



The 25th Annual
**Cornucopia
Luncheon**

2021

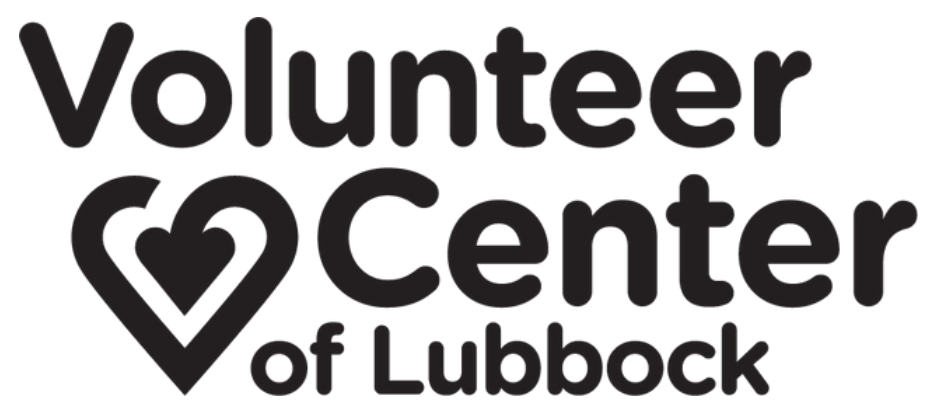
Benefitting the Volunteer Center of Lubbock

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

11:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Lubbock Memorial Civic Center





**Inspiring a more
engaged community by
helping people find their
purpose and act on it.**

For over 30 years, the Volunteer Center has been creating a culture of service and building the next generation of leaders. Collaboration is at the heart of everything we do resulting in partnerships with 148 nonprofits, 40 schools, and more than 50 businesses. In 2020, the Volunteer Center connected and empowered 50,892 people across the South Plains.

Program

Master of Ceremonies Byrnie Bass,
Attorney

Invocation Cory Powell,
Volunteer Center Board

Welcome Wyatt Leavell
President,
Volunteer Center Board

City of Lubbock Proclamation Mayor Dan Pope,
City of Lubbock

Honor Roll Sharon Bass,
Executive Director,
Volunteer Center

***Honoring
Lubbock Area United Way &
Community Foundation of West Texas***

Get Involved Award Presentation Byrnie Bass,
Attorney

Businesses and Organizations



Adult Group - Slate Group *presented by City of Lubbock*

Slate Group and their employees share light and hope in our community! Last year, they volunteered with South Plains Food2Kids to provide meals to local children and an opportunity for employees to give back. During the pandemic, they partnered with FaceMasks4LBK to cut and create masks for the community. They also made positive message signs for people to place outside their home or business to help others feel encouraged and supported in a hard time. Slate Group does its best to care for its team, and it is evident that they want to make a positive impact on the community.



Business - H-E-B *presented by Madera Residential*

H-E-B opened its doors here a little less than a year ago but has already made a lasting impact in Lubbock! H-E-B supports various organizations, including High Point Village, Lubbock Impact, and the South Plains Food Bank. As a part of the employee onboarding process, the company sent some employees to High Point Village to help out. Aside from doing an upstanding job with their tasks, they made the extra effort to build meaningful connections with each of the Villagers. H-E-B always goes the extra mile in serving our community!



Volunteer Coordinator - Stephanie Wallace *presented by TTU Health Sciences Center*

Stephanie Wallace has the commitment, passion, and love to make a tough job look easy! As the Volunteer Coordinator at Lubbock Impact, she organizes and manages all things involved with volunteer events. From getting the proper number of volunteers organized to even volunteering with the actual volunteers, she is always stepping up to the plate when Lubbock Impact needs her. Stephanie makes helping others look effortless.



Louise Cummins Outstanding Organization - City of Lubbock Health Department *presented by United Supermarkets*

The Lubbock Health Department was prepared and ready for a significant health crisis that none of us saw coming. The COVID-19 pandemic affected each of us, but we had the Lubbock Health Department to get us through it. Their team has worked hard to keep our community informed, safe, and healthy during these stressful times. As a result, the City of Lubbock Health Department is recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials for their ability to plan, prepare, and recover from public health emergencies. Our community is fortunate to have the Lubbock Health Department looking out for us!

Youth and Family



Youth Individual (11 & under) - Sophia Herrera
presented by Lone Star State Bank

At only nine years old, Sophia has the heart of an exceptional volunteer. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she found a way to keep hope alive in her community. Sophia spent her nights and weekends making encouragement cards for frontline workers with supplies provided by the Lubbock Youth Leadership Academy. Since then, she has expanded her efforts to include homemade gifts with her cards and sends these to groups including school teachers, hospital patients, firefighters, and other community helpers. She is a shining example of kindness, love, and compassion to all. Thanks to Sophia for making an impact in Lubbock!



Youth Individual - Jilpa Patel
presented by Peoples Bank

Jilpa began volunteering as a young kid, crediting her parents for getting her involved. Now in college, she continues to give back to several organizations around Lubbock. This year, Jilpa joined the Fourth On Broadway group of volunteers and was an absolute stand-out! She is always reliable and has a smile on her face. Her work ethic, dedication, and positive attitude are inspirational. The folks at 4th on Broadway and the Lubbock community as a whole are so thankful for volunteers like Jilpa!



Youth Group - Lubbock-Cooper High School Youth In Service
presented by H-E-B

The Lubbock Cooper High School Youth in Service students continue to prove they have what it takes to make the world a better place! Led by Clay Kennedy, they have served at the Lubbock Memorial Arboretum Foundation for several years. One of their most significant accomplishments was clearing out an entire bed of the wildflower garden, which was an undertaking that many at the Arboretum had been dreading. However, the students did not complain one bit about getting dirty. Instead, they eagerly picked up the tools and got right to work. The Arboretum and the city of Lubbock are grateful for their energy, conscientiousness, and hard work.



Family - David & Sarah Cameron
presented by Western Bank

David and Sarah Cameron are perfect examples of what it means to be selfless! The couple volunteers every Wednesday and Friday at the South Plains Food Bank, where they have become an integral part of its mission. They help by putting together produce bags for those suffering from food insecurity, but they are always there for whatever else is needed. The Produce Manager believes he would not do what he does without their hard work and commitment. David and Sarah's love is a gift to our community.

Adults



College Individual - Mary Oyewole
presented by TTU Department of Political Science

Mary Oyewole gives back and then some! The TTU Raider Red's Food Pantry was short-staffed and in desperate need of help when Mary decided to step in in the Summer of 2021. She goes above and beyond to ensure her fellow Texas Tech peers have the resources they need to succeed. Mary is constantly coming up with new and innovative ideas so that the pantry can reach its full potential. She also works hard to destigmatize food and financial insecurity. Mary is full of drive, passion, and work ethic. She uses these skills to ensure her fellow students feel supported by the resource that helped her in times of need.



Young Adult Individual - Anurud Rankoth
presented by United Supermarkets

Anurud Rankoth played an essential role in getting West Texas back up on its feet during the COVID-19 pandemic! When vaccinations arrived in West Texas and were ready for rollout, Anurud was there to lend a hand. He helped Texas Tech University and The United Supermarkets Family maximize their ability to immunize Lubbock and its surrounding communities. Anurud coordinated large mobile clinics and recruited the necessary volunteers to get people in West Texas vaccinated. He dedicated himself to making the community safe and healthy.



Adult Individual - Beth Bridges
presented by UMC Health System

Beth Bridges has a passion for serving others! She has volunteered with many organizations, including Lubbock ISD as a current trustee member, Junior League of Lubbock, Women's Protective Services, Volunteer Center of Lubbock, Lubbock Area United Way, United Way United We Read, and Lubbock High School PTA. Beth is often found in our local schools helping wherever is needed, with the simple purpose of "I'm here to serve." She loves to give back and get involved in our community, sharing her time and talent with others.



Adult Individual - Tommy Tidwell
presented by Covenant Health System

Tommy Tidwell is the kind of person who goes out of his way to make other people's days brighter! He volunteers with Lubbock Meals on Wheels - LMOW, Covenant Health Women's and Covenant Children's Hospital, and South Plains Food Bank, where he stands out for his unrelenting dedication to helping the Lubbock Community. At Lubbock Meals on Wheels, Tommy delivers meals to a county outside of the city limits before his regular stops inside the city. The route is longer than most because it is out of the way, but none of this matters to Tommy. He is an outstanding volunteer and a kind-hearted person.



Diekemper Lifetime of Service - Rose Wilson
presented by Atmos Energy

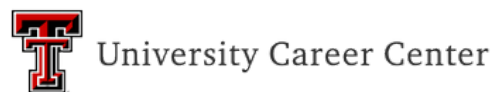
Rose Wilson is a trailblazer whose accomplishments have left a lasting impact on our community! Elected in 1979, Ms. Wilson was the first African American Woman to become president of the Lubbock NAACP 6198. Along with other community leaders, she advocated for North and East Lubbock to have representation in City Government and elevated minority voices in the Lubbock community. In addition, she serves on the LIFE Inc. Board of Directors and volunteers with several organizations around Lubbock. Ms. Wilson exemplifies the idea that you can make a difference no matter where you come from, your cultural background, age, or abilities!

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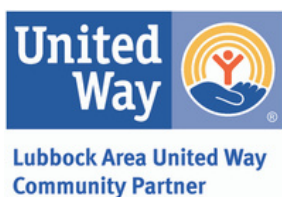


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