Devereux’s Eighth Annual Art Show

Students at the League City campus recently showcased their talent and passion for art.

Actor and playwright Harvey Fierstein once said:

Art has the power to transform, to illuminate, to educate, inspire and motivate.

Youth enrolled in Devereux Texas’ residential program voted on a theme for their annual art show and decided upon “Visual Poetry.” They spent the next several months creating art work or writing poems to share with team members, as well as their peers.

“This year’s art show was amazing! We are incredibly proud of everyone who worked so hard to produce beautiful and meaningful works of art, and craft inspiring poems,” said Devereux Texas Executive Director, Pam Reed. “Our staff was thrilled to have an opportunity to bid on the artwork during a silent auction. All of the funds raised will go toward the purchase of art supplies or other materials for the program.”

Expressing Emotions Through Art

Devereux Texas Clinical Therapist Tina Anttila LPC, RPT, who organized the art show with her co-therapist, David Castele, LMSW, says she has seen the positive impact of therapeutic art activities on the individuals she serves.

“Therapeutic art activities encourage individuals to express and understand emotions through the creative process,” Anttila explained. “Many of our youth have experienced some form of trauma or loss in their young lives. Therapeutic art offers these individuals a safe outlet to reveal their thoughts and feelings, and provides them with a deeper understanding of themselves.

Anttila says the individuals she serves fully immersed themselves in producing artwork and poetry for the art show.

“There is no right or wrong way to make art. I asked my individuals to put their perfectionism aside and be gentle with themselves and others,” Anttila noted. “Everyone has a story, and every story is unique. Our youth were eager to share the stories behind their artwork. We held the art show in our cafeteria, and one individual was so excited, he asked all those who walked by to come inside and see what he and his peers had created. We are overjoyed with the positive feedback the art show has received from the Devereux community.”
The Devereux Gardens Growing Center – Victoria Campus

We are excited to share that Devereux Gardens Growing Center reopened on April 8! Despite Texas’s crazy winter weather, we were able to provide our community with a fantastic selection of flowers. In fact, on most weekends, we were faced with customers, arriving earlier than our opening time, hoping to be the first to skim the greenhouses and grab items before they’re gone. We were happy to see community members multiple times requesting those few plants they were unable to find in other areas including, Houston and Corpus Christi.

It will be a season to remember nurturing our beautiful plants and flowers - watering, planting, pruning and answering questions that tested our knowledge. The Growing Center employees worked tirelessly to meet the needs of all of our loyal and new customers.

It is apparent that last season was an anomaly. A true one-in-a-million season for Texas, but despite the challenges we faced, we are thankful for the support from every customer who visited our little neck of the woods. This chaotic season gave us the drive for fall and winter. We have put in the sweat and hard work to provide our community with a wide variety of plants ranging from mums to dianthus to pansies, snapdragons, ornamental kale and cabbage for this fall/winter.

If you have not visited our Devereux Gardens Growing Center, we encourage you to visit in September when our mums are popping and bursting with color. We are located at 120 David Wade Dr., Victoria, TX. We are ready to serve you Thursday – Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Save the Dates

October 28th, 2021
Butler’s Courtyard
Devereuxspirit.org

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The Dev Gala

Make your grand entrance on the red carpet! Are you ready to shine at the party of the year? We’re pulling out all the stops. It’s time to pay tribute to fashion’s biggest day – the annual Met Gala, with our very own, Dev Gala! Benefiting Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health Texas.

April 8, 2022 | Hotel ZaZa
Gala Chairs: Elaine and Jim Turner
Entertainment: Bourbon Street
Savorthehope.org

Devereux Texas Advisory Board Members, from left to right, Pamela O’Brien, Suzi Hanks, Gloria Greene and Leeanne Aguilar

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Friends of Devereux Returns to Campus

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Faithful Friends is Back

The kids at Devereux - League City welcomed back Faithful Friends with open arms this past May. This was Faithful Friends’ first visit to Devereux in over a year! The kids were so thrilled to reunite with their furry pals once again. We want to give a special thank you to the Faithful Friends for visiting and making our kids’ day so much brighter. We look forward to your weekly visits!

Devereux Recreational Fund Help Devereux Support Cognitively-Challenged Youth

This fund provides physical fitness, recreation, socialization and even quiet contemplation for the youth in Devereux’s intensive residential treatment program. A recreational program is vital to their recovery, and compliments the therapeutic services Devereux provides – helping youth to build important life skills.

Current Needs:

- Kitchen items for residential dorms
- Garden supplies
- Christmas sponsors for our teens

For further details, please contact Joni Robertson at jroberts@devereux.org.

2021 Supervisory Excellence

The yearly Devereux Supervisory Excellence Award is given in order to honor supervisors who demonstrate a commitment to our core values, instill pride, and foster personal and professional growth. We are proud to share that the Texas-League City recipient is Stacie Cunningham and Texas-Victoria recipient is Lizzeth Heimann.

Devereux Texas – League City, Stacie Cunningham Unit Supervisor

Stacie Cunningham joined Devereux in 2016 as a direct support professional. Her leadership skills were immediately apparent and, in less than a year, she was promoted to unit supervisor. Stacie uses her expertise to support direct care staff in creating a milieu that promotes learning and practicing social skills. Stacie is a true servant leader who works beside her staff modeling D-PBIS skills, and ensures consistency in program delivery while holding herself and her staff accountable. Stacie can always be relied on to support her unit – and the organization as a whole – in any situation, at any time.

Devereux Texas – Victoria, Lizzeth Heimann Lead Case Manager

Liz Heimann joined the Unaccompanied Children’s Services Program as an assistant case manager in November 2019, and was quickly promoted to lead case manager. Liz is supportive in all of her actions – a true servant leader. She greets everyone she meets with a smile and a positive attitude. Liz is compassionate and kind, and an advocate for the children in our care. She demonstrates great skills, is dependable, organized, and always open to feedback.

Nurses Appreciation Week

In the ever-evolving world of healthcare, nurses are an integral part of the healthcare system. Everyone knows a nurse and can thank a nurse for helping them in some way, shape or form during their lifetime. At Devereux – League City, we take great pride in honoring our hardworking staff in all that they do. A big thank you to all of our nurses who work so hard every day to care for the adolescents and teens that need our support. We couldn’t do it without you!

CHAIRMAN’SCHAT

Summer provides us many opportunities to take vacations and recharge. Devereux Texas understands the importance of taking a break to refresh our bodies and minds. The individuals in Devereux’s care are no different. The past 14 months have been difficult and brought many challenges for them due to social distancing and not being able to have visitors on campus. Today, I am excited to share that COVID safety protocols are lifting with the return of campus outings, family visits and campus-wide socializing and special activities. Like us, I hope you were able to take advantage of the summer months to recharge and have some much-needed fun and relaxation.

The Texas Advisory Board is dedicated to the mission of Devereux and providing time and resources that have a greater impact on the individuals in their care. The advisory board is looking for new members with that same passion and commitment. There are many other ways to get involved and support individuals living with mental health issues. I think you will discover that giving to others will bring a positive change in your life too.

Bob Reeves
2021 Texas Advisory Board Chairman

Veterans Day

Devereux recognizes and honors the veterans who serve on their staff. The Texas - League City staff members, who served as part of the armed forces, were observed on a bulletin board in the Devereux School in tribute to the years they dedicated serving our nation. With this, we randomly awarded two individuals a dinner for two, courtesy of Logan’s Steakhouse. We thank all of our employees who have served our nation and have helped protect our home. Those recognized include: Brandi Reynosa, Navy; Charles Robinson, Navy; Chris Jenkins, Air Force; Charles Foxen, Marines; Kendrick Wiley, Army; Eric Martinez, Army; and Joseph Davis, Army.

Our two Veteran recipients of the Logan’s Steakhouse gift cards were Eric Martinez and Brandi Reynosa.

Devereux Recreational Fund

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For more information on giving opportunities, please contact Director of Development Joni Robertson at 281.316.5423 or visit devereuxtexas.org.

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Devereux saved my life. I now believe in myself. I now trust people. I now know what it means to have people in my life who care and don’t give up on me. They’ve helped me through bullying, self-esteem and hard decisions. They changed my life.

~ Mackenzie , age 16

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