

# THE DREAM NEWS

JOURNEY TO DREAM

## A 2023 MESSAGE

### FROM BOARD PRESIDENT, ANGIE COX

As we approach the end of another transformative year, we want to express our deepest gratitude to every one of you who has contributed to the success of Journey to Dream. Your dedication and support have been instrumental in our mission to embrace, equip, and empower homeless, hurting, and at-risk teens to achieve recovery, overcome adversity, and live purposeful lives.

Together, we have achieved remarkable milestones and positively impacted countless lives through Kyles Place and our school programs. Whether you volunteered your time, donated resources, or simply spread the word about our cause, your involvement has made a difference.

As we reflect on the challenges we faced and the triumphs we celebrated we are reminded of the strength that comes from unity. Your commitment to our shared vision has fueled our efforts of Dream Initiative schools programs serving over 3,200 students serving, 55 teens through Kyle's Place and 127 students Shop with Cop.

As we look ahead, we are excited about the opportunities that lie before us. With your continued support, we are confident that Journey to Dream will continue to be a beacon of home and positive change for kids and their future.

Thank you once again for being an invaluable part of our nonprofit family. We wish you a joyful holiday season and new year filled with prosperity, good health, and fulfillment.

With heartfelt gratitude,  
Angie Cox  
Board President  
Journey to Dream Board of Directors



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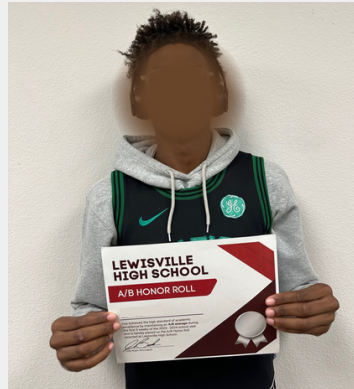
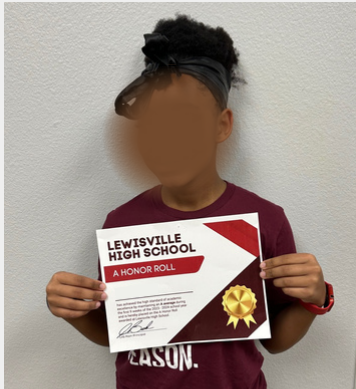
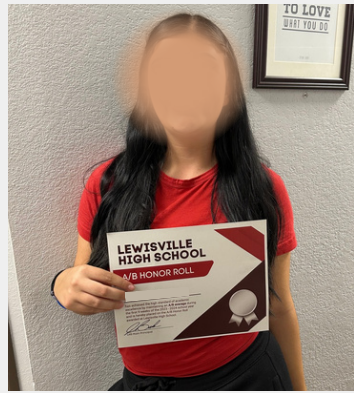
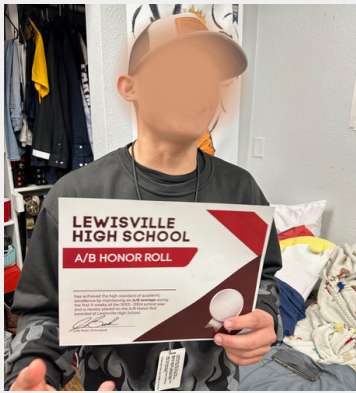
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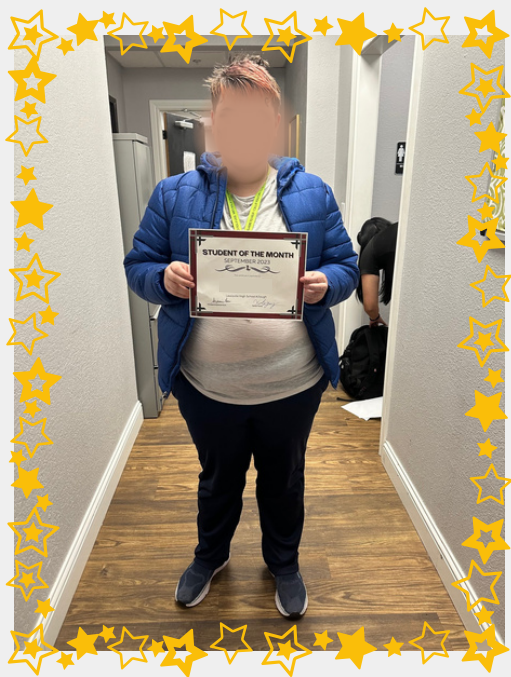
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## RESIDENT ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

# HONOR ROLL



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



KYLE'S PLACE - A PROGRAM OF



# JOURNEY TO DREAM



## Happy THANKSGIVING

Teens spend the day at World Champ Training as they participate in the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Then, Nothing Bundt Cake donated yummy desserts, Courtyard by Marriot Flower Mound provided Thanksgiving Day groceries, and Shirley Clark cooks Thanksgiving Dinner for Kyle's Place. All of these efforts made for a great Thanksgiving!



## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another great Christmas in the books! Because of you, many of our teens were able to experience their first true Christmas. One teen said, "This is the best Christmas I have ever had; this feels like family."





DREAM INITIATIVE - A PROGRAM OF  
**JOURNEY TO DREAM**

The Journey to Dream Initiative is a curriculum-based, unique, multicultural, evidence-based preventive intervention for selected and indicated populations.

Our program is designed for middle and high students whose high-risk situations, attitudes, and behaviors place them at elevated risk for future behavioral and health problems, including substance abuse, delinquency, and violence.

Along with a trained facilitator, the groups are peer-led and highly interactive, which sets these support groups apart from other preventive interventions. Youth meet in confidential, small group settings and learn essential life skills, enabling them to navigate challenges better and to:

- Cope with difficult family situations.
- Resist negative peer pressure.
- Respect others.
- Set and achieve goals.
- Make healthy choices.
- Refuse alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.

Through our Dream Initiative school program since 2004, Journey to Dream has impacted and changed the lives of thousands of teens. We are excited to see this program continue to expand and offer additional support to at-risk youth.

### CURRENTLY SERVING



**North Texas Collegiate Academy**  
Inspire with Character. Invest in Community. Instill with Confidence.



# DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Thank you to all the Police officers, donors, sponsors, volunteers, community partners, and our tireless staff for a successful 11th Annual Shop with a Cop event. Our teens look forward to this event every year, and every year our community shows up and SHOWS OUT. We would like to extend a huge shoutout and thank you to Witherite Law Group for their generous donation of \$15,000 towards our Annual Shop with a Cop Event for the second year in a row!



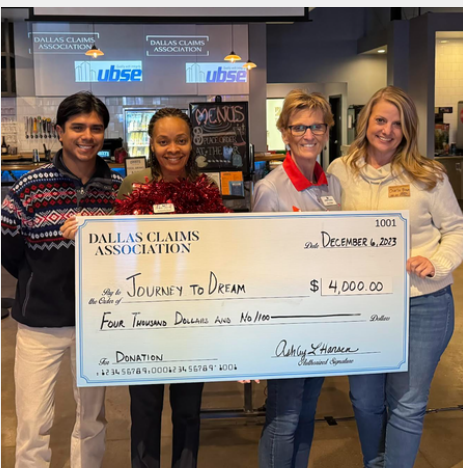
Ritz Battula carried out a community project to support the teens at KP. She teamed up with HEB, who generously donated \$1,000 to shop for supplies.



Trevor, Caleb, Sarah, Micah, Riley, Alex, Kristen, and the entire Castlewoods Swim Club raise donations to support Kyle's Place!



Speedway Children Charities, awards JTD this impactful grant that will serve thousands of middle and high school students through our DI Program.



Dallas Claims Association choose JTD as one of the many charities to receive a gift at their holiday party this year.



The Lewisville High School Interact Club has once again shows its amazing spirit of giving. A big thank you goes out to Stuart Hollowell for his excellent leadership in organizing this drive.



Amanda and Joshua Haddad from HoneyRock Ministries, supplied materials for 16 mums and garters. This made for a special Homecoming!

# VOLUNTEER VICTORIES



Hello!  
My name is Julie Menezes. I am so excited to join Journey To Dream as a Volunteer Coordinator. I was born and raised in India, after completing my undergrad in Mechanical Engineering, I moved to Texas to study Computer Science. After graduating I worked for several Technology companies around the metroplex in various roles. I decided to step away from my career when my youngest daughter was born to focus on my family. During this time I was able to give back and be more involved in our community by volunteering as a project manager, at my church, girls scouts and schools. I love to travel and experience various cultures, eat spicy food, cook and spend time with my family. I am grateful for my faith, family, friends and the beautiful planet we live on. I look forward to this new chapter in my life and getting to know each of you!

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER



11

new volunteers  
oriented

690+ HOURS

of volunteer  
service

\$20,000

worth contributed to the community  
through JTD volunteers!

### Groups Include:

- Flower Mound United Methodist Church
- JAB Elite Boxing
- Lewisville Fire Department
- The Grove Church
- Way Alliance
- KP Cabbie volunteers
- Cross Timbers YMCA

# EMPLOYEE



JTD CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023

## ANNIVERSARIES

Chandler Hoagland-McKinney - 1 year  
Faith Logan - 2 years

Samantha Sims - 4 years  
Nesa Grider - 6 years

## WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Breanna Coleman 10/2023  
Jeremy Hopson 10/2023  
Julie Menezes 10/2023

Luke Mergerson 10/2023  
Astra McNamara 10/2023  
Irma Perez Ruano 12/2023

## BIRTHDAYS

Nicole Cervantez  
Faith Logan  
Jeremy Hopson

Astra McNamara  
Luke Mergerson  
Samantha Sims