

THE EAGLE

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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

YEAR-END GIVING

For a variety of reasons individuals make year-end gifts. Some wait all year to verify their tax liability; some just like to give during the season of giving. Whatever the motivation for giving, every nonprofit will tell you of their needs for those gifts at any time of the year.

Buffalo Trail Council is no different; we have needs year-round too. That being said, what are your needs? What would you like to accomplish with your gift? Would you like to help a child do better in school? How about helping a young person develop work skills or learn how to make ethical decisions? Would you like to help a special needs child with a

new book or to attend a camp? Our mission accomplishes all of these. In the end, it is your need to give that is most important to us. We are here to help you fulfill your desires and preferred impact.

Buffalo Trail Council does not always know what a donor would like to accomplish. For most they trustingly give a gift and let Buffalo Trail Council and its board of directors decide. We appreciate that trust and guard the trust given. Nevertheless, you may be one that has a special project you *Continued on page 4*



MISSION MOMENT

A MOMENT WHEN WE SEE OUR MISSION BEING MET

My life has been affected by Scouts in many ways. I have gained many friends and have had many great opportunities. I have gained valuable experience in leadership and have improved my people skills. Without Scouting I **probably wouldn't be the person I am today.**

With my first merit badge of art, I have continued to grow in my abilities and desire. I continue to draw as well as paint. I earned the music merit badge the first summer camp I attended. This had started my fascination with music with learning guitar, joining orchestra and auditioning and performing in several musicals. I also earned the climbing merit badge and went through

the advanced climbing program at BTSR when I was twelve. I still love to mountain climb. I try to go at least once a summer.

My friends have all come either from scouting directly or by the activities that my scouting experience has led to. My life, now, is centered on God, my family and scouting, thanks to the scout oath and law that I try to follow every day. I would probably not be the person I am today without Scouting.



Austin Britton (entry for an essay contest)

FOUNDATIONS AND GRANTS 2011

Fire Fund

The Dunagan Foundation, Inc.,	\$7,000.00
Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust.....	\$10,000.00

Foundations

Chaparral Foundation.....	\$5,000.00
RBC Foundation USA	\$2,500.00

Capital

Permian Basin Area Foundation Donor Advised Fund	\$10,000.00
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A Scout is

FRIENDLY

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races, religions, and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

NOTABLE GIFTS

- Abell-Hanger Foundation
- Ben E. Keith Foods
- Clarette McElroy
- Jordan Partee
- Walmart

SCOUTING IN OUR COUNCIL -

From left to right, top to bottom: A group at B TSR, mountain climbing at B TSR, Pushmobile racers, on a horse at the Cub-o-ree at B TSR, , color guard at the Distinguished Citizens Dinner, and Scoutreach group at Grande stadium



WE APPRECIATE OUR SPONSORS OF THE LAST THREE MONTHS

“Thank you to all our many sponsors for the below special events. We are able to influence youth and carry out our mission because of them. We look forward to partnering with them again.”

36TH ANNUAL BSA PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT

Basic Energy	Major Presenting Partner	\$10,000.00
Network	Golf Cart Sponsor	\$3,000.00
Parkhill, Smith and Cooper	Golf Cap Sponsor	\$3,000.00
Light Tower Rentals	Hole in One Sponsor	\$2,000.00
Partee Enterprises	Golf Ball Sponsor	\$2,000.00



OVER-THE-EDGE

Henry Resources	Peak Sponsor	\$10,000.00
Concho Reserves	Reception Sponsor	\$5,000.00
MadAds Media	Gift in Kind	\$1,168.00
Hilton Midland Plaza Hotel	Gift in Kind	\$1,080.00
Dickey's Barbecue Pit	Gift in Kind	\$850.00
The Sign Guy	Gift in Kind	\$375.00
Delores' Corner Café	Gift in Kind	\$360.00
Culligan	Gift in Kind	\$150.00



THE DISTINGUISHED CITIZENS DINNER

2011 Recipient - Rosalind Redfern Grover

Presenting Partner

Key Energy Services

Eagle Scout Level

Arden R. Grover

Life Scout Level

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Sue Starr Boldrick/Linda Cowden/

Barbara Tom Jowell/

Louan and Glenn Rogers/

Sandy and George Thomas

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Sandra and George Staley/

Karen and Roy Williamson

Henry Resources

The Kent Companies

Anne Kleine/Vangie Lindsey/

Marthann Nobles/Beverly Pevehouse

Midland Memorial Hospital

LaVoe and Kenneth Peeler

Sally and Buddy Sipes

Shelley and Chip Smith/

Leslie and Lee Wood

Liz and Nick Taylor

Western National Bank

Brenda and Kyle Womack



YEAR-END GIVING

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would like to participate in. Perhaps in addition to giving you would like to see first-hand how your gift is making a difference. No matter what your reasons for giving, we always like hearing from you and knowing how we can fulfill your financial gift stewardship. We welcome your involvement in the stewardship of your gift.

To comment or for additional questions, please contact Lyman.Gifford@Scouting.org or 432-570-7601 x13.



COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

The Buffalo Trail Council will host the Council Annual Meeting and Recognition Banquet February 11, 2012 at the Commemorative Air Force hanger. The evening festivities will include the annual meeting, a speaker, council award ceremony - including **recognizing all the council's Eagle Scout Rank award recipients for 2011** (last year we had 52), and the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award.

The Silver Beaver is the highest award granted by a local Boy Scout council to a volunteer.

If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please contact the Scout office for a nomination form.



EAGLES - MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD

When Zackery Gray, Troop 231 in Midland, was thinking of what to do for his eagle project, it was his **mom's idea for a clothing/school supplies drive for an orphanage in China. Not just any orphanage, his little sister's orphanage. Zack said in his Eagle Scout project workbook, "I would not have the sister I do now if it weren't for them....I will help supply their needs to help the children in the orphanage to go to school. I am giving back to China for the services they provided for us in caring for my sister."**

The project involved collecting donations, both items and money; sorting clothing by gender and sizes; assembling school kits; and then getting it all packed up to ship. **The total cost of Zackery's project was \$3759.69** which

includes the \$1551.49 shipping costs.

In doing an Eagle project, a Scout demonstrates leadership and learns many things along the way. Zackery showed leadership by putting someone in charge of sorting the clothing, showing how to assemble the school supply **packets, and "answering various questions that were needed to make the packing go smooth."** He also had to decide the best



way to get the goods to China. He learned, in his

own words, "how to set up and govern a collected group of people." He learned what is needed when dealing with customs. "I also learned that suggestions and help will make your project run a lot smoother...I learned that most things do not always go the way you planned."

Something not going as planned is now benefitting the Harmony Home, a local place that helps foster kids get things that they need. When one large package was sent back by customs, he donated it to the charity instead of incurring more costs to send it back to China.