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Conference Update

On February 23rd, the TCSA Board held its 2017 Conference Planning Meeting in San Marcos, TX after touring New Braunfels, TX and Gruene, TX. The board selected TbarM Resorts in New Braunfels as the host hotel. This property is located in the Texas Hill Country, with 60 acres located between San Antonio and Austin. One of the coolest cities in Texas and an adventure for everyone! We are excited to host the 22nd Annual TCSA Conference in a central location near Gruene Historic District, Comal River, and Landa Park; a great location to explore Winery's on the Gruene, Spas, and Shopping.

Planning for the conference will continue with our lead host, Mandi Jakubowski from Guadalupe County Juvenile Probation. Mandi is the 2017 conference chair and the board and I couldn't be more excited! The conference is set for October 15th -18th. We are excited that we have several speakers locked in and can't wait to share with all of you. We hope that you will join us at our next conference, on page 2 you will find the Conference Registration information. Please check out upcoming newsletters, our Facebook page, and website www.texascommunityservice.com.

Respectfully,
Brenda Garcia
TCSA President



Texas Community Service Association
22nd Annual Conference Registration Form

www.texascommunityservice.com

Make All Checks Payable to: Texas Community Service Association
The TCSA registration fee for the 2017 conference in New Braunfels is \$125.00.

Mail all registrations and fees to:

33rd & 424th Judicial ISF

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*If possible, please bring the following items to be donated to the **L.U.P.E Project (Love Understanding & Patience Everyday)**; cat litter, cat toys, cat treats, cat collars, dog collars, dog leashes, dog toys, dog treats, and newspaper.*

Host Hotel Information

T bar M Resorts

2549 W. State Highway 46

New Braunfels, Texas 78132

(830) 620-4263

To make a room reservation, call the hotel directly at 1-830-620-4263 and refer to the group under the name Texas Community Service Association 2017 with group code TCSA to make your reservation.

October 15, 2017 thru October 18, 2017

TCSA Registration Form

Name: _____

Agency: _____ Job Title: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

**Jimmy Don Nicholson, HTR, Lamar County
Community Service Coordinator
RETIRING MARCH 31, 2017**



Jimmy Don Nicholson, HTR, is the Lamar County Community Service Coordinator. His 2005 published research in the Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture Volume XVI / American Horticultural Therapy Association www.ahta.org is a great contribution to field of Horticultural Therapy and Criminal Justice. His studies and programs reveal that performing Community Service Restitution helps reduce recidivism amongst probationers, and when combined with community service duties involving plant material, the reduction in recidivism increased another twenty-three percent. Jimmy Nicholson's quantitative/quality work extended him opportunities to present the Lamar County Adult Probation Department's Horticultural Therapy Program as far east as Washington D.C., in the battleground states of Maryland and Kentucky, and to state officials in Rhode Island. He did not stop there, however, as he was also asked to present in Kansas and Colorado, and then westward all the way to San Francisco, California. He, with great pride, also presented these findings to numerous audiences in our great State of Texas. Dr. Richard Mattson, Dr. C A Dempsey, and the late Judge Jim D. Lovett, are just a few among the notable contributors of this horticultural therapy research.

Jimmy is a leader of people, an effective organizer, and a person who is truly interested in helping people help themselves. He is a Christian family man and a decorated military veteran, who proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, from which he later received an Honorable Discharge upon his departure. He is a retired member from the Blacksmiths and Boilermakers Union-Local 902, a rancher, a researcher, a Texas Master Gardener and a Registered Horticultural. He plans to continue to serve on the board for Keep Paris Beautiful/Make Lamar County Shine and on the Northeast Texas Trail Coalition board of directors <http://northeasttexastrail.org/>. Jimmy served as Chairman of the Board to the Valley of the Caddo Museum and Cultural Center helping develop it from just an idea to its opening. He, to this day, is very proud to have had the opportunity to be a part of bringing this Museum to the Lamar County area <https://www.facebook.com/Valley-of-the-Caddo-Museum-Cultural-Center-Inc-630060587047936/>. While working as a boilermaker for Babcock and Wilcox, Jimmy played an instrumental part in the organizing of volunteer labor (his own labor included) in the building of the Paris Texas Eiffel Tower (the Eiffel Tower with the big red cowboy hat on top).<http://www.paristexas.gov/>

Enjoy Your Retirement, TCSA will miss YOU!

L.U.P.E Project

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Guadalupe "LUPE" Focundo

On April 11th, 2016, Guadalupe County Juvenile Services lost a member of their family, Lupe Focundo was a Juvenile Probation Officer with Guadalupe County Juvenile Services. Lupe was a "Heart of Gold" and always had a smiling face; she was a woman of faith and cherished her family. Lupe also had a love for animals. Soon after the loss of Lupe, the department implemented the **L.U.P.E Project** while collaborating with **Schertz Animal Services**. The L.U.P.E Project helps youth empathize with animals and teach through service learning projects sponsored by the department.

A LOVE for Families and Animals!



L.U.P.E Project collected 98 dozen dog treats for the Schertz Animal Services!

A Meaningful
Service Learning Project!



Global Youth Service Day!



The Texas Juvenile Justice Department (TJJD) is a Lead Agency and will be participating in its 12th consecutive year! The Texas Community Service Association (TCSA) is collaborating with TJJD by contributing \$500 in mini grants for all TCSA members with Juvenile Probation Departments and Parole. Congratulations to **Bexar County Juvenile Probation** for receiving **\$350.00** in mini grants and **DeWitt County Juvenile Probation** for receiving **\$150.00**. Thank you all for submitting your mini-grant applications.

Please contact Newsletter Editor if you would like to add to our Quarterly Newsletter!

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