



Education First Employees Donate \$13,500 to Local Nonprofits on Giving Tuesday

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BEAUMONT, Texas – Today, employees of Education First Federal Credit Union presented three (3) Southeast Texas non-profit organizations with checks for \$4,500 each. Employees of the credit union raised the money through their Blue Jean Fund.

The Blue Jean Fund was created in 2015 and is funded by employees who make a voluntary contribution each pay period for the ability to wear jeans to work. To date, the fund has donated \$98,000 to local nonprofits who provide a variety of services to the community.

This year, a volunteer committee of eight employees of the credit union reviewed 59 grant applications. The committee scores the individual applications and then collectively decides on the recipients each year. Checks were presented to the following organizations at a Giving Tuesday check presentation today, December 2, 2025.

- **CASA of Southeast Texas** – Funds will be used to create and distribute up to 100 “Comfort Kits” for children entering foster care in Jefferson County. The kits will consist of duffel bags filled with comforting and essential items to help children through the traumatic experience of being moved from their homes or to new placements. The project will promote emotional well-being and increase a sense of dignity and security for these children.
- **Garth House Mickey Mehaffy Children’s Advocacy Program Inc** - Licensed clinical counseling services will be provided to (50) child survivors of abuse and their non-offending family members free of charge. Their vision is to see the survivors experience healing, reduce their risk of revictimization, and decrease short and long-term social, emotional, and developmental impacts of trauma.
- **Spindletop MHMR Services** – The Center will purchase five new computers for the Intellectual and Developmental Day Services to allow 190 individuals greater access to up-to-date technology, which will be used to expand their knowledge, learn valuable life skills, and engage in learning objectives, including financial literacy. Through exploring their interests, they will also have an opportunity to discover who they are and what they are passionate about.

“Supporting the work of our local non-profits as they deliver vital resources to our community is truly meaningful, and our employees are proud that they can do their part to strengthen their impact,” said Laura Landry, Business Development Officer.

Each year the Blue Jean Fund Application opens in September. Details for the 2026 Blue Jean Fund grant application can be found on EducationFirstFCU.org or by emailing BusinessDevelopment@educationfirstfcu.org.