



## United Way of Odessa 2023-2024 Community Partners

### ***Agape Counseling Services of West Texas 432-550-5683***

***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Agape exists to champion mental and behavioral health in the Permian Basin through a wide range of professional counseling services provides from a distinctly Christian perspective.

**Occupational Therapy Counseling Scholarships for Underserved:** The demand for mental health services has reached a national all-time high, and this trend is undoubtedly reflected in the Permian Basin. Unfortunately, a significant portion of residents who could benefit from and are seeking clinical care are unable to get the help they desperately need due to an inability. Agape is proud that no individual, couple, or family is turned away for an inability to pay. Not only does this help those hurting, but it also has many positive community effects.

### ***Boys and Girls Club of Odessa 432-337-8389***

***Mission Statement:***

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club of Odessa is to help young people, especially those who need us most, reach their potential through mentoring, enrichment activities, academic support, athletics, and nutrition.

**Nutrition, & Healthy Lifestyles:**

The Healthy Lifestyles program offers a wide array of curriculums through mentoring, counseling, and many other life lessons to teach healthy lifestyle choices to after school and summer school programs.

**Athletics**

The Athletics program provides seasons of volleyball, flag football, basketball, judo, tackle football and cheer through local partnerships, available to those who are unable to afford the services. The program creates great citizens and athleticism.

**Club Programs:**

They have five convenient locations that can serve up to one thousand children. The Club program is offered Monday – Friday from 3:00pm-7:00pm offers mentoring, homework assistance during the school year, computer lab with learning programs, art room, game room, media room, gymnasium, playing in adjacent parks, field trips, and a daily nutritious meal.

### ***CASA of the Permian Basin Area, Inc. 432-498-4174***

***Mission Statement:***

The mission of CASA of the Permian Basin Area trains volunteers to advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system to ensure that each child is placed in a safe, permanent, and healthy environment.

**CASA:**

When children are removed from their home one CASA adult is assigned to be their guardian. This volunteer serves as a “voice in court” and provides consistency in the child’s life. The volunteer will assist the judge who presides over the child welfare cases to allow sufficient information to make informed decisions regarding the child’s life.

## ***Catholic Charities Odessa 432-332-1387***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Catholic Charities Odessa is to provide immediate assistance and educate to empower for long term self-sufficiency.

### ***Emergency Services:***

The Emergency Services Program is to assist individuals and families with the most basic needs when faced with an emergency/crisis. These families have no other means to resolve the problem.

### ***Cory Learning Center:***

The Cory Learning Center provides individuals without a high school diploma the opportunity to obtain a GED and/or improve literacy and life skills. This program offers the individual the opportunity to participate at their own pace with a flexible schedule.

## ***Centers for Children and Families, Inc. 432-580-7006***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Centers for Children and Families is to exist to improve the quality of life and strengthen the communities we serve through counseling, educational, and supportive services.

“Children, individuals, and families successfully manage the challenges of life.”

### ***Odessa Clinical:***

Odessa Clinical is a counseling program that offers individual, couple, family, play, and group counseling services. Centers have long been a viable option for families facing emotional/behavioral challenges but lack the financial resources to access professional help.

### ***Kids First:***

Kids First provides safe and neutral supervised visitation and exchanges for conflicted families.

Parenting classes are available, including Trans Parenting, which assists divorcing parents in responding positively to their children during a family separation.

## ***Family Promise of Odessa 432-934-6693***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Family Promise of Odessa is to utilize the resources of a network of community faith-based organizations along the Family Promise resources to assist transitional (homeless) families in obtaining homes.

### ***Transition to Independence Program:***

This program provides opportunities for each family that enters the program so that their specific needs can be met. Family Promise helps to facilitate communication of the families with other available resources in the community to assist in obtaining employment, education, childcare and housing.

## ***Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest 432-614-2635***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of the Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest is to build girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

### ***Girl Scout Leadership Experience:***

This program provides opportunities for girls to participate in outcome-based activities that are designed to guide them along a life-long path to making good decisions that promote the wellbeing of themselves and others through in school and out of school programs.

## ***Harmony Home Children's Advocacy Center 432-333-5233***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Harmony Home is to lessen the trauma and heal the hurt of abuser to all children and their families through interviewing, therapy, victim services, investigation, and prosecution.

### ***Direct Services to Child Abuse Victims & Non-Offending Caregivers:***

Children are brought to Harmony Home for legally acceptable videotaped interviews regarding allegations of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, emotional neglect and/or family violence. These interviews take place in a child-friendly, developmentally appropriate environment and are performed by a trained forensic interviewer.

***Community Awareness & Prevention Services:*** This program is to educate adults to take proactive steps to protect children from this significant risk of sexual abuse.

***Family Resiliency:*** This program allows staff to work directly with families who have ongoing child neglect cases that will be closed without services but are still in desperate need of case management and support. It works to develop a network of support for these families by engaging partners in the community that can fill the gap of services needed to get our clients from surviving to thriving.

## ***Mission Center Adult Day Service 432-688-7720***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of the Mission Center Adult Day Service is to provide quality health care and activity programs for elderly adults and disabled individuals in a safe, enriching environment that offers caregiver respite and family support.

### ***Client Services:***

The program provides transportation to the facility for Odessa clients to receive breakfast, lunch, snack, and take-home dinners. They offer a full day of activities involving restorative therapy, creative outlets, spiritual services and leisure opportunities. The center has medical personnel on site.

## ***Odessa Christmas in Action, Inc. 432-368-9022***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Odessa Christmas in Action, Inc. is to follow God's teachings by working together to preserve and revitalize homes and communities, assuring that low income, elderly, and disabled homeowners live in a secure environment that is safe, comfortable, and able to withstand weather conditions.

### ***Workday Repairs and Emergency repairs:***

The program offers home repair services for our low income, elderly, and disabled homeowners in Ector County through our workdays and emergency repairs through a year-round program that is of no cost to the individual.

## ***Odessa Day Nursery 432-332-6754***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Odessa Day Nursery is to meet the needs of each child in all areas of Educational Development through activities that promotes physical, emotional, social, and mental growth in a safe and healthy environment.

### ***UW Donor Program:***

The program provides quality and affordable day care and scholarship tuition options for many parents in Ector County who have difficulty getting their children placed in day care so that they can work or attend school.

## ***Odessa Links, Inc. 432-582-0099***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Odessa Links is to provide our community with access to resources and follow-up care, together with local organizations.

### ***Project Hope:***

The Homeless Opportunities for Personal Excellence program will address the needs of twenty homeless households by providing termed rental assistance not to exceed 24 months along with continuum of care services to help participants increase their education, skills, and income to begin their path towards self-sufficiency.

## ***Permian Basin Mission Center 432-337-0554***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of the Permian Basin Mission Center is through Christian compassion, the Permian Basin Mission Center seeks to promote the general welfare of the less fortunate and to relieve human suffering due to hunger and deprivation.

### ***Rent /Utility & Food Assistance:***

This program aids low-income families and individuals who are facing the possibility of becoming evicted from their dwelling due to delinquent utility bills and or monthly rent.

The food program provides a choice pantry with the amount of food provided per family based on family size. The pantry allows clients to choose foods that their family enjoys and will utilize. Clients are allowed to receive food once a month.

## ***Reflection Ministries of Texas 432-247-1099***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of Reflection Ministries is to identify victims, equip cities with education, and provide avenues of restoration for human trafficking victims.

### ***S.E.E.D.S:***

The program provides survivors with a structured environment in which they are equipped with various skills that enable them to attain a life of independence and an ability to achieve their academic and employment goals. A Survivors Success Plan Plan is created for everyone, outlining the restorative pathway from intake to graduation. The plan is divided into 4 phases: Therapeutic Services, Education, Economic Empowerment and Aftercare. All designed for survivors to live outside of a program and find true freedom.

## ***SHARE 432-818-1253***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of SHARE is for respite partners with all members of families where there are children with special needs, supporting their efforts to establish and maintain strong and successful families.

### ***Respite Care:***

The 24/7 job of caring for the special child leaves parents with little time to connect with other parents and discover resources. The loneliness that parents and sibling experience cause many to feel depressed. Parents cope with sleep deprivation, lack of energy, and feelings of hopelessness. They live in a constant state of fatigue. Self-care declines.

## ***The Salvation Army 432-332-0738***

### ***Mission Statement:***

The mission of The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

### ***Comprehensive Emergency Assistance:***

The program provides men, women and children survival or crisis needs to keep people alive, so that a long-term plan can be established to transition to self-sufficiency. The Salvation Army currently provides food, clothing, rent, and utility assistance, furniture, eyeglasses, grocery orders, spiritual counseling, and life skill classes. The shelter is available 24 hours a day. The Feeding program offers a nutritious hot meal in the dining room with an average of 50-75 meals a day, 365 days a year including holidays.