

THE DREAM NEWS

JOURNEY TO DREAM

JOIN US

AN INVITE FROM CEO, NESA GRIDER

As we prepare to celebrate Journey to Dream's 20th birthday, it's not just a milestone; it's a testament to the unwavering commitment we hold in our hearts. For two decades, we've been a beacon of hope for vulnerable teens, victims, and those who have found themselves without a home.

Envision the stories we've been a part of—the tears of resilience, the smiles of gratitude, and the triumphant moments of every teen who found comfort in our care. Each candle on our birthday cake symbolizes innumerable lives influenced, dreams reignited, and futures reclaimed.

Yet, our celebration is more than just a tribute to the past; it's a recommitment to our mission for the future. As demand increases and obstacles change each year, so does our determination. Our 20th anniversary signifies our achievements and the limitless potential of what we can and will accomplish in the future.

So, as we blow out the candles and reflect on the journey, let's remember why our mission is so vital. We celebrate 20 years and the countless teens' lives to be transformed. Because every moment of support, every act of kindness, and every ounce of love we pour into our work makes a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Happy 20th birthday to us—a milestone of compassion, resilience, and unwavering dedication. Here's to many more years of lighting up the darkness and being a lifeline for an often-forgotten teen population!

JOURNEY TO DREAM
URNS 20!
join us to celebrate

8 | **SATURDAY**
JUNE | **11:00 AM - 3:00PM**
COME AND GO!

*1960 Archer Ave,
 Lewisville, TX 75077*

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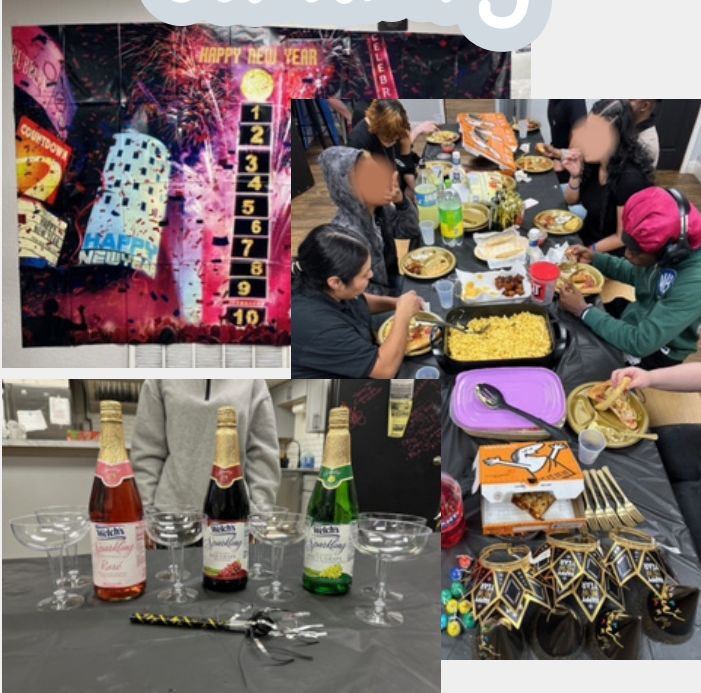
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January



We rang in the new year by enjoying pizza and sparkling grape juice, shared what we learned in 2023, watched the Reunion Tower countdown, and yelled "HAPPY NEW YEAR" at midnight!

February



Our teens spent the fun-filled day at Gamilah Unbridled, learning about the power of liberty and how it can change a rescued horse's life. They embarked on a journey of empathy, connection, and growth. These teens learn the fundamentals of equine care and horsemanship and cultivate a profound sense of responsibility and compassion. Without a doubt, we have natural cowpokes in our group!

KYLE'S PLACE - A PROGRAM OF



JOURNEY TO DREAM

MARCH

Journey to Dream received a generous grant from the Fulton Foundation for Kyle's Place, a Traditional Living campus for vulnerable teens needing shelter and support. This transformative grant enabled crucial upgrades, such as a roof replacement, significantly enhancing campus safety. With improved security and monitoring systems, we are able to provide a safe haven for vulnerable teens, offering them the peace of mind they deserve. Additionally, the grant facilitated the establishment of a state-of-the-art cooks kitchen, complete with custom cabinets, transforming our campus kitchen into a warm and inviting home-like environment. This grant not only enhances the physical infrastructure of Kyle's Place but also reaffirms our commitment to providing a nurturing environment where teens can find comfort, support, and the opportunity to rebuild their lives.





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In the springtime, a big focus of the Dream Initiative is teen stress. We began our stress series with a breakdown sheet, where the teens were able to analyze their current stressors and coping mechanisms. They were able to see that they can overcome their current stressors, and were able to find support from their peers. The following week we started our Dream Initiative Teen Stress Campaign, where our teens made posters, drawing, poems, or mental health sheets for their peers. Our students were able to see how stressed teens are, but also equip their teachers and peers with how to overcome their current stressors.

CURRENTLY SERVING



2024 GOALS!

1. Have all lesson plans and activities available in spanish.
2. Attend 10 campuses by the end of the year
3. Our first summer camp program



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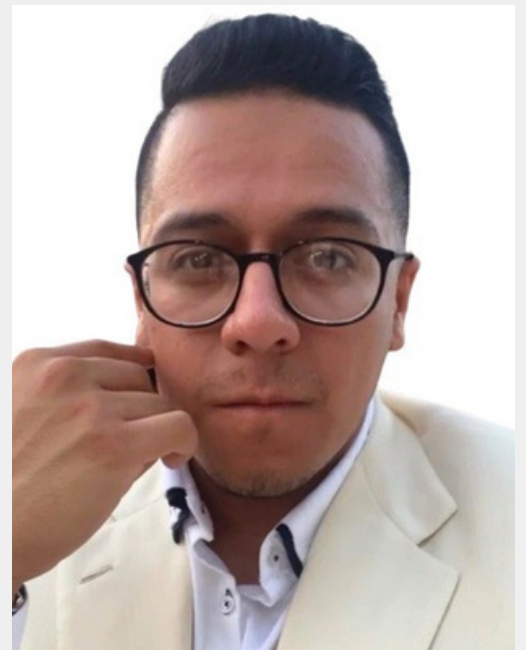
DEVELOPMENT TEAM



The Women of Purpose Fundraising Luncheon and Fashion Show was an unequivocal success, embodying the power of collective action and the indomitable spirit of women supporting women. With hearts full of compassion and determination, attendees came together to champion our mission, raising crucial funds to empower underserved teens. In addition, we would like to express our gratitude towards the sponsors who made it possible. We would like to give a special shout-out to Women Running with Authority, our Diamond Sponsor, Andy's Floral for providing the beautiful decorations, Market Street Flower Mound for the delicious food, and Swag Angels for contributing the swag! We are thankful for all our sponsors, vendors, volunteers, and guests who made this event a grand success.

We welcome Angel Guerrero as our Major Gift Coordinator to the Journey to Team. Angel is a seasoned nonprofit professional with over eight years of dedicated experience in development, fundraising, and marketing. With a strategic mindset and a passion for social impact, Angel excels in crafting and implementing comprehensive fundraising strategies across diverse verticals. His expertise extends to nurturing donor and stakeholder relationships and orchestrating omnichannel marketing and communication campaigns. Angel has demonstrated an ability to collaborate with key stakeholders, national and local organizations, and Fortune 500 companies to drive meaningful change. He has led numerous nonprofit initiatives, playing pivotal roles in education and engagement efforts, fundraising pipeline development, strategy formulation, program implementation, and digital and content marketing initiatives.

We are thrilled to have Angel on the team. Please join us on June 8th for our Birthday celebration @ Kyles Place to welcome Angel personally!



VOLUNTEER VICTORIES



Volunteer orientation is required for all individuals interested in volunteering at our organization. Moving the orientation to online will allow volunteers to start the onboarding process as soon as they are interested instead of waiting for a set date of orientation. Especially when volunteers miss the orientation for any reason now they have to wait several months for the next one. Volunteers will now be able to learn about our organization and all the programs we have to offer from all the leaders and staff. They don't have to drive into the admin office to attend the orientation, saving personal time during the weekend. Orientation will be available on-demand so it can be completed in a self-paced manner and in any order, and rewind as needed. It can be watched anywhere and anytime with a better experience as we are combining personal audio, and slides.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE QUARTER



JANUARY:

Nicholas Smith

FEBRUARY:

Dawn Shapley

MARCH:

Darien Rentfro

6

new volunteers
oriented

657 HOURS

of volunteer
service

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

KP Cabbies: Drive teens to/from appointments, school, delivering donations to/from KP . You will get a weekly calendar of dates/times to choose from. You will drive teens in your car.

KP Meal Prep: Cooking weekday dinner at KP or at your home and drop off. You will get a monthly calendar to choose the date from. We will supply the groceries.

Please contact volunteer@journeytodream.com if you are interested or have any questions!



EMPLOYEE

C O R N E R

Some of our team being fabulous at our last Women On Purpose event!



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!

Angel Guerrero - 2/2024

Adrienne Corday - 3/2024

BIRTHDAYS

Chandler Hoagland
Doriell Dorsett
Ravain Owens

Nesa Grider
Angel Guerrero