

2020 Grants

Children's Advocacy Center of the Coastal Bend 2/25/2020 \$7,000 CACCB is seeking funds to educate the community on ways to prevent child abuse, sex trafficking, drug endangerment, and neglect of Coastal Bend children. Each year, we provide more than 1,000 forensic interviews of children of children who have been physically or sexually abused. Our goal is to prevent future incidents by reaching out, to the public and educating them regarding our services and ways to prevent, identify, and deal with child abuse. Funds are needed to better serve the CACCB's 12 county service area, allowing our Outreach Coordinator to make more in person visits to schools and community organizations in rural areas.

Corpus Christi Education Foundation 2/25/2020 \$1,000 CCEF is seeking funding to help pay for educational materials needed to support robotics programs at CCISD schools. Teachers at several CCISD campuses have expressed an interest in robotics programs similar to other successful school programs, which are funded, in part, by the CCEF. The CCEF is working to lay the groundwork for comprehensive STEM/robotics education in the CCISD. Funds could be used to purchase robotics building kits, spheros, and ozobots, a laser cutter to improve the design and aesthetics of robots, supplies, small hand tools, and 3-D printers capable of building more robust prints.

Mission of Mercy 2/25/2020 \$5,000 Medical Care for the Uninsured Working Poor will provide free healthcare and free prescription medications to the uninsured and underinsured working poor at the Mission of Mercy Medical Center in Corpus Christi and at our mobile sight clinic in Sandia, Texas. We will partner with volunteers to provide diagnosis, treatment, and health information and will treat patients for as long as they need our services. Mission of Mercy diagnoses and treats conditions ranging from acute to chronic illness, and when specialty care is required, refer patients to hospitals, private providers, and specialists, who treat our patients for free. We restore dignity by not forcing patients to provide embarrassing (lack of) income information.

United Way of the Coastal Bend 2/25/2020 \$4,000 Thousands of local elementary students start each year embarrassed and unprepared, because they don't have adequate supplies. United Way of the Coastal Bend is partnering with HEB, KRIS, and numerous donors for the 30th Annual Operation Supply Our Students. In the past decade, this initiative raised more than \$450,000. Last year, more than 10,000 students from 36 school districts across 10 coastal bend counties received basic school supplies. While that sounds like a lot, the need is greater. More than 50,000 children in our area qualify for reduced/free lunch. As always, 100% of donations go toward wholesale purchases of supplies.

Robstown ISD Education Foundation 2/25/2020 \$3,000 Corpus Christi Metro Ministries is pursuing funds to support Rainbow House/Foster Sanctuary and Gabbard Health Clinic - two of five free programs transforming lives in our community. Rainbow House/Foster Sanctuary program and Gabbard Health Clinic serve different, yet overlapping populations. Children, women, men, the homeless, poor and working poor, families at risk for homelessness, young aged-out-foster-care women, the disabled, and the elderly benefit from our services. We feed the mind, body and spirit; house the homeless; and transform lives. Our Foster Sanctuary for young women who have aged out of foster care is the only such program in Nueces County.

YWCA 2/25/2020 \$6,000 YWCA YWTeen Program provides 5th and 6th grade girls tools, guidance and confidence to make wiser decisions about their futures when faced with life altering events. On-

campus groups of girls participate in character building activities every week. 92% of girls report YWTeens helped them value staying in school and graduating. 100% of adults report girls' goal setting and decision making improve. \$5,786 serves 22 girls.

Women's Shelter of South Texas dba The Purple Door 2/25/2020 \$2,000 The Purple Door is a shelter and supportive services program which encompasses victim services including safe shelter, case management, counseling, legal advocacy, and youth services.

Citizens for Educational Excellence 2/25/2020 \$2,000 CEE is seeking project funds for the construction and nursing apprenticeship programs. Designed for graduating high school seniors, the programs will prepare 20 students for employment in the construction or nursing fields both high demand Coastal Bend occupations. Through a rigorous training program conducted in the spring semester, students will be prepared with both hard skills (measurement, tool us, etc.) or Certified Nurse Aid course and 30 hours of soft skills development (time management, team work, business etiquette, etc.) After interviews and job offers, students will serve in a paid apprenticeship for six weeks before becoming eligible for full time employment with the company.

Educating Children's Future Community Center 2/25/2020 \$2,000 The ECF Community Center objectives are to provide an after school tutoring educational enrichment program for all at risk elementary age who live in the Coastal Bend Community Funding will be used to open another tutorial program at Menger Elementary School. This is a perfect location to reach many children from all other nearby schools. Funds will be used purchase more resources, equipment, computers, and training.

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) of the Coastal Bend 2/25/2020 \$5,000 Granted funding from N.E.C. Round Up would assist CASA in the outreach search, recruitment, and training of carefully screened and interviewed volunteers to become active Court Appointed Special Advocates, CASAs, and sworn into service by the presiding judges in Nueces and Aransas counties. This funding will help us find champions for these many abused and neglected children. The funds will be utilized with outreach programs in the communities to teach others about CASA. It will also enable us to add 50+ new advocates in 2020 and the specialized training they will each receive to serve the children at their best.

Agape Ranch 2/25/2020 \$3,000 Agape Ranch respectfully requests funding for Trust-Based Relational Intervention. TBRI is an attachment-based, trauma-informed intervention that is designed to meet the complex needs of vulnerable children. This education for foster parents, DFPS and child placing agency case workers, and individuals who work directly with foster children will focus on Empowering Principles to address physical needs, Connecting Principles for attachment needs, and Correcting Principles to disarm fear-based behaviors. Proven through years of attachment, sensory processing, and neuroscience research, this education is incredibly valuable in providing support services for physical, emotional, and mental health of foster children in our community.

Corpus Christi Metro Ministries 2/25/2020 \$10,000 Corpus Christi Metro Ministries is pursuing funds to support our Rainbow House Shelter and Loaves & Fishes Cafeteria - 2 of the 5 free programs transforming lives in our community. Rainbow House Shelter and Loaves & Fishes cafeteria serve different, yet overlapping populations. Children, women, men, the hungry, poor and working poor, families at risk for homelessness, young aged out foster care women, the disabled, and the elderly benefit from our services. We feed the mind, body and spirit; house the homeless; and transform lives.

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Total Awards Funded: \$50,000