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**ECCC Board of Directors Adds Two New Appointments; Recognizes Long-Time Member**

The Eastland County Crisis Center (ECCC) is honored to announce the appointment of two new members to its Board of Directors, as well as recognize service of long-term member, David Bailey.

Joining the Board are Susana Jackson and Dana Johnson. Susana, a long time Eastland resident, is employed as a Staff Accountant with Donald Cate, CPA in Eastland. She was also elected to be the Board Treasurer at the January Board of Directors Meeting. Dana is employed as a Financial Analyst with Wilks Investments and is from Cisco. Both women have demonstrated not only a desire to help their communities, but also a deep understanding and respect for the Eastland County Crisis Center and its work in the prevention, recognition and response to victims of family violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

Resigning from the Board to spend more time with family is First Financial Bank (Eastland) President David Bailey. During his seven years on the Board, he served as Board President (2013-2015), Board Treasurer (2016-2018), and as part of the Executive Committee. David also championed, assisted, and emceed at multiple ECCC fundraising events, as well as taking the lead in several First Financial Bank donation initiatives including most recently a landscaping makeover at the ECCC as part of the FFB Day of Service. His willingness to serve, financial expertise, and commitment to excellence have proven invaluable to the Board and we appreciate all he has brought to the agency during his tenure on the Board.

The Board of Directors provides leadership, guidance, and direction for the Eastland County Crisis Center and its two subsequent victim services programs- the Crime Victim Assistance Center and the Eastland County Children's Advocacy Center. Board members work with Executive Director, Rhonda Howie, to approve fundraising events and activities, revise and improve policies, procedures, and services, and maintain high levels of professionalism, financial responsibility, and transparency. Board members serve in a voluntary capacity and represent a cross section of individuals from Eastland County and the ECCC community partners.

The ECCC appreciates all of the hard work and dedication of each Board Member and is looking forward to working with the two newest additions to the team!