



## Hello and welcome to *our August newsletter*

As summer comes to a close, we're celebrating big steps forward in LVT. The new Cook Children's clinic opened its doors, and construction is moving quickly on the Head Start facility that will soon serve local families. Looking ahead, **early giving for North Texas Giving Day is now open**, and every gift helps us reach our goal before giving closes on September 18 at 11:59 PM CT. And don't forget—our Annual Luncheon is right around the corner! This is truly a must-attend event, especially if you've never joined us before, as you'll hear powerful stories directly from community members and partners. Check out the *Your Impact Starts Here* section below and check out the links at the bottom of this newsletter to jump in and get connected.

Christian Harris  
Development Manager

## July Recap

July was everything we could've hoped for—and more! Our on-site programming kept the center buzzing with energy all summer long. We partnered with Girls Inc. to host a weeklong program for 25 girls, focusing on team building, women in STEM, future readiness, and discovering their talents and passions. The week was filled with games, hands-on science activities, teamwork challenges, self-reflection, financial literacy, and career exploration—all while building friendships and having fun together.

We also welcomed Texas Ballet Theater School, who introduced 12 children to the beauty of ballet through an engaging program right here at the center. In addition, KERA joined us on Tuesdays during our weekly food pantry—the busiest time of our week. Over the course of the month, 42 children and their parents participated in interactive workshops, enjoying literacy activities, crafts, and meaningful time together as families.

Beyond youth programming, our monthly Apartment Manager Meeting brought together 27 participants, including local property managers and neighborhood police officers, to strengthen communication and collaboration. And one bright Saturday morning, 12 community members joined us for Walk with a Doc, promoting health and connection.

As you can see, July was full of activity and impact. None of this would be possible without our incredible partners, volunteers, and staff who bring our mission to life each day. **Together We Rise!**

## July Impact

**Food Pantry**  
1,016 Families served

**Weekly STD Testing**  
134 Participants

**Fort Worth Public Library**  
557 visitors

**Volunteers**  
185

**Youth Activities**  
87 Participants

**Case Management**  
45

**Special Events**  
283 Participants

**Volunteer Hours**  
610.97





# Volunteer & Community Member Perspective



"When we do good activities that help us to be smarter, more social, more communicative, and when we learn about life issues, that helps us plan for the future and help your friends. Also, they helped us with advice about our future career, build our health and what to eat. The little bags you gave us with stuff we needed for the future were so nice. Thank you so much for teaching us how to talk in front of a big crowd, teaching us to be who we are. And my favorite staff is Ms. Vanessa, still loyal to all. And that you so much Girls Inc." – Youth Participant

"My job is not only what I do, but overall, something that I am. Being with the girls is always invigorating by forcing you to stay present and humble. With every deep comment or small behavioral transformation, girls remind me how important my role is, and how much I can impact their –our– future by being the best role model and supporting adult I can be. My favorite part of this year is the same reason that made me come back: the girls, the volunteers, and the community of this center is one of the most genuine I have encountered since I moved to Texas 2 years ago. Children and adults are really invested in every interaction, not only keen to learn but also to teach. This is a real learning community and that's the power of what I do. That's why I do what I do: because of people like LVT Rise CC. Thank you for another year of growth." –Ms. V, Girls Inc.

"One thing I like about SOC (Seasons of Change) is how fun it is. They have fun activities and talk about different topics for us teenagers. They make sure we teenagers have hope and believe in ourselves. I laughed and had a lot of fun, and I can't wait to come back when they return to LVT Rise." – Youth Participant

"We came back mainly because when we started, the kids stated they just wanted someone to be consistent and to be present. The only way to fulfill that request is to be here. We love showing up and making a difference for these youth" –Coach P (Season of Change)

"My girls love coming to ballet classes because the instructor is fun. Ballet classes are expensive, and I can't afford to put both of my daughters in the classes, but at LVTRISE they are free and it's a great help for me and my girls to be in the class. Now both can come and dance, learn, and have fun. We really appreciate this opportunity, and we will continue to come to their classes as long as they are provided. Thank you." –Parent, Ballet Class





# Your Impact Starts Here



## Annual Rise Luncheon

### **Your presence matters!**

Every ticket and sponsorship directly fuels programs that strengthen families, support children, and build a stronger Las Vegas Trail community. Join us, take part in the conversation, and help shape lasting impact—reserve your spot today.

## North Texas Giving Day

### **Let's Hit the Goal Together!**

Early giving opens August 28, and every gift through September 18 counts toward our \$5,000 goal. Last year we came just short of making our goal—this year, we need your help to cross the finish line. Give today and help us meet (and beat!) our goal for the Las Vegas Trail community!



## Monthly Giving Program

### **Make a Lasting Impact—One Month at a Time!**

Join our monthly giving program at any amount that feels right. Your steady support is essential to reaching those who need us most. As a thank you, new monthly donors will receive a special gift after their first donation—though the greatest gift is the impact your generosity makes possible.



## Candy Donations

### **Help Make Our Boo Bash Sweet!**

We're collecting candy for our annual Boo Bash on October 25th! Your donations help us create a fun, festive experience for the kids in our community. Drop off candy at LVTRise anytime during our operating hours and be part of the Halloween fun!

## Thank you!

A huge thank-you to Frost Bank for bringing out an incredible group of volunteers in July! Their energy and support—along with the support of all our amazing volunteers—kept our July food pantry dates running smoothly from start to finish. We are so grateful for the many hands and hearts that make this work possible for our neighbors.





# Upcoming Partners On-Site

## WEEKLY EVENTS:

### TUESDAYS:

Food pantry 10-12

Game Night 3:30-5

### WEDNESDAYS:

Bible Study 6-8

Stem 3:30-4:30

(ends Septmeber 17th)

### THURSDAY:

STD Testing 9-12

Season of Change 5:30-7

(starts September 11th)

Fitness Class 6:30-7:30

9/2 PNC Mobile Bus 9-11

9/11 Produce Pantry 9-12

9/13 Walk with a doc 8:30-9:30

9/16 PNC Mobile Bus 9-11

9/16 Clean Up bus 9:30-11:30

9/17 Manager Meeting 11:30-12:30

9/24 Snap 9-12

9/25 Produce Pantry 9-12

9/30 PNC Mobile Bus 9-12

