

CARE FOR CAREGIVERS - TEXAS, INC

Final Annual Report - December 2024



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“Remember there’s no such thing as a small act of **kindness**. Every act creates a **ripple** with no logical end.”

-Scott Adams

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Dear Care-friends!

We have reached the end of our 4th year and with very mixed feelings, now our final year. It has been a difficult decision, yet as a Board we have decided it’s time to wrap up the non-profit entity of Care for Caregivers, Texas - Inc., based on several personal, conflicting and logistical considerations.

What does this mean for 2025? We will no longer set up care-campaigns, fundraising for a specific cause or group of caregivers. We will however continue to share and support these amazing organizations privately within our families, seeking also to spread the word of their causes and activities in our local community. More on this is outlined throughout this report.

We thank each and everyone of our care-friends for your support, engagement, interest and enthusiasm. Many of you were already family and friends when we started, many of you once were strangers but are now friends. It has been so rewarding giving back to our community with you all. Words cannot express what you and your actions have meant to me personally!

Thank you!
Rachel Garza

December 2024

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Care for Caregivers

Began as a kindness initiative to appreciate caregivers who had stepped up during the challenging pandemic times. That focus grew to include many local caregiving non-profits in our community, always seeking to involve children in our mission.

We are proud of our 4 year long 'one small step for kindness'. However it became clear that we needed a change of focus. It is somewhat distracting for a non-profit to be a 3rd party fundraiser for another non-profit.

While we will no longer set up care-campaigns, we do intend to keep our Facebook page, most likely with a new name (Facebook permitting). This will keep the memories of all our past activities and serve as a continuing space to share information, events and activities of the care-giving non-profits in our local community of Fort Bend County. A useful community resource for followers to find current information and ideas for how we can all engage and provide support.

4 Year Impact

- Over **3,400** treats for caregivers
- **39** care-campaigns and **3** bonus kindness initiative
- **30** non-profits supported: **\$7,250** & awareness raised
- **36** small businesses supported
- Community of **115** sponsors & care-friends



We have been encouraged to hear of many organizations and some very social media savvy individuals actively recognizing caregivers throughout the local community. Social media is a great tool to connect people, but can be very frustrating to navigate!

We have enjoyed and will continue to welcome opportunities to connect and facilitate service projects between schools/community groups and caregiving non-profits.

Incorporated as a non-profit in the State of Texas on February 16, 2021 until December 31, 2024
 Now sharing care in community
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Care to Treat

Showing appreciation to caregivers with treats, funded by care-campaigns, supported by multiple individuals in our community.

Throughout this past year, we set up 6 care-campaigns recognizing caregivers and care-giving organizations in law enforcement, child-care, wildlife rescue, moms and families in need, pet rescue and veteran care.

Besides collecting monetary donations for wishlist items, we also received many items to donate, such as school supplies for backpacks for Nery's Promise and quarters for Calvary Episcopal Church's 'Laundry Love' program.



4 Year Impact

- **3,400+** treats
- **70+** cases of Girl Scout cookies
- Delivered to **78** groups caring for both people & animals
- **36** small businesses supported

Ripple of Kindness

You may never know the impact of one tiny act, but it can make the world of difference to the person touched.

It remains important to us to support local small businesses. Many of our treats have been purchased from them over the years, plus also from key community partner HEB. We also endeavored to get the most 'bang' for donated bucks by keeping an eye on local deals and discounts, particularly when buying wishlist items.

A full list of 2024 recipients is included in our financial statement. For further information on all of our past [care-campaigns](#), check out our website and Facebook page. There are also photo galleries on the website and Facebook, plus some of our fave memories are on the back page of this report.

Care to Color

Creating care-greetings of symbolic images with messages of support and appreciation for caregivers.

From the beginning it's been a priority for us as parents to include children in the mission of Care for Caregivers, so we introduced our Care to Color initiative. Care-greetings were delivered to individual caregivers or as a set to be posted on a wall for an entire team to enjoy.



There are a total of 10 coloring pages, each with a symbolic line-drawing, representing a wish for caregivers, with a blank space for a personal message. Our first design was a Panda representing 'gratitude' for the service of caregivers and also represents our mascot.

Other designs are:

Cardinal - Love

Turtle - Good Health

Lion - Strength

Hummingbird - Good Luck

Penguin - Endurance

Blue Bird - Joy

Starfish - Renewal

Dove - Peace

Heart in Hands - Caring

Going forward, these will still be available for anyone to print from our website:

CareforCaregiversTexas.org/CaretoColor.

We hope people will find these a useful tool to show gratitude to caregivers in their life.

4 Year Impact

- Created by hundreds of children from multiple local schools, community groups and **Care to Color** public events
- Greetings accompanied each of our **42** care-campaign deliveries

Ripple of Kindness

A learning opportunity to show children how different groups of people step up within our community to help us in our daily lives, and how we each can show gratitude and support to them in return or to pay it forward.

Care and Community

By sharing Care to Color and Care to Treat with others in the community, we have been able to exceed our personal giving commitment, and establish mutually-beneficial partnerships not only with individuals, but with business and community entities.

The student councils of Dickinson and Hubenak Elementary schools have been great supporters over multiple care-campaigns. This year they both helped gather an enormous number of quarters for the 'Laundry Love' mission at Calvary Episcopal Church. The RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) group at Wertheimer Middle School created some beautiful care-greetings for veterans, which were delivered to the Warrior's Refuge in West Columbia, along with wishlist items.



For the 4th year, we facilitated collection and delivery of Girl Scout cookies with local troops. We invited representatives from the HHS Wildlife Center (TWRC) to our neighborhood 'Earth Day' family event and arranged for our Girl Scout care-friends to meet with them to deliver cookies for the team and volunteers. The Wildlife Center brought some of their Ambassador Animals. Our Care for Caregivers teen volunteers: Ava, Kynzie, Joseph and Toby helped families make up-cycled plastic bottle succulent terrariums. A fun day was had by all!

A key partnership continued in 2024 with care-friend Cristina of Paper Pie. We occasionally joined her a few times at her monthly story-time at the small business coffee shop, Blockhouse Cafe and Kitchen. Cristina's story-time families created care-greetings and held a book drive, collecting a great selection of children's books that we delivered to Nery's Promise and also Friends of North Richmond's 'You Can Academy' after-school tutoring program.

"Alone we can do so little; Together we can do so much more!"
 -Helen Keller

Care and Community *continued*

Check out the list of non-profits we have supported together with our care-friends ... and our website and Facebook page for info and photos of our community activities.

4 year Impact: Non-profits supported

- Abigail's Place
- Almost Home Pet Rescue
- Alzheimer's Association
- Arrow Child & Family Ministries
- Ballard House
- Candlelighters
- Child Advocates of Fort Bend
- Citizens for Animal Protection
- Cullinan Park Conservancy
- DePelchin Children's Center
- Forgotten Coast Animal Rescue
- Fort Bend County Pets
- Happy Faces Pet Ranch
- Happy Tails Animal Rescue
- Helping Hands
- HHS Wildlife Center (TWRC)
- Lunches of Love
- March of Dimes
- Nery's Promise
- Our Little Funny Farm
- Parks Youth Ranch
- Rainbow Room
- Rosenberg Animal Control
- Sanctuary Foster Care
- Saving our Companion Animals (SOCA)
- Sole Loved
- Susan G. Komen
- Texana
- The 100 Club
- The Warrior's Refuge
- The Wildlife Center of Texas

The complex and highly emotional situations faced by **home-based caregivers**, caring for a loved-one at home, has long been a concern and one that we had so hoped to address in our mission. Several times, caregivers have happened across our website and Facebook page, hoping to find help, support and answers. Sadly beyond listening to their story and sharing information on resources, there has been nothing that we have been able to come up with to recognize their care and commitment.

We urge everyone individually to pay attention and reach out to their circle of friends and family members in this situation. Maybe there are small ways that you could ease the burden of daily life. At the very least, let them know they are not forgotten.

Ripple of Kindness

Creating awareness of needs in our community, helping to address those needs through partnership of individuals & groups.

Care to Sponsor

Multiple people coming together to cover a small share of the total cost, taking our own personal commitment that much further.

From the beginning, we set a goal with each care-campaign, limited to what we feel as a family we could comfortably cover, and invited others to join us, through social media and our website, to surpass the initial goal.

We are so thankful for the many sponsors who have contributed to our care-campaigns - they are listed on the next page.

4 Year Impact

115 sponsors have contributed different sized shares

Total 42 care-campaigns.



We are also very thankful to multiple care-friends who provided practical support in preparing deliveries, sorting care-greetings, assisting with deliveries, and helping spread the word through social media.

Our Financial Statement for the past year can be found on Page 9.

Individual reconciliation statements for each care-campaign can be found on our website in the wrap-up documents: [CareforCaregiversTexas.org/campaigns](https://www.CareforCaregiversTexas.org/campaigns).

Ripple of Kindness

Giving has been proven to decrease blood pressure, reduce stress and promote social connection. Generosity is often continued down the line to someone else.

Care-friends

A big shout-out to all the care-friends/sponsors who have contributed to our care-campaigns over the last 4 years!



| | | |
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| Ali Abdalla | Dhonna Hierro | Shari Patrick |
| Kristine Armstrong | Judy Holy* | Chad Prior |
| Jennifer Arnold | Helen Hopkins | Holly & Doug Putman* |
| Robyn Boyle | Brooke Howard* | Ann Qual |
| Jessica Brogna | Monte Hubbard | Tessa Quintana |
| Lettie Brown | Estella Jefferson | Charmaine Ratcliffe |
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| Amy Greene | Jayden & Alyssa Kelley | Sandra Salamanca |
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| Nicole Chelly | Robert Kirkwood | Erin Shepard |
| Lizzie & Randall Collum | Naresh Kolli | Ernest-Carole Southall |
| Katherine Croom | Thao Lam* | Daniele Srou |
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| Alexis Fowler | Jana McKee | Jennifer Vaughn |
| Rachel Fox | Kristen McQuillin | Angela Wierzbicki |
| June & John Fryters* | Jessica Medzuich | Robert Williams |
| Rosa & Andy Garcia | Marlesa Morton | Danielle Yeager |
| Lisa Garza* | Fida Moukaddam | Chevron* |
| Joseph Garza | Brandi Nevotti | Dickinson Elementary |
| Crystal Gates | Katy Nicole | Fort Bend Taekwondo |
| Eddie Gates | Janice & Russ Nunan | H-E-B |
| Kimberly Gontier | LeeAnn Nussbaum | Hubenak Elementary* |
| Abigail Griebel | Debbie O'Driscoll | JusCoz Band |
| James Gunnels | Christina Oakley | Kashi Fit |
| Ivete Hablinski | Alma Ortiz | Long Meadows Farm* |
| Constance & Bob Harris* | Brendan Osborne | Risher Recreation |
| Nadia & John Hasouris | Dana Osborne | Vinyl Lover Creations |
| Maria Hernandez | Vangie Oстера* | |

*for all 4 years

Financial Statement

A record per care-campaign of total donations received, total expenses and details of the donations made to other non-profits.

| 2024 | CAMPAIGN | # | SPONSOR DONATIONS RECEIVED | TOTAL FUNDS FOR CAMPAIGN (plus carryover) | TOTAL EXPENSES | FUNDS DONATED TO NP* (incl. fee) | CARRIED OVER TO NEXT CAMPAIGN | DETAILS |
|---|--|--------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Jan/Feb | Law Enforcement/Caregivers of Troubled Teens | 1 | \$ 456.43 | \$ 458.84 | \$ 111.08 | \$ 350.00 | \$ (2.24) | Treats for LCISD Alternative Learning Center & donation to 100 Club |
| Mar/Apr | Earth Day/Caregivers of Wildlife | 2 | \$ 392.02 | \$ 389.78 | \$ 387.22 | \$ - | \$ 2.56 | Donation of wishlist items to HHS The Wildlife Center (TWRC) |
| May/June | Mothers Day/Moms in Need | 3 | \$ 881.53 | \$ 884.09 | \$ 210.96 | \$ 680.00 | \$ (6.87) | Gift bags for moms, donation of quarters for 'Laundry Love' & donation to Abigail's Place |
| Jul/Aug | Back to School/Families in Need | 4 | \$ 662.44 | \$ 655.57 | \$ 658.98 | \$ - | \$ (3.41) | Donation of backpacks with school supplies to Nery's Promise backpack drive |
| Aug/Sep | Caregivers of Animals | 5 | \$ 469.95 | \$ 466.54 | \$ 313.25 | \$ 150.00 | \$ 3.29 | Donation of wishlist items to Tiny Tails Nursery & Sanctuary |
| Nov | Veterans Day/Thank you Warriors | 6 | \$ 385.78 | \$ 389.07 | \$ 391.91 | \$ - | \$ (2.84) | Donation of wishlist items to The Warriors Refuge, West Columbia |
| TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED IN 2024 (incl. 2023 carryover) | | | \$ 3,250.56 | | | | | |
| LESS TOTAL EXPENSES | | | | | \$ 2,073.40 | | | |
| LESS FUNDS DONATED* | | | | | \$ 1,180.00 | | | |
| FINAL BALANCE | | | | | | | \$ (2.84) | |
| OTHER GIFTS RECEIVED | | | | | | | | |
| MONTH in 2024 | ITEM | RECEIVED FROM | | DELIVERED TO | | VALUE | | |
| Jul/Aug | School Supplies from Amazon wish list | Various donors | | Nery's Promise & Refugee Families | | \$186.60 | | |
| Oct/Nov | Towel sets & candy | Neighborhood drive | | The Warriors Refuge | | \$180.00 | | |

| 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL/MISC EXPENSES | |
|--|-----------------|
| Domain name | \$30.00 |
| Registered Agent Annual Fee | \$35.00 |
| Community/Care to Color events | \$19.74 |
| PR/Advertising expenses | \$26.91 |
| Printing expenses | \$38.70 |
| State of Texas non-profit termination fee | \$5.00 |
| | \$155.35 |
| FUNDED BY: | |
| Balance for misc. expenses from 2023 | 10.45 |
| General non-campaign receipts | \$112.02 |
| | \$112.02 |
| <i>Balance for misc expenses covered by Founder donation</i> | -\$43.33 |

Miscellaneous non-campaign related expenses for Care for Caregivers-Texas Inc.

Care to carry on?

Although we will no longer be a registered 5019c(3) non-profit going forward into 2025, our goal is to continue care for our community by following and sharing the activities, events, volunteer opportunities and needs of our local care-giving non-profits.



@CareforCaregiversTX
The spot to follow for latest in community caring in Fort Bend County -name change planned 'Care in Community'

Note: @CareforCaregiversTX will be discontinued on Instagram in 2025



CareforCaregiversTexas.org
Website remains as a record of past activities, plus links to caregiving non-profits under 'Resources'

Ripple of Kindness
"The happiest people are the givers, not the takers"

Keep following for more details!



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