

We Mean It When We Say Your Donations Truly Save Lives

A divorce caused Sarah, who lives with Asthma and Type 2 Diabetes, to lose her health insurance and she wasn't able to afford a plan on her own. She got so sick in February that she had to go to the ER. There, Sarah received emergency treatment as well as a list of local clinics that could help with ongoing services since she didn't have a primary care physician or the means to afford the life-sustaining medication she needed.

Metro Ministries' Gabbard Health Clinic – a UWCB partner program funded in part by your generous gifts – provided the turning point in Sarah's health. A good A1C, a measurement indicating average blood glucose levels for diabetics, ranges from 6-8. Sarah's was 13 – a dangerous level that can lead to life-threatening complications if not remedied. Because of you, Gabbard was able to give Sarah a glucose tester and insulin. In just one month her A1C dropped to 8.8. She's consistently taking all the medication necessary to control these two chronic illnesses, her health continues to improve and she doesn't have to rely on the ER for treatment.

Your donations change and save the lives of so many people, much like Sarah, who've fallen on hard times. It's your generosity that fuels these essential programs and strengthens the Coastal Bend one person at a time.

United we all win!



The Big Unveiling: Success By 6's Call-to-Action for the Community

On April 25th, our [Success By 6 Early Childhood Initiative's](#) coalition [unveiled to the community](#) their research on issues affecting local children, data-driven strategies and a call-to-action encouraging everyone to work together to solve the issues holding these children back from reaching their potential. The entire community is a part of the puzzle in ensuring children are safe, healthy, happy and successful in school and life.



VITA Tax Season Wrap-Up

The volunteers with Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) celebrated the end of tax season with an appreciation night at the Hooks game on Friday, April 26th. Thank you to all of the VITA partners and the volunteers for making this year successful!

VITA's Preliminary 2019 Tax Season Numbers

3,768 returns filed • \$4,106,822 in refunds to participating taxpayers •
3,465 total volunteer hours • \$753,600 saved by taxpayers utilizing VITA



Board Spotlight

We operate with a governing [Board of Directors](#) who are responsible for exercising prudent judgment in its stewardship responsibilities.

This month, we'd like to introduce you to [J.D. Egbert](#).

