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NEWSLETTER

April 21, 2020

It was just a few months ago when I had the honor of spending time with our Miss Texas family at our annual Winter Workshop in February. Looking at our wonderful titleholders that we had at that time, I remember being excited to meet the next group of young women that would win a local title to complete our Miss and Teen Class of 2020. We now have our full class and I know our next Miss and Teen winners will be amazing. Since that day there have been surprises and disappointments, but there have also been many blessings. I'm so proud of our young women who have risen to the occasion and have shown their true spirit and hearts. I know this will be a year we will all look back on with tears, but also smiles.

-- Jan Mitchell, Executive Director

CATCHING UP WITH THE QUEENS

It was on this day (to the right) that I discovered how much someone could impact your life using technology and social media. Though it was brief, I was glad to have a moment of what I love most about my job back: sharing stories, laughing and endless joy with kids. These may be some unusual times but I'll always say, you can either make do or mildew. If we challenge our thoughts and put them into action, we can make magic instead of madness. If we train ourselves to see the light at the end of the tunnel and understand that this is only temporary, we will produce the most unstoppable version of ourselves.



-- Miss Texas, Chandler Foreman



Life has a way of making you realize what's important and it's never been more evident than this past month. April is Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month and my schedule was packed with opportunities to raise awareness for this cause. Unfortunately, the things I had planned aren't happening in the way I had anticipated, but I've learned new ways to use technology to continue spreading my message of "What Love Can Do" including many interviews (linked [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). Thank you to everyone who joined me on April 3 for "Go Blue Day" and on April 17 for "Walk a Mile in their Shoes!" I'm so thankful to be a voice for children who are wearing the same shoes I once wore, and to be a living reminder that you are never defined by your circumstances. I truly believe the words in Esther 4:14 "...for who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as

this?" As always, please remember "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace." 1 Peter 4:10

-- Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen, Allie Graves

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY - MAY 5, 2020

SAVE THE DATE - May 5, 2020

Support Texas Cares For Children through North Texas Giving Day!

The [Communities Foundation of Texas](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org) is hosting North Texas Giving Day on May 5 (www.northtexasgivingday.org) to emphasize the importance of nonprofit giving in times like we are experiencing due to the COVID-19 crisis. Nonprofits that participated in the September NTGD were invited to participate in this special event and [Texas Cares For Children](http://www.texascaresforchildren.org) is excited to be involved in this virtual fundraising event scheduled for May 5. CFT is *matching donations* raised by each nonprofit up to \$20,000 and encouraging nonprofits to stay actively engaged in fundraising efforts to meet the unprecedented challenges each organization is facing. Early donations can be made now by visiting the NTGD [website](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org).

PLEASE CONSIDER
GIVING TO

Texas
Cares for
Children

ON MAY 5 FOR
GIVING TUESDAY!

VISIT WWW.NORTHTEXASGIVINGDAY.ORG TO DONATE

Help spread the word by posting [the link](#) on social media to share with friends and followers. Tag @misstexasorg @texascaresforchildren and use the hashtags #texascares #misstexas #givingtuesday #missamerica

Thank you in advance for helping TCFC raise awareness and funds through this community supported effort!

QUARANTINE QUEENS

Thank you to the Quarantine Queens and our Quaran-teams who continue to make a difference by spreading positivity, supporting those in need and serving as leaders while we fight COVID-19! Submit a highlight for the next newsletter by [clicking here](#).



TEENS

Southeast Texas, Lauren Faria

On Earth Day (April 22) Lauren will host and participate in a 24-hour " [United in Music](#)" music-THON with proceeds benefitting Project C.U.R.E.'s response to COVID-19 relief efforts. It is free to watch and perform, but [donations](#) are appreciated. Performers are still being accepted! You may also join Lauren each Monday on [Instagram](#)/[Facebook](#) to "Learn with Lauren" as she shares her gift of music and love of S.T.E.A.M. Additionally, she has been performing for seniors at various retirement homes via [WebEx/Skype/Zoom](#).

Burleson, Haidyn Hill

Haidyn is focused on [helping those who help others](#) during the pandemic by providing lunch to first responders delivering mask headbands to medical personnel. She is also collecting hard to find items including cleaning supplies and PPE for local police and fire departments, especially those in smaller cities across Texas.

Joshua, Alexxia Carter

Alexxia has been spreading her "Kindness is Key" message of positivity to continue encouraging people. She posts inspiring quotes & sidewalk chalk art to remind others to "be the reason someone smiles!"

Arlington, Gwennyth Simmerman

Join Gwennyth Simmerman on Thursday, April 23rd at 6 pm CST for a Stand4Kind Inspirational Zoom Event. Special Guests: Ben Kjar, National Motivational Speaker - FACE OF A CHAMPION and Sarah Lightman, National Recording Artist - ABC's The Bachelor, Listen To Your Heart. [Email Gwennyth](#) for the meeting ID and password.

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Joshua, Amber McKenzie

Amber McKenzie has created a public Facebook group called “ [COVID-19 Social Distancing Healthy Meals at Home](#)” where she provides resources with amazing recipes and healthy cooking ideas while encouraging people to "stay home."

Plano, Landry Champlin

Landry created [The Fearless Files](#), a blog and educational site designed to be a global destination for encouragement to face your greatest fears and achieve your biggest dreams!

Frisco, Heather King

Heather launched [Virtuous Magazine](#) in 2019, a publication written by women, for women. The magazine has readers across 37 countries along with merchandise and "meet ups" to help women come together and build a better community.

Twin Rivers, Madi Franquiz

Madi will be featured in an upcoming STEM blog based in Delaware for her work in the community and as a role model for young girls interested in STEM. She has also been instrumental in the creation of a national Groupme which connects 2020 MAO STEM candidates serving as local titleholders across the country as a networking opportunity and support system. Reach out to Madi via Instagram ([@misstwinriverstx](#)) if you are involved in STEM or know a candidate who would like to join.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Miss Joshua Organization

The Miss Joshua Organization's titleholders created “Virtual Connections” as a way to post certain things each day of the week in order to stay connected virtually!

Miss Dallas/Park Cities Organization

The Miss Dallas / Park Cities team organized a “Music through the Ages” talent showcase, highlighting titleholders across Texas. The showcase will benefit senior living homes and provide them with comfort and entertainment from previous decades. The official publication will be available on social media platforms and shared with local senior homes on April 23!

REMINDERS AND UPCOMING DATES

Spring Seminar | April 24 - 25

Candidates and Local Directors will receive a schedule and links to join our virtual Spring Seminar.

Meet the 2020 candidates

Visit the Miss Texas website to see all 2020 titleholders competing for [Miss Texas](#) and [Miss Texas' Outstanding Teen!](#)



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