



Holiday Giving Guide 2018

Give a Wish:

Each Angel on the ECCC Angel Tree holds one special Christmas wish for a child in need. Pick up one (or more) at the Eastland Walmart today. Items for the Angel Tree will need to be returned to the Walmart Customer Service by December 12th.

Give Comfort:

Throughout the year the ECCC provides victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse with much needed “comfort” items—toiletries, cleaning supplies, clothing, and more. The Cisco Chamber of Commerce will host a Comfort Tree November 30th– December 28th. Items can be returned to the Chamber of- fice throughout the holiday season.

Give a Smile:

Amazon shoppers can switch their accounts to an Amazon Smile account with no change to their selection or shopping experience. By picking the Eastland County Crisis Center as their Amazon Smile charity, they will have .5% donated to the ECCC at no additional charge to them!

Give Hope:

Join the “Keep Hope Alive with \$25” Campaign by making a one-time donation of \$25 online or by check/money order in celebration of the ECCC 25th Anniversary happening next October!

[Did You Know?](#)

*Local investment, donations, and other monetary gifts account for approximately **two-thirds** of the financial assistance provided to ECCC clients.*



First Financial Bank “Day of Service” Volunteers

**Thank You to
First Financial
Bank (Eastland
County) for
making our
landscaping so
beautiful!
#DayofService**



2018 Candlelight Vigil Participants

The Power of One

Edward Everett Hale is quoted as saying, “I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.” This idea of the impactful value of one is captured in the Eastland County Crisis Center Volunteer motto: **One Team. One Vision. One Goal.** It is belief that a group of committed and passionate individuals working together will bring hope and healing to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse.

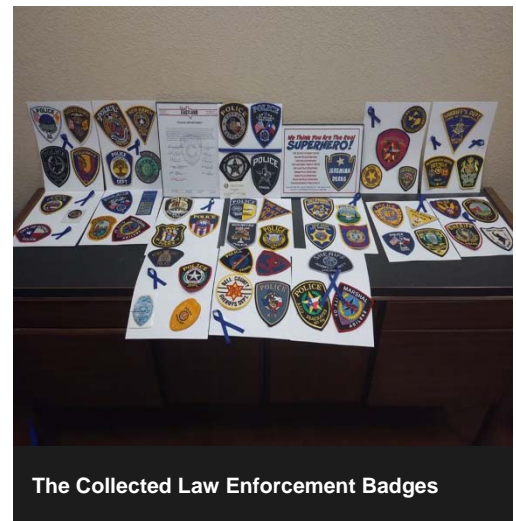
Identifying and utilizing a person’s strength and talents is part of what makes the ECCC Volunteer Program unique. While there are three main categories of volunteers— **Office, Special Events, and Advocacy**— interested individuals will often find a wide range of ways to volunteer. It could be taking pictures at an event, sorting donations for the Hope Closet, hanging flyers around town, or working directly with victims of abuse. “The ECCC staff appreciates everything our volunteers do because we know that here there are no big or small ways people volunteer”, Community Investment Director, Gena, states, “Every minute someone gives to the agency makes a real difference in our work.”

And those minutes can definitely add up. Last year the ECCC volunteers **donated over 4,200 hours** at community outreach events, in office assistance, and on direct services. In addition to finding the right fit for a volunteer, the program heavily relies on training, mentorship, and communication between staff and volunteers.

Those interested in volunteering can learn more at the next Volunteer Orientation class to be held at **5:30 pm on January 22nd** at the ECCC Offices. Sign up is available online at eastlandcrisis.org or by calling Gena at 254.629.3223.

Thank you to the:

**91st District Attorney Office,
Abilene Police Department,
Cisco Police Department,
Eastland County Sheriff’s Office,
Eastland Police Department,
Gorman Police Department,
Ranger Police Department,
Rising Star Police Department, &
Texas Department of Public Safety** for donating over 50 law enforcement patches for Jeremiah Derks!
Diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, Jeremiah and his family have been collecting patches from law enforcement offices all over the country.
We were honored to be able to add to it!



The Collected Law Enforcement Badges

Invitation for Public Comment:

The ECCC is planning a county-wide assessment and review on the proposed Title IX legislative changes set forth by US Department of Education Secretary, Betsy DeVos.

The meeting will be held in December to allow time to draft a community response.

All school administrators, law enforcement, and community partners working with K-college age students are encouraged to attend.

Contact Gena at 254.629.3223 for more information about Title IX and this proposed meeting.

Halloween Fun at the ECCC!



Happening Around the ECCC:

The ECCC Board, Staff, and Volunteers would like to thank all who participated in the Domestic Violence Awareness Month Candlelight Vigil. It was a huge success and an honor to have so many there to show support for family violence victims.

The Eastland County Crisis Center is excited to welcome two new board members, Susana Jackson and Dana Johnson, to the Board of Directors. Susana is employed as a Staff Accountant with Donald Cate, CPA in Eastland and Dana is employed as a Financial Analyst with Wilks Investments.

Las Comadres, a Hispanic outreach and support group, will celebrate three years this December. Founded by ECCC staff, Las Comadres meets monthly for education programs, group support activities and more! Contact Maria at 254.629.3223 for more information!

CAC Family Advocate, Shelby, and CAC Program Director/Forensic Interviewer, Christie, have completed their final blocks of required training.

JOIN US NEXT TIME...

**CHILD ABUSE
AWARENESS MONTH
ACTIVITIES & EVENTS**

**2018
YEAR IN
REVIEW**

S **STAY TUNED...**

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Instagram

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Children's Advocacy Center
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preferred email to:
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