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United Way of Amarillo & Canyon hosts 2025 Day Of Caring

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AMARILLO, Texas (KAMR/KCIT) – The United Way of Amarillo & Canyon held the 2025 Day of Caring Friday, bringing together over 400 volunteers for a full day of hands-on service.

Volunteers who participated in the Day of Caring focused their efforts on 14 ramp builds and seven large-scale site projects, which the United Way said address critical needs ranging from accessibility to facility organization and beautification.

“We have some teams that are working at local nonprofits doing cleanup, painting, some landscaping, and they are all over the city. We have a team over at Don Harrington Discovery Center, we got one at Ronald McDonald House today, Sharing Hope Ministry, No Boundaries International. So we got several nonprofit sites, but 14 ramp builds today too with the Texas Ramp Project, so we have teams at all 14 of those sites as well just building ramps for individuals who really need to be able to get in and out of their homes, get to medical appointments and who need a ramp,” said Haley Stoddard, United Way of Amarillo & Canyon senior director of community impact.

Volunteers received a Day of Caring T-shirt, beverages, and snacks, and were assigned to service projects across the region.

Stoddard added the rain Friday morning wasn’t going to slow down the Day of Caring.

“Although we started out in the rain this morning, we decided we were going to go ahead, rain or shine, we were going to be out there volunteering today and luckily the sun has come out and that is how everyone’s attitude has been,” said Stoddard.

Stoddard said they have been doing Day of Caring for a long time and it has evolved in that time.

“We used to do Day of Caring at one site and now we are at 21 sites in Amarillo and that volunteer base has just grown and grown, so we are just really lucky to have partners like Xcel Energy, Atmos who send volunteers our way. We have a crew from Pantex here today and really we want you to know if you are a business there is a place for you to come volunteer with us,” said Stoddard.

Adam Leathers, the United Way of Amarillo & Canyon senior director of outreach said the past few years they have run into a good problem.

“We do it every year around this time. End of April. Beginning of May. The past two years, we’ve run into a really great problem, we have more volunteers than we necessarily need. It’s a really good problem to have, but we certainly always welcome volunteers to be a part of it, to get to know us, and for us to get to know them,” said Leathers.

Leathers added that over two dozen businesses have people who volunteered for the 2025 Day of Caring.

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