

WYLIE

Firefighters ask citizens to fill the boot for MDA

SUBMITTED STORY

Members of Wylie Fire Rescue are teaming up with the Muscular Dystrophy Association and will hit the streets between 5 and 6 p.m. May 5-7 for the annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign.

"With the help of our generous citizens, we hope to surpass previous years' collections," said firefighter Eric Owens. "I know Wylie will once again pull together and overflow our boots to help children suffering from neuromuscular disease."

Firefighters will be passing the boot at the intersections of Ballard and Brown; Ballard and Stone/Kirby; and Riverway and McCreary.

Funds raised by Wylie Fire Rescue and departments throughout the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex will benefit nearly thousands of families who are affected by neuromuscular disease. Fill

the Boot helps fund local MDA programs and services, including clinical visits and support groups; provides assistive medical equipment; and sponsors MDA summer camp opportunities for children.

MDA has invested more than \$14 million in research funding in Texas over the last five years. MDA is a voluntary health agency working to defeat more than 43 neuromuscular diseases through global research, comprehensive client services and health education. MDA clinics serving the Dallas-Fort Worth area include The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Children's Medical Center of Dallas, Texas Neurology, Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth and Neurology Associates of Arlington.

Information provided by Judy Truesdell on behalf of the City of Wylie.

ASSISTANCE CENTER OF COLLIN COUNTY

Recognizing volunteers



Photo submitted by YVONNE P. BOOKER/Assistance Center of Collin County

The Assistance Center of Collin County recognized and celebrated its volunteers and community partners with a luncheon held at the Hope Center of Plano on April 14. Sponsored by TXU Energy, the Assistance Center honored 50 volunteers that contributed more than 5,600 hours of volunteerism and recognized more than 15 churches and community partners. The speaker for this event was Plano Mayor Pro Tem Lissa Smith, who shared with the group that the strength of the community rest with its citizens being willing and ready to serve.

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