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Head Start is Celebrating Week of the Young Child (WOTYC) April 12-16

Georgetown, Texas, March 26, 2021 – Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties (OWBC) provides Head Start and Early Head Start services to low-income families in need in our two-county area. Head Start's purpose is to ensure young children ages 0-5 are prepared to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. Head Start also assists the parents, who actively work towards self-sufficiency and independence for their families.

In April of 2020, our Head Start program adapted quickly to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our site directors communicated to our families that learning would be taking place virtually, and our teachers transitioned to recording video lessons and activities to engage our Head Start boys and girls. In the fall, our staff made sure to enact safety protocols so that students could return safely.

Head Start is excited to officially celebrate our program, children, and families after a challenging year. The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) launches the [Week of the Young Child](#) (WOTYC) every spring to raise awareness for the education of our young and to invite the community to get involved. This year marks the 50th Anniversary of Week of the Young Child, and we are celebrating April 12 – 16, 2021.

Due to safety concerns related to COVID-19, we are not able to invite community members into our classrooms this year. However, for those interested in getting involved, we welcome donors to purchase much needed items from our [Amazon Wish List](#). For example, we need new outdoor toys like tricycles, playground equipment, balls for the playground, and children's picnic tables.

Our Head Start families also need gift cards for clothing, gas, and groceries. Any gift card donations may be dropped off at the main office for distribution to families in need.

For volunteer groups, there is a need for landscaping services at some of our sites. Contact our development department at development@owbc-tx.org with any group volunteer work interest.

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Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties is the area's community action agency. Our mission is to empower children, families, and seniors to achieve and maintain independence by partnering with area organizations to provide education, nutrition, housing and community support. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#).