

THE HEART BEAT

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God did miraculous things in 2020 through Heart of a Matter Ministries (HOAMM) by showing us how community partnerships make a difference!

Just as the 2020 year ushered in COVID and a world-wide shutdown, it also ushered in new opportunities for HOAMM to shine brightly throughout this community. Just seven days before the lockdown, we launched our Community Resource database website (thecommunityresource.org), which offers a streamlined searchable listing of over 80 ministries, organizations, and service providers in Grayson County, including the services each provides and updated contact information. Since the launch, over 1,000 users have been able to find resources and services necessary to help those in need, essentially, activating the body of Christ to be the hands & feet of Jesus.

In addition, we were able to partner with Sherman ISD during the pandemic to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable families, collaborating with existing resources to bring help to those in need. This partnership enabled us to provide food, hygiene and household cleaning items to teachers, students, and families of two local schools.

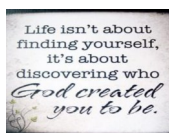
When most other agencies shut down due to the pandemic, HOAMM was able to continue serving; using out-of-the-box strategies allowed us to meet the needs of those facing dire circumstances. As we look back on the collaborative efforts to gather five (5) car seats for a single mother in need, we realize it was truly an act of God to move His children with compassion.

As we navigated 2020, HOAMM continued working to build reliable partnerships with local agencies to establish effective programs, bringing meaningful change for those we serve. We witnessed firsthand the impact of collaborative efforts between services when the North Texas Youth Connection was seeking enrichment for their residents. We now host them for bi-weekly workshops where healthy relationships are grown.

Just as God promised, 2020 also saw the beginning of the Creator's Studio! We are now offering free art sessions, which include painting, weaving, crafting, journaling and more, to local non-profit agencies and individuals in our community in a safe space full of healing and restoration. What has been truly miraculous is the gathering of volunteers who are willing to share the love of Jesus using their gifts and talents.

Lastly, in spite of the shutdown, our volunteer outreach teams have grown from just under 50 to over 100 servant hearts!

Casting 2021 Vision



2021 promises to be an even bigger year as we build more partnerships with local church congregations to activate the Body of Christ in bringing meaningful change to our community, grow our Community Resource database to include surrounding counties, and begin to offer life skills classes as well as small recovery groups. We look forward to watching how God uses Heart of a Matter in the coming year to unite the body of Christ and grow disciples.

Unity in Community



Please consider attending our next Unity in Community meeting, hosted on the second Thursday of the month, 6:30PM to 8:00PM, come learn of the many ways we are impacting the community and how you can make a difference!

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What better way to start the new year than to serve others alongside a team of kingdom minded servants! If we learned anything from 2020 it was that it will take an entire community to come together and help one another overcome hardships. We can do better and we have been called.

If you want to learn more, please connect with us!