

**JUNE 2013**



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## Golf Tournament and Concert

Crossroads Youth Ministries of Parker County, Inc. hosted its second annual fundraising golf tournament and evening dinner and concert event on Friday, April 19, 2013 at Canyon West Golf Course in Weatherford.

Eighteen golf teams participated in this year's activities. Awards were presented to First Financial Bank (first place team), Weatherford College (second place team), Hooks Lincoln Mercury (third place team), and QXFM Radio (last place team). Special awards for the "Closest to the Pin" was



**Courtney Patton and Jason Eady**

presented to Dr. Kevin Eaton and the "Longest Drive" award went to Shawn Watson.

The evening concluded with a concert performed by Texas Country artists, Courtney Patton, Jason Eady and Ray Wylie Hubbard.

A wonderful time was had by all.



**Ray Wylie Hubbard**

We are already looking forward to next year's festivities.

## Lunch n Learn Continuing Education Opportunity

Crossroads will be hosting a "Lunch 'n Learn" continuing education opportunity for mental health, social work, educators, business professionals and the general public. For more information call Cindy Hanna at 817-223-2624.

### **The NEEDY/ GREEDY Dilemma**

*Do you know what you need when you want what you want?????*

**3 CEU hours**

**Friday, June 28, 2013**

**11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Texas AgriLife  
Extension Office**

**\$30.00**

## From the Interim Director

I am continually amazed at how fast time passes by. Before you realize, another day or year has gone and you wonder where time went. It has been more than two years since the last published newsletter for Crossroads. So many changes (blessings, sadness, and growth) have taken place in those two years.

First, I wish to say a big “Thank You” to Jeff Johnson, a great mentor and friend whose diligence and dedication to the youth of our community helped develop the Crossroads program into the credible and successful ministry it is today. Under his direction, Crossroads established many rewarding partnerships with area agencies and businesses that continue to help us better serve our youth. In April, Mr. Johnson resigned as Executive Director of Crossroads. I can not thank Jeff enough for his many contributions and countless hours of devoted service to the Crossroads organization and the hundreds of youth whom he made a difference in their lives. We wish him all the best in his new venture. He is deeply missed around the Haven.

With the vacancy created by Jeff’s leaving, I must say Crossroads has been truly blessed to have loyal volunteers continuing to create an atmosphere of stability and consistency for our youth. I would like to take a moment to thank Mr. Jim Morrow, Ms. Lisa Bowen, Mr. Clint Eastwood, Mr. Josh deSteiguer, Mr. Everett Goar, and numerous others for their continued devotion during this time of transition. Because of their support, Crossroads remains a strong and vital part of our community.

Over the three years I have been privileged to be a part of Crossroads I have seen youth come and go. Although some choose to continue down the path of destructive behaviors, many youth do go forth making a better life for themselves. While success is hard to measure, it is my deepest hope that all youth who pass through our doors will take with them the message that they are worthy of love and grace.

I am so proud of the personal growth I have seen in the 8 to 15 youth who consistently participate in our Monday and Thursday night activities. Over the past few months this group has begun showing amazing qualities in leadership, peer support and self governance. It is wonderful to see the youth take ownership (cont. pg. 4)

# Help Us Go to the ZOO!



**Youth Host Car Wash to Earn Money to visit the Fort Worth Zoo**

Ten youth worked hard to raise funds for a fieldtrip to the Fort Worth Zoo.

Once again I am reminded of things taken for granted: something many of us experience as a child, a trip to the zoo.

Many of the teens served by Crossroads, have never had an opportunity such as this.

A big "Thank You" to Chief Rust and the Weatherford Fire Department for bringing out a fire truck, to Linda Livingston of the Center of Hope for allowing Crossroads youth to give back to the community and to *Auto Zone* for hosting the event.

A date for the zoo trip has been set for Tuesday, June 4th.



The Crossroads youth set out on a mission. Saturday, May 11, 2013 youth held a car wash at the Weatherford South Main *Auto Zone* location.

"I am so proud of these youth. They had a goal in mind... to visit the zoo. The youth planned this event from the very beginning. It was their idea. They presented a list of supplies needed, planned the date and time of the event, and committed to participate" (Ms. Hanna).

## Youth News



**ANNOUNCING GRADUATION**  
Samantha W. Tolen  
June 6th  
Fort Worth Convention Center

God has led two lives to take one path  
The honor of your presence is requested at the marriage of

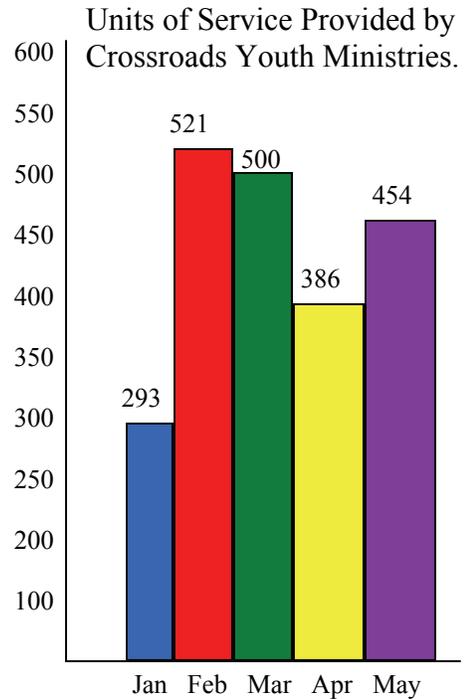
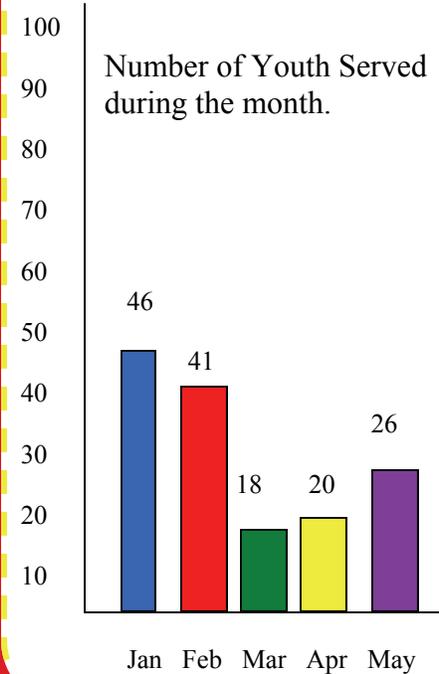
*Tori Whitaker*  
and  
*Ryan Mooney*

Saturday, the Eighth of June  
Two o'clock in the afternoon at  
Central Christain Church  
1602 South Main St Weatherford, TX

Reception to follow




# By The Numbers



## From the Interim Director cont.

in their program. In the months to come I hope to share with you the precious and heart-wrenching stories of our Crossroads youth.

Thank you for your continued support.

Many blessings,

*Cindy Hanna*

Interim Executive Director

## Volunteers



“ Youth want to know two things:

Am I precious to you and Am I meeting your expectations?

Sadly a large number of youth today do not have adults that will take the time to express these needs in a positive manner.

I really did not know how good a job I was doing with the youth at Crossroads until I was not there and they asked where I was.”

-Jim Morrow  
Crossroads Volunteer

# What We Believe

- We believe in God's ultimate gift of grace.
- We believe the teachings of Jesus are essential to serving the youth of Parker County.
- We believe all youth have an intrinsic value and purpose.
- We believe all youth are capable and worthy of receiving and giving love.
- We believe all youth can become ethical and productive adults.
- We believe in holding youth accountable so that they can be successful.
- We believe all youth are capable of making positive changes in their thinking, behaviors and circumstances.

# Services Provided

- A safe haven
- Mentoring (academic/emotional/spiritual)
- Counseling referrals
- Life-skills groups
- Individual skills development activities
- Activities to enhance socialization skills
- Activities to promote personal growth, team-building and respect for self and Community.
- Transportation to/from events
- Field Trips
- Meals and snacks following activities.

# What Can I Do? Adopt a Youth

In 2012, Crossroads served **350** Parker County youth. The cost to fully serve one youth is \$55 a month. You can make a difference in the life of a youth.

**The commitment is great but the result is immeasurable.**

## WHEN YOU ADOPT A YOUTH

- Pledge to pay for his/her services through 2014.
- You will receive a photo and information on the youth you adopt so you can pray for his/her well-being.
- You will have opportunities to interact with your youth through sponsored events or outings.
- You will have the option to sponsor your youth for the duration of their journey through the Crossroads program.

## YES! I want to adopt a Crossroads youth!

I make the pledge to provide my support for our youth. Your commitment ends on December 31, 2014 (You may discontinue your pledge anytime by submitting your request in writing to Crossroads Youth Ministries.)

- \$55 a month will adopt one youth
- \$110 a month will adopt two youth
  - Please send information and a picture
  - I would be interested in attending a Sponsored event or outing with my youth

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment method options:

- Check mailed each month
- Reoccurring credit/debit card payment



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**MISSION:** □As a faith based organization the mission of Crossroads Youth Ministries of Parker County, Inc., is to model and teach life skills within an ethical and moral framework to today's challenged youth, so that they will be equipped to become successful and productive members to society. □