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## REACHING OUT TO THE COMMUNITY

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How do you reach potentially hundreds of boys and girls who need what Scouting can do for them? Karl Boroski, Chaparral District Director says, **“you find a way to bring Scouting to them.”**

In 2010 Buffalo Trail Council **expanded it’s after school** program to two elementary schools and continued one at a community center in Midland. These sites already offer a variety of after-school programs for their students; now approximately 180 boys and girls participate in the Outreach123 program on a weekly basis.

**“These are kids who would**

**not come to traditional programs.” Mr. Boroski stated. They don’t need uniforms, and the focus is on the character building aspects of Scouting. The kids are ages 6-12, so the program focuses on what activities the various scouting levels have in common. The council service center is working on a sash that will allow them to display patches that mark their achievements.**

Currently at the heart of the program is Paul Aguirre, an Eagle Scout, Senior at Midland High School, and a Program Aide hired by the

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*Paul Aguirre leading an activity at Casa de Amigos.*



## MISSION MOMENT

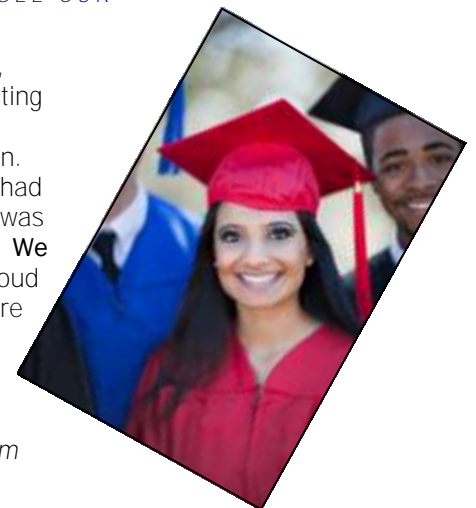
*A MOMENT WHEN WE SEE OUR MISSION BEING MET*

**“In a program to help the Boys and Girls Club of Odessa, we introduced the kids to a Dream Board.**

A Dream Board has no limitations to what you can **have or want to achieve. It’s done by cutting out pictures from magazines, newspapers and catalogs and pasting on a poster board all the things you would like to have in your future. As the kids were**

**cutting we noticed a girl, around the age of 9, cutting out a young lady in a graduation cap and gown. We asked her what she had there and her response was “This is me graduating”. We were speechless and proud to know this is why we are here. All the kids had a great time envisioning their future.”**

*As told by a past program leader.*



### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Buffalo Trail Council is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS 2010

### BTSR

Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation.....	\$25,000.00
The Dunagan Foundation, Inc. ....	\$5,000.00
Easton Sports Development Foundation II.....	\$5,000.00
Ken W. Davis Foundation .....	\$10,000.00

### General Operating Fund

Anonymous.....	\$50,000.00
Chaparral Foundation.....	\$5,000.00
The Fasken Foundation.....	\$15,000.00
Frances & Jack Brown Fund (Communities Foundation of Texas).....	\$5,000.00
<b>James A. "Buddy" Davidson Charitable Foundation</b> .....	\$10,000.00
Permian Basin Area Foundation Donor Advised Fund.....	\$10,000.00
The RAM Foundation .....	\$10,000.00
RBC Foundation USA .....	\$2,500.00

### General Operating Fund (Special Needs)

Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust .....	\$25,000.00
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### Learning for Life Program

Citibank .....	\$5,000.00
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### Lone Star District Operational Support

Dora Roberts Foundation .....	\$50,000.00
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A Scout is .....  
TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

## MERIT BADGE ACADEMY

Filling classrooms around the building and utilizing space outside, the LDS Church on Gateway in Midland, once again hosted the Buffalo Trail **Council's Merit Badge Academy**. Held two consecutive Saturdays in

January, the Academy has become a council tradition. This year 223 boys attended and 376 Merit Badges were completed with another 294 merit badges started. Offered 8:00am - 1:00 pm

each day, the Academy also was the staging ground for an Eagle Scout project blood drive.

The council thanks the LDS church for hosting the event, and all volunteers for making it a success.



## LEARNING FOR LIFE

The influence of the Buffalo Trail Council, is not just seen in the uniformed troops and non-traditional after-school Scouting programs. The Buffalo Trail Council also offers an academic and character development

program, currently serving approximately 3867 youth\*, to educators in a class room setting.

**"Learning for Life features grade-appropriate, theme-oriented lesson plans. Learning for Life is an action-learning process**

and uses teaching techniques such as role-playing, small-group discussions, reflective and moral dilemma exercises and hands-on activities."\*\*

Schools are able to offer this great program at a reduced cost.



\*Buffalo Trail Council, Inc. Boy Scouts of America, 2010 Annual Report, page 3.

\*\*LearningforLife.com

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council. Paul, who started as a volunteer, goes to each location weekly and leads the kids in the activities. Paul Brooks, Education Director at Casa de Amigos said the program, “teaches them to learn.”

The kids are invited to

attend Day Camp during the summer and are given information on traditional packs in their area. The hope is that the kids will find their way into traditional packs and continue with Scouting. If not, they leave the after-school program with good

memories and new skills.

The response from the kids and the school district has been positive and the council is ready to expand to more schools next year.



## COUNCIL GRANT IMPACTS

Area foundations and corporations have generously supported the youth and activities of the Buffalo Trail Council this year.

At BTR the council is working on a capital project encompassing several items critical to continued safe operations: equipment to bring the kitchen up to health requirements, tables for the dining hall, a teaching pavilion at the range, back-up generator replacement, and a one-ton truck and two ATV Mules to haul supplies.

To date the Ninnie Baird Foundation, Ken Davis Foundation, Dunagan Foundation, King Foundation (Dallas), and the National Rifle Association Foundation/Permian Basin Friends of NRA have provided \$96,500 in support of this \$173,000 project.

In addition the Easton Sports Development Foundation has provided archery equipment and the National Rifle Association has provided firearms and supplies to be used at Cub Day Camp and Scout Camp.

General operation grants cover basic expenses like utilities and staff program support so the council can maximize the use of other donations. Funds in support of operations have been granted by the Chaparral Foundation, ConocoPhillips, John & Maurine Cox Foundation, Fasken Foundation, Helen Greathouse Charitable Trust, Mabee Foundation, Permian Basin Area Foundation, Ram Foundation, the Dora Roberts Foundation, and an anonymous donor.

The council also seeks funding to provide Scouting programs to those who could not otherwise participate because of finances, inadequate volunteer support, and other factors. These efforts are known collectively as “Scoutreach” and it is supported by AEP Texas, Frances & Jack Brown Fund of Communities Foundation of Texas, “Buddy” Davidson Foundation, and RBC Foundation.

Learning for Life is a program the council offers in the schools and after school. It is supported by Citibank of Midland. LFL is a character development program helping students to do well in school, to bridge to work and to graduate.

The council appreciates the many forms of support provided by the community.

Every day trained volunteers and the council provide programs that help youth to make better choices increasing their capacity to envision a future where they are successful at school, at work, and at whatever career they chose.

*Note: This includes grants from 2007-2011 reflecting projects which have been funded but not yet completed and funding which does not follow the calendar year.*



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### EAGLES - LEARNING TO LEAD IN THE COMMUNITY

Gold Star Mothers; not a distinction any mother wants, but a reality for many. A Gold Star Mother refers to a mother who has lost a son or daughter in the service of our country.

Four Odessa Scouts, Kenneth Campbell, Cody Dykstra, Taylor Keith, and Jacob Smith have finished, or are currently working on, Eagle projects helping to honor the Gold Star Mothers of the Permian Basin with a memorial.

**Cody Dykstra's project** involved the planning and building of the memorial which sits in the front corner of the American Legion building on 8th Street in Odessa.

What surprised Cody about doing his project **was that there was "a lot of leadership required to get it done and get time donated."** It is recorded that 92.8 hours were spent on the project by Cody and those who helped.

The steel for the monument was cut into three pieces, welded together, painted and attached to the poles that were set into the ground. Many, such as the welder and steel cutter, volunteered their time.

**"I thought it was interesting," Cody said when asked why he chose this project. "I feel for all the people (serving) overseas and the families of those who lost their life."**



In 2010,  
52 Scouts earned  
their Eagle Scout  
Award in the  
Buffalo Trail  
Council.