

WFACF NEWS HUB

Congrats, Leo!



Congratulations to our Board Chair, **Leo Lane**, and his son, Clayton (President of James Lane), who received two prestigious awards from the Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)! James Lane Air Conditioning and Plumbing has been named Residential Contractor of the Year, and Leo, former President of James Lane, was awarded the **ACCA Community Leadership Award!** We are so proud of their dedication to this community and commitment to quality service.



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Wichita Falls Area
**COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION**

April 2025

Wichitans of the Year!



On March 19th, we celebrated two remarkable people - **Dick Bundy and Carol Wagner** - who have made an enormous impact on our community and the Community Foundation.

Dick and Carol are both so deserving of being named Wichitan of the Year!

Dick and Carol served on the WFACF Board for 10 years, Dick as Board Chair (2016-2018). Carol served on the Scholarship Committee for 20 years, 10 of which as the Chair.

We are so proud of our friends and the example of generosity, volunteerism, and philanthropy they set for us all to follow.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Time to Grow!

Spring is a season of renewal, and as the weather warms, plants and trees that have been dormant during the winter months begin to show signs of life. But they didn't spend the past few months sitting idle, waiting for spring. Instead, they have been working beneath the surface, preparing for the upcoming season of growth.

Your Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation is emerging from a time of internal planning and preparation and into a new, exciting season. Because of faithful volunteers, donors, fundholders, and advocates like you, our roots run deep in this community. You allow our Foundation to grow, and when that happens, our community benefits.

There are many exciting things in store for this year! I encourage you to stay in the know and connect with us by visiting our website and our LinkedIn, Facebook, and Instagram pages. Here, we will provide details on all the upcoming, exciting WFACF news.

In the spirit of exciting news, this year marks the **10TH AND FINAL year of Texoma Gives!** Since 2016, the Wichita Falls Area Community Foundation has hosted this annual day of giving, supporting the many worthy nonprofit organizations in our area. Texoma Gives was created to benefit area nonprofits by equipping them with the tools to grow their fundraising expertise, raising awareness about their programs and services, and unifying our community with a shared purpose.

We will share additional information about this year's Texoma Gives Day, September 4th, 2025, very soon. We will also highlight stories throughout the summer of how our community has grown in the past 10 years, thanks to Texoma Gives. Planning for the Texoma Gives finale is underway, and it will be an event to remember.

Let's get to work!



Jake Truette
President & CEO



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

WFACF Grant Cycle 2025:

\$399,278

was awarded to

49 nonprofits

Recently:

- The Burkburnett Legacy Fdn. Grant Cycle closed: 3/31
- The Volunteer Fire Dept. Grant. Cycle closed: 3/31
- New Fund Advisor Portal: 4/1

Up Next:

- Kinder Grant Cycle: 4/1 - 5/31
- Scholarship Meet & Greet: 5/15
- Texoma Gives Registration: 6/5



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APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN!

KINDER GRANT

Grants are offered to **Archer County nonprofits** through the Royal C. "Bingo" Kinder Fund.

APPLY NOW THROUGH MAY 31ST!

Apply online at wfacf.org

Through a charitable bequest, the Royal C. "Bingo" Kinder Scholarship Endowment and Donor Advised Fund were created in 2003 after the passing of Bingo Kinder in 2002. In his will, Mr. Kinder left instructions that portions of his estate be used to support nonprofits in Archer County, TX and create scholarships for graduating seniors in Archer County.

The Community Foundation's **Bridge Builder Legacy Society** recognizes generous people, like Mr. Kinder, who decide to build a bridge of financial support that will benefit our community for years to come.

By including charitable giving in your estate plans, you ensure that your assets will support the causes you care about most long into the future.

WICHITA WEST VFD

Wichita West Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief, Ryan Fetzer, and Public Information Officer, Chris Bashford, gave us a tour of their current station and the new station being built! We learned so much about VFDs, and we are so thankful for the men and women who volunteer to keep our community safe! When you donate to the **WFACF Volunteer Fire Department Fund**, you are helping local VFDs like Wichita West receive quality gear, training, and resources. Thank you for your support!



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