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Every day, donors like you change someone's life. Our monthly newsletter is a way to share success stories so you know how your donations help the Coastal Bend community.

Bridging the Generational Gap

United Way of the Coastal Bend invests in Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas because their program molds young women into the leaders and advocates of tomorrow.

After discovering that senior residents at Harbor Place Independent Retirement Community own several tech devices, but didn't know how to use them, Girl Scout Troop 9629 developed a plan of action.

These young women worked collaboratively to form the Summer Tech Talk – developing tutorials around topics such as user-friendly passwords, how to use a smartphone, how to use a tablet, and more. They volunteered at Harbor Place for four weeks, teaching senior residents both one-on-one and in small groups and left behind step-by-step instructions for ongoing tech support.

The Tech Talk not only brought these two generations together to learn from each other, but it also opened lines of communication and entertainment for the senior residents.

Your donations are a direct investment in the future of our community. By giving to United Way of the Coastal Bend, you provide opportunities for young women like those of Troop 9629 to develop instructional, communication and leadership skills.



VITA Needs Volunteers

The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA)** program provides free tax prep for low- to moderate-income earners. This service wouldn't be possible without the volunteers who help their fellow tax payers.

VITA volunteers must attend training sessions and pass an exam before helping people file. All materials are provided and training comes from an IRS-certified instructor. View the [training schedule](#) and RSVP today!



Board Spotlight

Get to know some of the decision-makers at United Way of the Coastal Bend. 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 our **Chair-Elect, Judith Talavera**.



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