

TCOG's Public Housing Program -Texoma Housing Partners Kick off Summertime

SHERMAN, JUNE 5, 2017 –Summer got off to a great start on June 1st when kids and adults of all ages were treated to hot dogs, games, a petting zoo and live music. This was all part of the Annual Summer Kick Off for the Summer Youth Program held at the Texoma Housing Partners Housing Authority located in Bonham.

The Summer Youth Program happens every year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June through August. Lou Ann Taylor, TCOG Public Housing Social Services Coordinator, stated, “We’ve got big plans for a special summer for the kids which will include events such as trips to the Family Life Center, wildlife presentations, a visit from a magician, science experiments, games, crafts and more.”

Community Agency partners include Assembly of God Church, Pride Prevention Substance Abuse Center, Texas Agri-Life Extension office, Fannin County Family Crisis Center, North Texas Youth Connection, The Windom Baptist Church, WIC, Guardians of the Children, TCOG’s 911 Program, United Healthcare, Cigna and Fannin County Children’s Center. These agencies participate in both the summer kick off and also provide programs which fill summertime with positive activities for the kids.

While the kids enjoyed food, games and the Rancho Petting Zoo; adults were once again entertained inside with live music by Mr. Ezra (Bubba) Copeland. Bubba was such a hit last year, he’s become a regular part of the fun as he provided a great time with tunes ranging from gospel to rock.

Dr. Susan Thomas, TCOG Executive Director stated, “TCOG enjoys strong support from partner agencies and local businesses which enables us to bring so much more to the residents of our public housing. Working together we make a difference in the quality of life for those we serve and that’s what TCOG is all about.”

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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