



2019 ANNUAL REPORT



2019 WAS A YEAR OF STRENGTH AND COMMUNITY COLLABORATION.

Dear Friends,

During 2019, the United Way of Abilene, its partners, and volunteers fought hard for the families of the Big Country. We tackled complex problems that seemed impossible to solve, and we united around our neighbors in need.

The board members of United Way of Abilene and United Way Foundation of Abilene are passionate about our community and addressing the needs of today and our tomorrows. Our mission is to seek ways to create positive, lasting change for all because we are connected and interdependent on each other. We all win when a child succeeds in school, when families are financially stable, and when people are healthy!

A major challenge for many of our families was recovery from the May 18th tornado. The EF-2 tornado damaged 416 homes and businesses. Our community responded in a way that reflects our deep care for each other! Together, United Way of Abilene and Community Foundation of Abilene created AbileneRelief.org as a single giving platform to help the most people affected by the tornado. More than \$500,000 was raised, and thus far more than \$400,000 in relief has been distributed to 328 families.

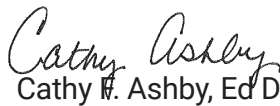
Your United Way helped individual families with food, clothing, short-term shelter, relocation, home repairs, auto repairs, medical bills, and transportation needs. Two homes were a total loss, and we stood alongside those families as their homes were demolished. We also celebrated a new chapter with one of these families in their new home on S. 6th Street. We are watching with excitement as another new home is being constructed today on S. 2nd Street for the second family.

We sincerely thank all of you - the members of the United Way of Abilene - for your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. We are grateful that we have talented people who are willing to serve our community. You have earned our heartfelt thank you.

Sincerely,



Justin Crowe
Board Chairman
United Way of Abilene



Cathy W. Ashby, Ed D
President & CEO
United Way of Abilene
United Way Foundation of Abilene



United Way of Abilene is proud to hold the Gold Star designation with GuideStar and the highest 4-star level with Charity Navigator for the **sixth consecutive year**.

These rankings demonstrate United Way of Abilene's **accountability, efficiency, and transparency**.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our organization and community benefits from the leadership and oversight of the Board Members listed below. We are thankful for their year-round dedication to guiding and supporting United Way of Abilene.

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United Way of Abilene is fortunate to have thoughtful and devoted Do Gooders supporting our mission in the community. We thank each person below, as well as those who shared their time during No Shave November, #GivingTuesday, and other special events.

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POSITIVELY IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY

When our community is in need, United Way of Abilene is able to collaborate with businesses, volunteers, and non-profit agencies to create a positive impact.

TORNADO RELIEF

On May 18, 2019, a tornado devastated families and neighborhoods in Abilene. United Way of Abilene quickly responded and activated the Big Country Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) to provide support and relief for families in need. Big Country VOAD assists residents of West Central Texas in planning, training, and preparing for future disasters.

A total of 416 homes and businesses were damaged in the tornado, and 54 homes sustained major damage or were destroyed. United Way and VOAD agencies established a base for families in need at the Pioneer Drive Baptist Church. There, families received meals, grocery gift cards, cleaning supplies, and support. Over the coming weeks and months, VOAD agencies and United Way collaborated to repair and rebuild homes, pay insurance deductibles, and ensure families had safe housing.

United Way and the Community Foundation of Abilene joined forces in a unified effort to raise and distribute funds to meet both immediate and long-term needs. Together, more than \$500,000 was raised for recovery and relief efforts. More than half of the fund was distributed in the weeks following the tornado for essential, immediate needs. The remaining funds continue to be used for long-term building projects.



YOUR IMPACT

Number of individuals/families who received the following types of assistance:



80

Food, Clothing & Supplies



12

Shelter & Relocation



69

Home Repairs not covered by insurance



18

Auto Repairs not covered by insurance



3

Transportation & Medical Assistance

2-1-1 TEXAS A CALL FOR HELP

2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help is the Area Information Center for West Central Texas. Locally, 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help manages a resource database and information and referral services for the 19 counties of West Central Texas. During times of disaster 2-1-1 plays a key role working in coordination with local and state emergency operations.

In 2019, 2-1-1 Texas A Call for Help handled 31,071 calls in Abilene. In addition to handling information and referral for our region, A Call for Help supports service delivery in our community through the following cooperative relationships:

- Basic Needs Network
- Big Country VOAD
- Military Partnership of West Central Texas
- West Texas Homeless Network

Learn more at acallforhelp.info.



INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITY

United Way of Abilene is proud to invest \$1,519,971 in non-profit programs, Catalyst Grants, and Special Funding opportunities that demonstrate results in the areas of education, financial stability, and health.



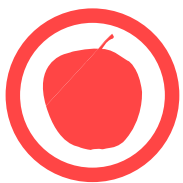
EDUCATION - \$455,332

- After School Care (Alliance for Women & Children)
- Boys Residential Care (Ben Richey Boys Ranch)
- Mentoring (Big Brothers Big Sisters)
- ScoutReach (Texas Trails Council - BSA)
- After School Program, Teen Night (Boys & Girls Club of Abilene)
- Student Success Coaching (Communities in Schools)
- Youth Programs (Dyess Youth Programs)
- Girl Scout Leadership Experience (Girl Scouts)
- ASPIRE, Summer Day Camp (ResourceCare)
- Phoenix (YMCA of Abilene)



FINANCIAL STABILITY - \$535,214

- Bridge2Home, Hope Housing Services (Abilene Hope Haven)
- CASA (Big Country CASA)
- Standing in the Gap (Christian Service Center)
- Child Care Assistance (Day Nursery of Abilene)
- FaithWorks (FaithWorks of Abilene)
- New Beginnings (New Beginnings - Big Country)



HEALTH - \$529,425

- Dental, MERCY Health Care Center (Abilene - Taylor County Public Health)
- Family Care Program (Alzheimer's Association)
- Home Fire Campaign (American Red Cross)
- Safety & Independence Project (APS Partners)
- Cancer Patient Assistance (Cancer Services Network)
- Nutrition (City of Abilene Adaptive Recreation Services)
- Intervention & Prevention (Noah Project)
- Medical Program (Presbyterian Medical Care Mission)
- Comprehensive Assistance to Victims, Violence Prevention (Regional Victim Crisis Center)
- Strength for Life (Strength for Life)

CATALYST FUNDING

Catalyst Funding is designed to give United Way of Abilene the ability to make responsive investments to strengthen systems and networks that support individuals in our area. Proposals were sought for collaborative community efforts that align with United Way’s three focus areas. Ten partnerships were selected for investments totaling \$107,475. Almost half of this investment amount was made possible through gifts made in honor of Drs. Talmadge and Sara Trammell, 2019 Volunteer Service Award recipients.

Adaptive Recreation Services

- Promotion in Motion

Alzheimer’s Association

- Caregiver Seminar

American Red Cross

- Home Fire Campaign

Big Brothers Big Sisters & Big Country CASA

- Male Volunteer Recruitment Campaign

Day Nursery of Abilene

- Community Child Care Collaborative

FaithWorks of Abilene

- Basic Needs for Successful Internships

National Center for Children’s Illustrated Literature

- Making a BIG Impact with NCCIL and BBBS

New Beginnings Big Country

- Prison to Paycheck Project

Phoenix ICCD Clubhouse

- Health and Wellness Project



SPECIAL GRANTS

Special Grants allow United Way of Abilene to make investments that support emerging community needs. In 2019, \$41,990 was invested in programs through special grants.

Abilene-Taylor Public Health

- Dental Program

West Texas AHEC

- Health Worker Program

The Salvation Army

- Kitchen Refurbish



FIRST RESPONDER EMERGENCY AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE

In collaboration with the Abilene Police and Fire Departments, United Way of Abilene’s First Responder Emergency and Disaster Assistance (FREDA) Program provides a comprehensive and efficient process to address financial needs when the Abilene First Responder Community encounters persons with emergency needs for food, gasoline, or lodging during hours that no community-based basic needs program is available or during the event of a fire or natural disaster.

In 2019, the FREDA Program disbursed \$6,506 among 29 different individuals or families. FREDA sponsors include Holy Family Catholic Church and the Oldham Lane Church of Christ.

IN GOOD COMPANY

The employees of the small businesses, corporations, academic institutions, and non-profits invested in United Way of Abilene's community campaign. Money raised in the annual community campaign is invested in programs and services at United Way's Community Partner agencies.

Over \$150,000

First Financial Bank
Hendrick Health System

\$100,000 - \$149,999

Abilene ISD
Abilene High School
Adult Learning - Alta Vista
ATEMS
Austin Elementary
Bassetti Elementary
Bonham Elementary
Bowie Elementary
Clack Middle School
Cooper High School
Craig Middle School
Crockett Early Head Start
Dyess Elementary
Holland Medical High School
Jackson Elementary
Jefferson Center
Johnston Elementary
Lee Elementary
Long Early Learning Center
Madison Middle School
Maintenance
Mann Middle School
Martinez Elementary
One AISD Administration
Ortiz Elementary
Planetarium
Purchasing/Warehouse
Reagan Elementary
Taylor Elementary
Technology
Thomas Elementary
Transportation
Ward Elementary
Woodson Center for Excellence

\$50,000 - \$99,999

City of Abilene
H-E-B #070
The Rentech Companies
Frontier Welded Products
Rentech Boiler Services
Rentech Boiler Systems
The United Family
Market Street #679
United Supermarkets #545
United Supermarkets #547
United Supermarkets #548
United Supermarkets #574
United Supermarkets #578

\$25,000 - \$49,999

AEP Texas
Atmos Energy
Wylie ISD
Administration
Early Childhood
East Elementary
High School
Intermediate School
Junior High
Middle School
West Elementary

\$15,000 - \$24,999

Abilene Aero
Batjer & Associates
Condley & Company, LLP
Dillard's Department Stores
Eide Bailly, LLP
First Bank Texas
Hardin-Simmons University
The Toro Company NSN
United Parcel Service (UPS)
United Way of Abilene

\$10,000 - \$14,999

Abilene Christian University
Abilene Regional Medical Center
Betty Hardwick Center
Coleman County State Bank -
Abilene Banking Center
Day Nursery of Abilene
Lantrip Custom Homes
ResourceCare
Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM
Hyundai

\$5,000 - \$9,999

Abilene Chamber of Commerce
AIM Bank
Beltway Park Church
Bridgestone - Bandag | American
Tire
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
FFS Data Corporation
McMurry University
Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
Prosperity Bank
Target
Trellis Company
Wolfe & Company, P.C.

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Aaron Watson Music
Abilene Glass & Mirror
Baird

Big Brothers Big Sisters Abilene
Big Country CASA
Central Appraisal District of
Taylor County
Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc.
FedEx
First Abilene Federal Credit Union
First Baptist Church Abilene
Happy State Bank
KTAB-TV/KRBC-TV
Lawrence Hall Dealerships
Neurosurgery Associates of
West Texas
Noah Project
Region 14 Education
Service Center
Regional Victim Crisis Center
Sharon's Restaurants
Taylor County
Wells Fargo Advisors LLC
YMCA of Abilene
Zachry Associates

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Alliance for Women & Children
AT&T
Batts Communication LP
Ben Richey Boys Ranch
Benchmark Business Solutions
Bible Hardware (True Value)
Blue Cross/Blue Shield Processing
Borden Duffel P.C.
Boys & Girls Club of Abilene
C&W Leasing Corp.
Cargill Animal Nutrition
CBS Insurance
Clyde CISD
Communities in Schools
Lamar Advertising
Perry Hunter Hall Insurance
Saulsbury Industries
Sivley & Toogood, DDS
SuddenLink
Team Health/Hendrick Hospital
Walmart Foundation
West Texas Rehabilitation Center
Wes-T-Go Fuels, Inc.
Zachry Publications

\$250 - \$999

Abilene Christian Schools
Alzheimer's Association
Aramark - Hendrick Health System
BBVA Compass
Better Business Bureau
Big Country Restaurant
& Refrigeration
Cancer Services Network

Dalzell Realtors
Eli Lilly & Company
Farm Bureau Insurance
H&R Block
Hickory Street Cafe
Nationwide Products LLC
OneGas Foundation, Inc.
O'Reilly Auto Parts
Pioneer Drive Baptist Church
Presbyterian Medical Care
Mission
Raymond James Financial
Services, Inc.
Republic Services
Rexnord Corporation
Texas Trails Council - BSA
Wagstaff Law Firm

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MOST GENEROUS WORKPLACES

Every gift to United Way of Abilene matters. We salute the hundreds of employees whose combined gifts make an impact in our community every day.

TOP 25

Listed in Investment Order

First Financial Bank

Hendrick Health System

Abilene Independent School District

The Rentech Companies

The United Family

City of Abilene

H-E-B #070

Wylie Independent School District

Atmos Energy

AEP - Texas

First Bank Texas

Batjer & Associates, Inc.

Hardin-Simmons University

Abilene Aero, Inc.

United Parcel Service (UPS)

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The Toro Company NSN

United Way of Abilene

Dillard's Department Stores

Day Nursery of Abilene

Abilene Christian University

ResourceCare

Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM Hyundai

Abilene Regional Medical Center

WORKPLACE GIVING AWARDS

Employee Giving Award

Abilene Independent School District

Rising Star Campaign

Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM Hyundai

Small Employer Campaign of the Year

Abilene Glass & Mirror

Mid-Size Employer Campaign of the Year

Atmos Energy

Large Employer Campaign of the Year

H-E-B #070

School Campaign of the Year

Cooper High School

Community Partner Campaign of the Year

ResourceCare

Loaned Executives of the Year

Dillon Cobb, First Financial Trust & Asset Management

Brady Harwell, Hendrick Health System

Employee Campaign Coordinators of the Year

JJ Conway, United Supermarkets South 14th & Willis

Dawn Potosnak, AEP Texas



LEADERSHIP GIVING

Leadership Giving Society members are leaders in philanthropy who generously meet the needs of our community and are the foundation of United Way's annual campaign. We thank our Leadership Giving Society members for helping shape the future of our community.

Alexis de Tocqueville Society | \$10,000+

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WINTER LIGHTFEST

United Way of Abilene debuted the organization's signature event in 2019. Winter Lightfest increases awareness of United Way, raises money for community investments, and creates a family-friendly attraction for Abilene.



What began years ago as a wish of Matt Robinson, an owner of Christmas Decor by Lone Star Electric, became a very bright reality for United Way of Abilene in 2019. Winter Lightfest, a 3/4 mile walking trail of Christmas lights and holiday features took shape after months of planning and preparation in Centennial Park. The park was open for 19 nights in its inaugural year. The sights and sounds of the season were spectacular, and families walked away with a new holiday tradition.

Winter Lightfest would not have been possible without the generous support of individuals and businesses in the community who sponsored the event. This generosity allowed every elementary student in Taylor County to receive a free Winter Lightfest ticket. Learn more about Winter Lightfest at winterlightfest.com.

WINTER LIGHTFEST BY THE NUMBERS

1,000,000 Lights

79 Sponsors

42,364 Guests

27 Performing Groups

1,436 Volunteers

15 Emcees



WINTER LIGHTFEST SPONSORS

Presenting

Dian Graves Owen Foundation

Christmas Village

H-E-B

Trail Section

Arthur Family Foundation
Eagle Permian Partners
Excelsior Foundation
First Baptist Church Abilene
J.H. Strain & Sons

Scene Sponsor

BigCountryHomepage.com |
KTAB | KRBC | Telemundo
Black Plumbing

Sounds of Christmas

ACVB | Abilene Centerstage
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Lawrence Hall Abilene
Shelton Family Foundation
Star Dodge Chrysler Jeep RAM
Hyundai

Scenes of Wonder

Aaron Watson Music
Abilene Teachers Federal
Credit Union
AEP
Beltway Park Church
CBS Insurance
Double B Group
Hendrick Health System
Holland Hearing Center
Keller Williams Realty
Reliant Energy
Parkhill, Smith & Cooper
State Farm Insurance -
Kim Austin, Melanie Hardy,
Risha Sanders, Clayton Sogard,
Glynn Walker
The Toro Company
Wes-T-Go Fuels, Inc.
First National Bank Albany |
Abilene Office
Sylvan Learning Center

School/Non-Profit

Abilene Christian University
Anonymous
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ENT Specialists

FDLIC
First Abilene Federal Credit
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TX Representative Stan Lambert

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Abilene Ice Co. | Reddy Ice
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Holiday Helper

Atmos Energy
Dixie Bassett
Edward Jones - John Willey
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Security Title
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In-Kind & Friends

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Abilene Country Club

Abilene ISD
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City of Abilene
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Ellison Event Productions
Tommy Faircloth
Hardin-Simmons University
Ralph and Jill Heaven
Hispanic Life Media
In-Focus Digital
Jumps and Tents
Kirby-Smith Machinery, Inc.
Knight Carpet and Flooring
KTXS
LaVoz 93.3
Little Joe's Movers
McMurry University
Judy Phaneuf
Texas Tech University Health
Sciences Center School of
Nursing
Volunteer Services Council of the
Abilene State Supported
Living Center

UNITED WAY FOUNDATION OF ABILENE

Established in 2014, the United Way Foundation of Abilene seeks to build a permanent, sustainable avenue of support for the future of Abilene and West Central Texas. Our generous Foundation donors have invested to help us continue to solve our community's toughest issues well into the future. Every gift - large or small - will positively impact the future of our community.

FOUNDATION DIRECTORS

- Chair | Scott Dueser
First Financial Bank

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President | Dr. Cathy Ashby
United Way of Abilene

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Secretary | Carolyn Beckham
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- Leroy Bolt
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First Baptist Church Abilene

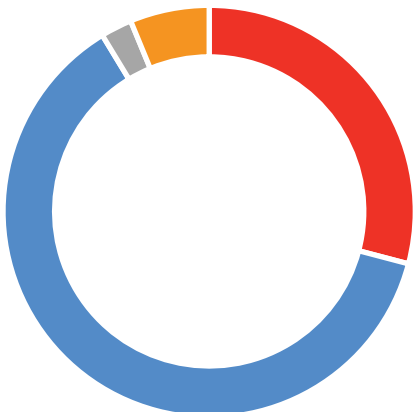
Lee Hampton
Community Volunteer

Dr. Sara Trammell
Abilene Beauty Bus



FOUNDATION FINANCIAL DATA

ENDOWMENT FUNDS UNDER MANAGEMENT



- United Way of Abilene Quasi-Endowment Fund**
\$692,350 | 29%
- Dian Graves Owen Foundation Fund**
\$1,480,862 | 62%
- Changing Stories Fund**
\$58,401 | 3%
- Carolyn & Harwell Barber Fund**
\$148,097 | 6%

Note: The unaudited financial information summarized above is from financial data prepared by the management of United Way Foundation of Abilene. The public accounting firm of Eide Bailly, LLP will audit United Way Foundation of Abilene's consolidated financial statements. Their audit report will be available at the United Way of Abilene office and on the United Way of Abilene website upon completion of their audit.

ALEXIS DE TOCQUEVILLE LEGACY CIRCLE

Honoring individuals who have made lifetime commitments to United Way of \$100,000 or more. Legacy Circle members have made gifts through United Way Life, bequests, and the annual campaign.

- Justin and Bethany Ashlock

Carolyn and Harwell Barber

Grady Barr

Dixie B. Bassett

Bob and Peggy Beckham

John and Carolyn Beckham

Lon and Christy Biebighauser

Doctors Ed Brandecker and Roberta Kalafut

Tucker and Gina Bridwell
- Joe Ed and Jo Canon

Justin and Lindsey Crowe

Scott Dueser

Corby and Diana Flanagan

Lee and Callie Hampton

Geoff and Angela Haney

Julia Jones Matthews

Jack and Becky Rentz

Reed and Lauren Stafford
- Dian Stai

The Doctors Trammell

Greg and Elizabeth Wilson

Bob L. Herd Foundation

Dodge Jones Foundation

Kickapoo Springs Foundation

Legett Foundation

Dian Graves Owen Foundation

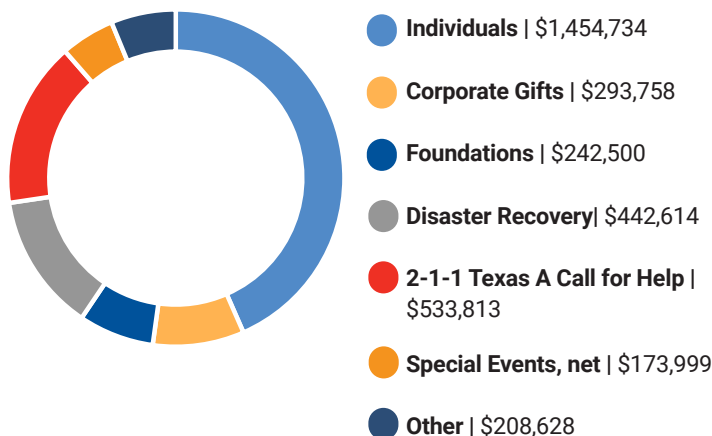
Shelton Family Foundation

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

United Way of Abilene would not be successful without the trust and confidence of our donors and volunteers. We operate under a comprehensive set of accountability guidelines reviewed regularly by the Finance Committee and Board of Directors.

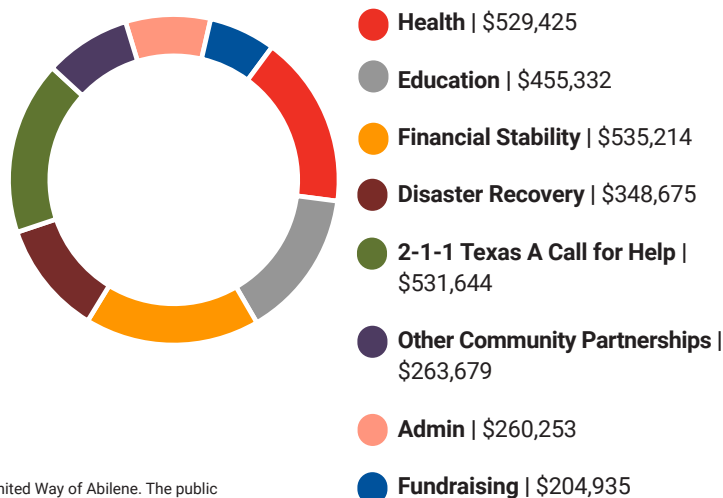
Community Support

United Way of Abilene raises funds through workplace and individual giving, corporate and foundation giving, and through local, state, and federal grants.



Investing in Our Community

Distribution of Funds: Annually, United Way of Abilene invests in programs and services that are producing lasting, measurable results in the areas of Education, Financial Stability, and Health.



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VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

In 1989, the United Way of Abilene Board of Directors approved the establishment of a Volunteer Service Award. The purpose of the award is to honor one outstanding volunteer for "a lifetime of community service." Criteria for the award are a commitment to service to others, determination and persistence in fulfilling volunteer obligations, loyalty and integrity, active involvement in community activities in addition to United Way, and dedication to helping people in Abilene.

Past Recipients:

1990 - Ray Howe
1991 - Bob Tiffany
1992 - Harold Crawford
1993 - Dale Ackers
1994 - Walter F. Johnson
1995 - A.B. "Stormy" Shelton
1996 - Mozelle Scarborough
1997 - Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher
1998 - Harwell Barber
1999 - Fred Lee Hughes
2000 - Scott Dueser
2001 - Dr. Royce Money

2002 - Billye Proctor-Shaw
2003 - Dr. Gary D. McCaleb
2005 - Dian Stai
2007 - Bill Waddill
2008 - H.C. Zachry
2009 - Mike Schweikhard
2010 - Paul Cannon
2011 - Dale Cartee
2012 - John Beckham
2013 - Dr. Bob Hunter
2014 - Dr. Phil Christopher
2015 - Joe Crawford
2016 - Leroy Bolt

2017 - Dixie B. Bassett
2018 - Dodge Jones Foundation
2019 - Doctors Talmadge & Sara Trammell



REFLECTING ON 2019

We're proud to live and work in a community of so many Do Gooders. Thank you for helping us improve lives in 2019!



Clockwise from Top Right:

- H-E-B team members present tornado survivors with supplies following the May tornado.
- Lon and Christy Biebighauser with Callie and Lee Hampton at a Tocqueville Society event.
- Condley & Company partners Trey Todd and Corby Flanagan.
- Loaned Executives Anthony Burke, Wendy Held, and Dillon Cobb meeting members of the Boys & Girls Club.
- United Supermarkets store directors are recognized for increased campaigns.
- Cathy Ashby and City of Abilene employees at the City's United Way BBQ.



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