News from Sharon's place

Summer 2025

A Year of Fun and Friendship

June marked the one-year anniversary of the first official Sharon's Place event, and we celebrated it at our June 13 art class.

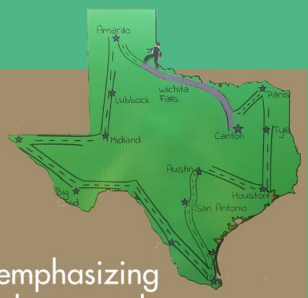
We started modestly, with 7 Friends at the first event, but a year later, we typically get two to three times as many Friends attending regularly, whether it is a rec class, art class, or field trip.

It has been a delight to deepen our friendships with each of our Friends, and see them growing closer to each other and broadening their circle with each new Friend that we welcome. We only hope that the time we have spent with them blesses them as much as it has blessed us.

On more than one occasion, one of the Friends has confided in us that Sharon's Place has been a Godsend to them, getting them out and doing things where they couldn't before, and giving them great opportunities to socialize and get to know each other.

We thank you and our many loyal supporters for making this first year possible and so successful! We have a full slate of summer activities planned, including activities with other special needs groups.

Walkin' Across Texas



For 2025, we have been emphasizing wellness, especially eating better and exercising, and our Walking Across Texas campaign is helping us achieve that.

We mapped out a route connecting most major cities across Texas, and we are virtually walking the entire state. We encourage each Friend to walk (or the equivalent for those with difficulty walking) for 15 minutes each day. They report their minutes walked to us each week and we translate those minutes into miles, tracking them on a large Texas map.

We expect to reach Amarillo and then some by the end of June, a total of more than 420 miles from Canton. Our walking Friends also earn points for their minutes and for other weekly exercises, and we are going to reward them with prizes later this year.

As part of our emphasis on wellness, once each month Special Strong of Northeast Texas joins us at a recreation class for a one-hour exercise session adapted to our Friends' capabilities.

Our Friends look forward to those visits, and it helps them discover new exercises they can do on their own at home.

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The Lord will fulfill
His purpose for me.
Psalm 138:8

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Speaking of blessings, we were wonderfully blessed in late April with total donations through East Texas Giving Day of $8,725. Not only did we get numerous gifts as part of Giving Day, but an anonymous donor matched our donations, helping us achieve more.

TV Station KETK in Tyler was kind enough to offer us brief air time the day before Giving Day, and our Friend Michelle joined Kristine on-camera to help us promote Sharon's Place. Michelle did a great job!

Eleven of our Friends served at FBC Canton's VBS, working alongside their church members to help serve refreshments to the children. It meant a lot to our Friends to be able to work with other adults as volunteers.

Thank you for your role in helping our Friends fulfill their God-given purpose!

Thank you Interact Club

To show our gratitude for the help that the Wills Point High School Interact Club has given us by volunteering at our art classes and in our Aquarium field trip, we honored them at one of our classes. We gave each member a certificate of appreciation and a gift card.

The nine members of the Rotary-sponsored group and their sponsor, teacher Rachael Manley, were a blessing to us many times, helping the Friends craft memorable pieces of art.

Sharing the Love of the Lord

A big part of what we do at Sharon's Place is to minister to the needs of our friends and share the Gospel with them whenever possible.

We start each class with a prayer, the pledge to the Bible (read by a different Friend each time), and a Bible verse that we highlight and elaborate on. We make sure they are exposed to God's Word as much as possible.

Our outreach has included one-on-one time with our Friends in which we minister to their needs and discuss various issues with them from a Biblical perspective.

We took the men from the Canton group home for ice cream in Kaufman back in May.

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