

Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

Seat 13 – Business

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Current Position: Admin. Assist/ Co-Owner at A Servant's Heart-Texas, LLC

TX BoS CoC county served: Hunt

Do you have lived experience of homelessness? In other words, have you ever lived in a homeless situation? No

Are you affiliated with a HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program-funded project and/or Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program-funded project operating in the TX BoS CoC?

Yes, Other

Are you the Chair of a Local Homeless Coalition (LHC)? Yes, in Hunt County

Please describe your personal and/or work experience with the population you would be representing in the designated seat, if elected.

The seat that I'm seeking is Seat 13: Business.

As a Business Owner offering habilitation and patient care to elderly and IDD patient, I witness the need for housing for the homeless most days. Either the person has mental health problems that not detected or an elderly person that has No family member that available to assist them 24 hours. They're placed in a SNF facility, hoping to receive state funding if available. Otherwise, they become part of the growing community of Homeless in America. With most facilities now closed, that offered assistance to the mental ill person, the Homeless continues to grow. . Business Owners needs to know that they can help, in ways of offering employment and becoming active in their community. To bring the problem to the local government body and large corporations. Business Owners receiving support from other Business Owners.

Please describe how you have participated in the TX BoS CoC in the past.

My business, "A Servant's Heart-Texas LLC, was awarded a grant to support your COVID-19 homelessness/housing response efforts. My company owners assembled and distributed COVID-19 supplies bags to the homeless company during the peak times of the pandemic in Hunt County. Placing their own health at risk to assist with this crisis. Our final total of COVID-19 supply bags was over 500. Hunt County Nonprofit Organizations were "excited and pleasantly surprised" to see this dedication to the underserved population.

Please describe your experience, if any, working with the HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program or similar programs focused on ending homelessness (ESG, SSVF, PATH, and RHY).

Haven't had the opportunity to work with the listed programs, looking forward to this opportunity.

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Please describe your experience, if any, serving on a board of directors, including any leadership roles.

I've served on the Ethics Board for the City of Arlington and the Park and Recreation Department. Leadership skills @ my church and the Program Director for Pastor Aide Ministry

Please describe your experience, if any, with managing grants.

To be responsible stewardship of the grant funds and ensuring that they are used for the charitable purpose. Do not use funds other than what the grant specifies. Utilize the grant funds on the purpose only.

Please describe your specific skills that can benefit the CoC.

I'm very sensitive to this problem. With my pandemic experience, my insight and awareness of this problem has given me a new desire to help and come up with tangible solutions.

Why do you want to serve on the CoC Board?

That my experience during the pandemic would not just be an experience or a story that you share with someone in pasting. We encountered many single mothers and families that were experiencing homeless. Persons of all walks of life are facing homeless.

Homelessness in America continues to grow and it's beginning to happen to the younger generation sooner.

If we do not address this problem now, we will have another pandemic on our hands.

If you are elected to the board, what do you plan to work on and accomplish?

Establishing SOLID resources and secure housing for THN. Networking with other organization that would like to end homeless in America.

Seeking employment for person that experiencing homeless. Better wages and affordable housing is possible in America.

Mental illness plays a large part of the Homeless Community.

What else would you like the CoC members to know about you?

I would like to share my thoughts for the word "K.A.S.H.

K= Kindness (Show some Every day)

A= Attitude (Having a Caring Attitude)

S= Support (Support the Cause)

H- Hope (Hope for the Future)

Thank you for this opportunity.