWEST TEXAS

Creates job opportunities for people with barriers to employment. The Training, Placement and Life-Skills (T-PALS) program provides free job training and placement services and classes focused on resume writing, interview skills, and job search techniques, as well as beginning, intermediate, and advanced computer classes. Goodwill believes in the power of work and the self-respect that comes from earning a paycheck.

GUADALUPE-PARKWAY NEIGHBORHOOD CENTERS

After-school and summer programs for children, ages Pre-K through 12th grade, create opportunities for growth, learning and building self-esteem. Activities include academic homework assistance and enrichment, sports and recreation, character development, dance and fine arts, computer skills, Kids’ Café, community events and scouting.

LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF LUBBOCK

Provides low income clients in 12 counties across West Texas with first-rate legal assistance, advocacy, and quality counsel in matters of family and elder law. Family law matters include protection from domestic violence, stability of the family in divorce, child support, uncontested adoptions, and suits affecting the parent child relationship. Elder law includes medical and statutory durable power of attorney, physician's directives, and simple wills. Brief advice and referrals are available for walk-ins and by phone.

LITERACY LUBBOCK

Provides adult literacy education free of charge to any adult 18 years and older. Programs include reading, writing, speaking, GED preparatory, English as a Second Language, math tutoring, college entrance test preparation, and help with learning challenges such as dyslexia.

LUBBOCK CHILDREN’S HEALTH CLINIC

Provides comprehensive quality health care for low-income children including sick care, well exams and immunizations. LCHC encourages preventive health care by serving as a medical home for children with acute illnesses as well as follow-up care that may prevent conditions from developing into more serious problems. Care is provided regardless of ability to pay.

THE PARENTING COTTAGE

Provides early childhood learning and parenting education as a Parents as Teachers (PAT) Blue Ribbon Affiliate. Utilizing degreed and certified parent educators, the evidence based model for services provides twice monthly home visits as well as group activities to families prenatal through kindergarten entry. In addition to the educational components of the program, families are also assisted in connecting with community resources that may improve their family’s overall stability and financial independence.

In 2018, United Way funded programs impacted 120,275 lives across the South Plains Region. This includes individuals who received services from multiple Community Partners.
THE SALVATION ARMY

Gives hope, alleviates human suffering and provides assistance with food, clothing and shelter for individuals and families in times of need or crisis. The homeless shelter provides lodging, meals, telephone voicemail, mail boxes, showers, laundry facilities, clothing, casework, referrals and hygiene kits. Family services assists with rent, utilities, prescriptions, food vouchers and hygiene boxes.

UPBRING

The Health for Friends Clinic and outreach nurses provide education, screening and referrals to identify persons with undiagnosed chronic health conditions including diabetes, hypertension and chronic obesity, as well as for those with existing complications who wish to maintain their health. In-depth education and nutritional counseling, along with personalized meal plans and medication management occur at the main clinic site in downtown Lubbock.

VOICE OF HOPE

Provides victims of sexual assault and/or sex trafficking with free confidential crisis assistance, advocacy, support, and promotes public awareness of the realities of sexual victimization. Voice of Hope also works to eliminate incidence of assault through outreach activism and community education. The 24-hour crisis services include a hotline, medical and law enforcement accompaniment. Also provides case management, follow-up, judicial accompaniment, individual and group counseling to survivors and their loved ones. All services are free.

OUR MISSION: GIVING • PEOPLE • HOPE

OUR PRIORITIES

• To ensure all children are school-ready by kindergarten and are grade-level readers by 3rd grade.
• To eliminate child abuse and sex-trafficking in our communities.
• To provide access to all persons in need of mental health services.

Volunteer Center of Lubbock

Exists to inspire a more engaged community by helping people find their purpose and act on it. Through collaborative partnerships with nonprofits, for-profits, organizations and individuals, the center seeks to create a culture of service throughout the community and to develop the next generation of leaders.

The Volunteer Center partners with over 125 nonprofit agencies, 40 area secondary schools and a growing number of businesses. In 2018, the organization impacted the lives of more than 49,000 people on the South Plains.

WOMEN’S PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Serves victims of family violence and their dependent children who have experienced physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse.

Residential Program: A center-based, residential program including 24-hour crisis hotline, food, clothing, personal hygiene items, social referral (housing, job, income assistance, day care), counseling, legal advocacy and medical and transportation assistance.

Non-Residential Program: Provides services to those who do not need emergency shelter in 12-county area.

Community Education: Program Curricula and Volunteer Speakers Bureau designed specifically for target populations and presentations to civic groups and community organizations to provide education and awareness for the prevention and/or reduction of family violence.

YWCA LUBBOCK

YW-Care After School: Provides activities to enrich the lives of children in a safe environment and meet the need for quality affordable childcare after school hours and during school breaks.

Summer Day Camp: Offers recreational activities such as arts and crafts, swimming, non-competitive team sports, and reading for children ages 4-12 from Lubbock and the surrounding area.

Women's Health Initiative: Focuses on medically underserved women, uninsured women, low-income, minorities, and younger women by providing them with access to breast and cervical cancer education, screening, treatment and post-diagnosis support.