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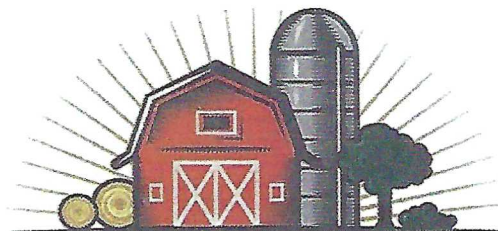
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Greetings and sincere thanks for your support of our Mission Statement through your financial gifts over the years. Thank you for trusting us to use the funds responsibly. Without you and our volunteers, we would not be able to live out our Mission Statement. We have 50+ consistent Red Barn Volunteers, as well as volunteers from these organizations -Guadalupe County Agri Life staff, Guadalupe County Ground Water Conservation District, Wilson County Agri-Life, Wilson County Farm Bureau, Goliad County Agri-Life, GVEC, Guadalupe County Master Gardeners, Hopeful Acres, Guadalupe County Farm Bureau, Natural Resource Conservation Service/USDA, Guadalupe County Master Naturalist, and Southwest Dairy Farmers. HATS OFF TO YOU!!!

In our March 2024 Annual Meeting, we made three changes to our Board – David Reiley became President, Kerry Koehler Vice President and Roger Bading Secretary. We added to our Advisory Board – Gerry Ewald, Kay McElveen, Larry & Becky McKee, Tarynn & Katlyn Dean and Doreen Dunnihoo.

We continue to have high usage of our facilities by local civic groups for fundraising, as well as other private non-profits, local businesses for training meetings, employee information meetings and functions, 4-H, FFA-our county (as well as neighboring counties), Farm Bureau, Navarro AG Boosters Panther Fest, just to name a few. We promoted our facility's education program to HEB employees and Caterpillar employees during the United Way promotion.

**2024 – HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Completed reinsulating, sealing, & replacing siding on Zion Church
- Celebrated 20 Years with a GALA in April
- Replaced HVAC in Kitchen/Conference Room
- Replaced Refrigerator
- Partnered with Geronimo Lions to replace ice maker as well as adding 100 chairs to our inventory
- Replaced security cameras and added more cameras to areas of the building & grounds; added door security
- Upgrades to AG WING include benches and educational videos for training
- Master Gardeners harvested 2200 pounds of produce donated to the Christian Cupboard
- Spring Children's Field Trips – 1000 children, 348 adults and 1225 volunteer hours
- Fall AG Awareness Days -2200 children, 138 adults, 2590 volunteer hours; we served 9 counties in 14 days.

**2025 PROJECTS/PLANS:**

- Build restrooms in the Village between the JP Office and the Texaco Station
- Add a covered area at the kitchen doors for caterers, food trucks, etc.
- Implement a project to clear out the area north of the Village Buildings to better utilize the space.
- Replace aging HVAC systems in the Extension Hall and AG Wing
- Repairs to Village Buildings -Bormann Kitchen, Log Cabin, Blacksmith Shop, Heinemeyer Store, Navarro School, New Berlin School, Texaco Station, Justice of Peace
- Texas Hold'em Fundraiser scheduled for March 22, 2025

Thank you again for supporting our organization; enclosed is an addressed envelope you can use to mail your support for the year.

With all sincerity – The Board of Directors of the Texas Agricultural Education & Heritage Center