

The Hays County Child Protective Board would like to express our gratitude to the San Marcos Unitarian Universalist Fellowship for your continued support over the past years.

Because of your generosity, we've had the joy of saying "yes" to funding requests, large and small, that have made incalculable differences in the lives of children and families: that second pair of glasses for the child who has broken the single pair paid for by the state; the set of bunk beds that grandparents need to provide safe sleeping for their grandchildren; the fees for music and sports camps, which enrich foster youths' school experience and allow them to enjoy some of the extras that give them a feeling of belonging; high-quality child care during winter and spring breaks; gas money to enable parents who are working to be reunited with their children to travel for family visits; and holiday and birthday gifts, back-to-school clothing, and emergency clothing needs.

As you know, some families are just one emergency away—perhaps losing one month's pay, needing a car repair, missing a rent payment—from being unable to stay together. Support like yours have been the key to our helping with such higher-cost needs, literally preventing children from needing foster care.

We know that there are many needs in the world that you might have addressed. We are grateful that you are addressing the needs of abused and neglected children in Hays County. Thank you!

Sincerely, Hays County Child Protective Board

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