



Panhandle Crisis Center

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Rising from the Rubble | Rebuilding After the Tornado

Nature's fury knows no bounds, and when the tornado struck, it demolished our building, leaving our team to figure out what to do next. However, amidst the debris and heartache, a spirit of resilience and unity emerged that propelled our staff and community toward rebuilding and renewal.

As the winds finally calmed and the dust began to settle, we were left to survey the aftermath of the devastating destruction that had just unfolded. Our first order of business was to find a temporary office space to give our clients a place to go and receive the help they needed. We express our utmost gratitude to the Willis and Allen families for generously providing us with office space for our staff in the Alpar building. Additionally, we extend our appreciation to Loyd Cator for allowing us to establish our temporary Resale Store on his premises and to Key Heights Church for their generous donation of clothing. Our shelter is not currently functioning, but with the help of Pampa, Woodward, Dumas, Guymon, and Amarillo shelters, we have still been able to transport clients to safety when needed. The generosity of our community knows no bounds, and it is with the community's assistance that we have been able to continue to provide our clients with the resources they need and continue the important work that is so near and dear to our hearts.

While the scars of a tornado may remain visible for years, the process of rebuilding fosters a profound sense of community and belonging. The experience, although harrowing, teaches invaluable lessons about human strength, compassion, and solidarity. As our office is rebuilt, we hope to emerge stronger, more united, and prepared to face the challenges that lie ahead. Rebuilding after a tornado is not just about reconstructing physical structure; it's about rebuilding lives and restoring hope.

Our online annual fundraiser to support our services to victims will be November 20-28. Please consider donating. For more information please see the story on page 2.



QR Code to donate for
The Panhandle Gives.

The Panhandle Gives | Amplifying Impact Through Heartfelt Donations

As we eagerly await November 20 - November 28, The Panhandle Gives annual giving campaign is almost here. Please donate to the Panhandle Crisis Center. This is your chance to make a real difference in the lives of victims of family violence and sexual assault. Any amount you can give will be greatly appreciated. Starting November 20, you can make donations easily online at (or by scanning the QR Code Below)

<https://www.thepanhandlegives.org/organizations/panhandle-crisis-center>

For those who prefer to donate by check or cash, you can drop off your gifts at the FirstBank Southwest in Perryton. To ensure the Panhandle Crisis Center receives your donation, please make checks out to The Panhandle Gives and write Panhandle Crisis Center on the memo line. The checks should be dated and received between Nov 20 - Nov 28. All donation receipts will be sent by the Amarillo Area Foundation.



After the campaign, the Panhandle Crisis Center will receive not only 100% of the funds donated on its behalf but also an additional donation from the Amarillo Area Foundation from an Amplification Fund. Last year, our donors contributed \$17,375.00, and we received an additional \$1,554.69 in amplification funds, which was approximately 9 cents for every dollar raised. Let's come together and make this campaign a success that will change lives and create a better world for everyone.

Reviving Hidden Gems | Reopening the Resale Store

The Panhandle Crisis Center aims to provide a safe haven for those facing domestic violence or sexual assault by offering peer counseling, resources, and advocacy. We need our community's support to continue to provide these services to our clients. This is where the innovative idea of a resale store comes into play. By accepting donations of gently used items from the community, we create a sustainable program funding source.

The funds the Resale Store's income generates are channeled into the Panhandle Crisis Center's programs. From providing shelter to offering peer counseling for survivors of domestic violence and sexual abuse, the revenue from the store ensures that these life-saving initiatives can continue uninterrupted.

The relationship between our Resale Store and the Crisis Center is not just about financial support; it's also about empowering the community. Individuals who donate their pre-loved items contribute to a cycle of giving that directly aids their neighbors in crisis. The Resale Store also provides affordable shopping options for those on a tight budget, fostering a sense of dignity and self-sufficiency among its patrons.



Our Temporary Resale Store at 21 SE 12th ave. Perryton, TX

The Resale Store is back and open for anyone to shop, just in time for winter. It is currently located at 21 SE 12th ave., Perryton, TX, right behind McDonald's next to S.S. Magneto, and across the street from O'Reilly's. We will return to the newly renovated location after rebuilding is completed in April 2024.

Introducing our New Community Educator

Jazlyn Bailey

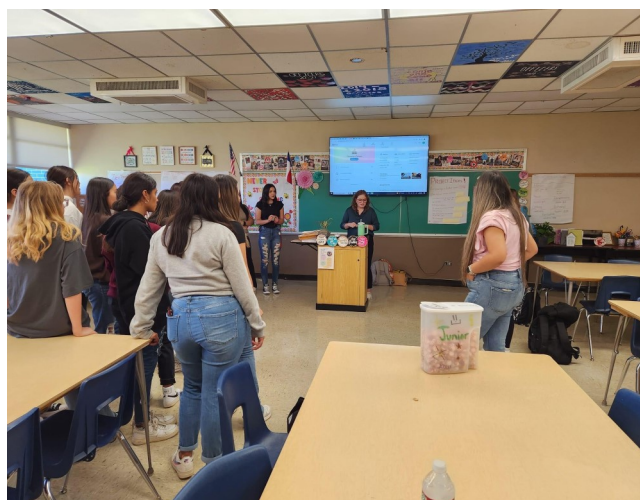
I would like to take the opportunity of our bi-annual newsletter to introduce myself and tell you how excited I am to serve as the Community Educator for the Panhandle Crisis Center.



My name is Jazlyn Bailey, and I am from Dalhart, Texas. I grew up in a home with a single mother and two little siblings. I saw how people would treat my mom and take advantage of her and her caring nature. From a young age, I developed a passion for helping people. I witnessed the cycle of abusive relationships first-hand and told myself I would someday help people in situations like this.

When I graduated high school and went on to college, I did not know exactly what I wanted to study. In May 2021, I graduated from West Texas A&M University (Go Buffs!) with my Bachelor's in Early Childhood Education. From there, I worked at Boys Ranch for the summer and eventually found myself back in Dalhart teaching Pre-K. I earned my teaching certification but always knew I wanted to do more. After my first year of teaching, I returned to school and I am pursuing my Master's Degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at The University of Oklahoma.

I found a job opening at the Panhandle Crisis Center and thought it would fit me perfectly. I emailed Cindy Smith about the position and then interviewed for the position within the next week. From the moment I had the interview, I knew this position would allow me to share my passion for people and help a cause I was passionate about. In March, Cindy Smith gave me the call that ultimately changed my life. She was offering me this position, and there was no way that I could turn it down. Following the conclusion of my teaching contract, I moved from Dalhart to Perryton and got engaged to the love of my life. Then, just a few short days later, on June 1, 2023, I started work at the Panhandle Crisis Center.



Jazlyn Bailey speaking to Stacey Tanner's class at Perryton High School about health relationships.



Jazlyn Bailey speaking to Stacey Tanner's class

Shining a Light on Domestic Violence | Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Every October, communities worldwide gather to observe Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a crucial period dedicated to raising awareness about one of society's most pressing issues. Domestic Violence affects people of all backgrounds, ages, genders, and socioeconomic statuses. It leaves a lasting impact on individuals, families, and communities. October serves as a beacon of hope, urging us to acknowledge the problem, support survivors, and work collectively to create a safer, more compassionate community for all.

Throughout October, the Panhandle Crisis Center held several campaigns to shed light on the realities of domestic violence. A teacher at our local high school, Stacey Tanner, and our Community Educator, Jazlyn Bailey, worked with a group of Perryton High School students to record and present the stories of victims who died of Intimate Family Violence in 2021. The students did the recording in the high school, and then these recordings were sent to KEYE Radio to be played throughout the month of October. They also recorded videos recounting these stories, and these videos played every week to the high school in their announcements. Hearing these stories and getting the students involved in sharing them helped raise awareness in our community.

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