



The Greatest Natural Resource that any Country Can Have is its Children

The [Annie E Casey Texas Kids Count](#) 2013 Data Book reports that in the United States, there are an additional 2,000,000 children living among us. One-half of these children live in Texas. Community leaders are calling this the "TEXAS CENTURY," but statistics show a bleak truth:

- Texas ranks 42nd in the U.S. in well-being of families
- 27% of all Texas children live below the poverty line
- 30% of all Dallas children live below the poverty line. That's almost 200,000 children!

Poverty is a strong risk factor in abuse and neglect. At [Family Outreach Dallas](#), we do our best to bring help some of the poorest neighborhoods in Dallas with the highest numbers of children who are at risk.

The way to power out of this poverty cycle is through education. [Parents as Teachers](#), a program implemented by the staff and volunteers at Family Outreach of Dallas, is a home based early childhood parent education curriculum for at risk families, with an emphasis on school readiness. Many of these families are headed by [teen parent\(s\)](#). The frequent home visits help form mentoring relationships and provide the way for parents to achieve goals and help prepare children for preschool.

For 25 years, [Family Outreach Dallas](#) has been on the cutting edge of supporting our most fragile families.

We know children are our greatest natural resource, so we continue to support and nurture them with your help and generosity.

This summer we are extending a special thanks to :

[Regency Energy Partners](#)
[St. Mary's Guild](#) of St. Michael's & All Angels
Episcopal Church
[Lakewood Service League](#)
[Lake Highlands Presbyterian Church](#)
[The Learning Tree](#)

A total of \$10,000 was donated to support the emergency needs and in-home programs for our clients. Enhanced results are obtained in a safe secure home, so these funds are much needed to continue with this program. Thank you for providing the

Recognition

Independent Charities Seal of Excellence

Family Outreach has qualified for this honor that is awarded to members of Independent Charities of America and Local Independent Charities of America.

After a rigorous independent review, Family Outreach has been able to document that they have met the highest standards of public accountability, program effectiveness, and cost effectiveness.

There are over one million charities operating in the U.S. today, and it is estimated that less than 4% have been awarded the seal.

*Helping kids bloom where they are planted
parents and children enjoy a group meeting and*



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Anniversary**

necessary support so families can enjoy their children's wonder and magic, and we can partner in protecting our most precious natural resource - our kids!

A sincere thank you to our caring community. You make a difference for all families..

Warmest Regards,
Jane Collins, LMSW

it is in the shelter of each other that people live...
Irish Proverb



**Petting Zoo at the
Dallas Arboretum**

2014 NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY

September 18, 2014

**Mark your calendars for the 6th annual
North Texas Giving Day.**

Family Outreach Dallas will once again participate in this on-line giving program provided through the Communities Foundation of Texas.

On Thursday, September 18, go online to www.NorthTexasGivingDay.org and type in Family Outreach Dallas, or Family Outreach East Dallas and for every donation of \$25 or more there will be a match provided through Communities Foundation.

**Please help us reach our goal of \$2500 to
celebrate 25 years of service!!**

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