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*Wish List
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Who's Who on our Board?

Board Member

RON STAFFORD

Board member Ron Stafford was born in Fort Worth, Texas, but has called Tyler his home for 35 years. Ron

and his wife, Christy, have been married for almost 29 years, and share their home with their cat, Frank, and their dog, Draper.

Ron is the owner of **Cue:Creative** in Tyler. As a full-service marketing agency, Ron and his staff champion the philosophy that the first step in solving any problem is to start looking at the problem creatively to find a creative answer.

Regarding Azleway, Ron says, *"I was introduced to (Azleway founder) Bill Partridge many years ago while serving in the Tyler Jaycees. Bill asked me to serve on the board of Azleway, which I did for seven years, ending in 2015. I returned to the board in January of 2023. The last few years have created many new challenges that require new, creative solutions. I am happy to do whatever I can to ensure the vision of Bill Partridge continues to serve the children of Texas."*

MISSION STATEMENT:

"Azleway – A faith-based agency, providing opportunities through quality services to children and families."



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FOR A DIGITAL COPY OF THE WINTER MAGAZINE**

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TO PURCHASE GIFTS ONLINE
AND HAVE THEM SHIPPED
DIRECTLY TO AZLEWAY.**



Azleway Family Blessings

At this time of year, I am reminded just how richly blessed I am to share my life with those who give of themselves for His children. . .board members who wrangle with better ways to equip our program, staff who pour out their whole hearts, and those who share their blessings as foster and adoptive parents.

Recently, one of our boys turned 16. Facing the stark reality that the opportunity of having an adoptive family was remote, he knew that we at Azleway were the ones that he could count on to love and care for him. He asked me to take him out to eat for his birthday, which I gladly did. We had time to visit together, and relax at Golden Corral, where he could eat all he wanted.

As we got ready to leave, I left a tip for the waitress that had visited with us. He wanted to add to the tip and my first thought was to discourage him from using his meager allowance in that way. Then I thought, why would I rob him of the joy of sharing what he had.

One of our greatest challenges is how best to encourage others to join in our ministry to hurting children.

This is especially true when seeking additional staff, and foster or adoptive families willing to share their lives. One cannot promise that they will receive an immediate reward. Our children often have scars from abuse and neglect that prevent them immediately reciprocating the love and affection given to them.

Yet it seems that when I need encouragement the most, I hear of one of the children even decades later publicly sharing the impact we made on their lives. Or, I see a post of the joy they are receiving through their children or grandchildren. Or, I get to hear staff confide the struggles they are experiencing searching for the just the right advice to give one of our former kids.

Likewise, one cannot promise that the task of sharing one's life with these children will be easy. There is needed training to equip one to most effectively impact the children's lives. Also, there is the oversight of others seeking to make sure the homes we provide are safe and meeting the children's needs. But, one is not alone in this journey.

Our Azleway family will do *everything possible* to help encourage and equip. I was reminded of my minister's recent lesson about Jesus' call to his disciples to ministry in His kingdom. He did not say it would be easy or quickly rewarded. On the contrary, he said that they might not even have a place to lay their heads and might be asked to give their lives. Yet there is nothing greater than giving of one's self. Whether it is the gift of a birthday boy's allowance, giving to help hurting children, or sharing your home and life with one of His children.

Please prayerfully consider how you can give of yourself. For I guess that is what life is really about. To find out more about sharing your heart and home with a hurting child visit Azleway.org

Chester Amidon

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chester Amidon Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Azleway Executive Director

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it.

Proverbs

Azleway...not just a home, an opportunity.



Azleway Children's Services is a faith-based non-profit agency that has been faithfully restoring the lives and relationships of children in crisis since 1979. We have had the privilege of helping thousands of children and families in their times of desperate need.

Azleway started as a cottage with only 8 boys, and has grown across Texas to five locations, serving 500 boys and girls each year, aged 0 to 21 years. Azleway Children's Services Branch offices are in Tyler(Main Office), Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex/Grand Prairie, Houston/Humble, and Nacogdoches. At ACS, we offer Foster Care Services, Adoption Services, GRO, Valley View Residential, Substance Abuse Treatment (ASAP-Big Sandy), therapeutic homes, and Community Food Pantries. Community Food Pantries are located in Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex (Grand Prairie),Tyler, and Houston (Humble). In several of our locations, we offer a food pantry to our foster parents, adoptive parents, and community residents. Azleway also offers a clothing store to our foster and adoptive parents throughout the year, as well.

Once you and your family join our team, you will receive competitive reimbursement, counseling for the children and/or youth placed in your home, supportive staff members, and mentorship. Annual training to our foster parent(s), adoptive parent(s), and respite providers will be given.

While Azleway is a faith-based agency, it is not affiliated with any specific religious denominations. We are a very family-orientated organization which will nurture your success through love and support! Our agency takes pride in the support we have to offer our families and want to make this process as easy as possible.

If you would like to know more about Azleway's many programs, or have any questions, feel free to contact our office in your area or visit our website at Azleway.org.

We would love to hear from you!



Valley View

Azleway Valley Residential is intensive therapy set in relaxed atmosphere. Catering to at-risk boys, Azleway Valley View Residential

provides a variety of professional services tailored to meet the needs of residents in a planned continuum of care.

Providing flexible, individualized therapy, testing and counseling services, Azleway staff professionals are committed to building a program to fit each child's needs. Each boy is invited into a caring environment at Azleway Valley View Residential, where they receive structure, compassion, education and coping skills.

Azleway Substance Abuse Program

Founded in 1997, the **Azleway Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)** helps kids get free from chemical dependency. The staff, of licensed professional counselors and licensed chemical dependency counselors, works with young men ages 13-17, in a ranch setting in **Big Sandy, Texas.**

Azleway's ASAP program is the most intensive level of care, short of DETOX. We provide Substance Usage Disorder, individual, group and family counseling, as well as individual and group mental health therapy, when indicated.

The goal is to help each youth develop a solid recovery program that includes relapse prevention planning and strong support systems, through group and individual counseling, education and group therapy.

For more information, contact: Director David Trest at 903.636.9800

THANK GOD FOR THE GIVERS



We are blessed here at Azleway, by some of the best donors and friends in the world. You make such a difference in our efforts to help children in crisis. But what if people didn't give?

Take the famous play "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, for

example. It helps us to see what life will be like for a bitter, selfish, miser - if he doesn't change. Luckily for Ebenezer Scrooge - he can see the error of his ways, and make a transition before it is too late. He ends up blessing his employees and their families through his Christmas giving.

I've often wondered what might have become of old Scrooge, had he not changed. Wouldn't it be helpful to all of us if we could see the impact of our giving on others? Even more challenging - **what if we could see the impact of not giving?**

What might the impact be if people *did not* give financially, to bless our children at Christmas? Would the bleakness of a Christmas without gifts be the final straw to convince an abandoned child that life really wasn't worth living? Would the empty places under the Christmas tree destroy a child's hope that life will get better?

Luckily, we don't have to go any further down that line of thought, because YOU, the faithful friends of Azleway, always come through for our children. Year after year, you fill up our vans and trucks with the gifts you purchase for our children. Year after year, our children are delighted, as the wish list they provided to our workers is filled by people they have never met, and most likely never will.

This may be one of the reasons we all love Christmas so much. It is a time when others think more about others and extend themselves to help the less fortunate.

Please **know** that we, who have the joy of seeing your generosity land in the hands of the children we are privileged to care for, are always humbled by your gifts. **Thank you for doing your part to make Christmas special for our children.**

May the final words of the Dicken's Christmas Carol come true...

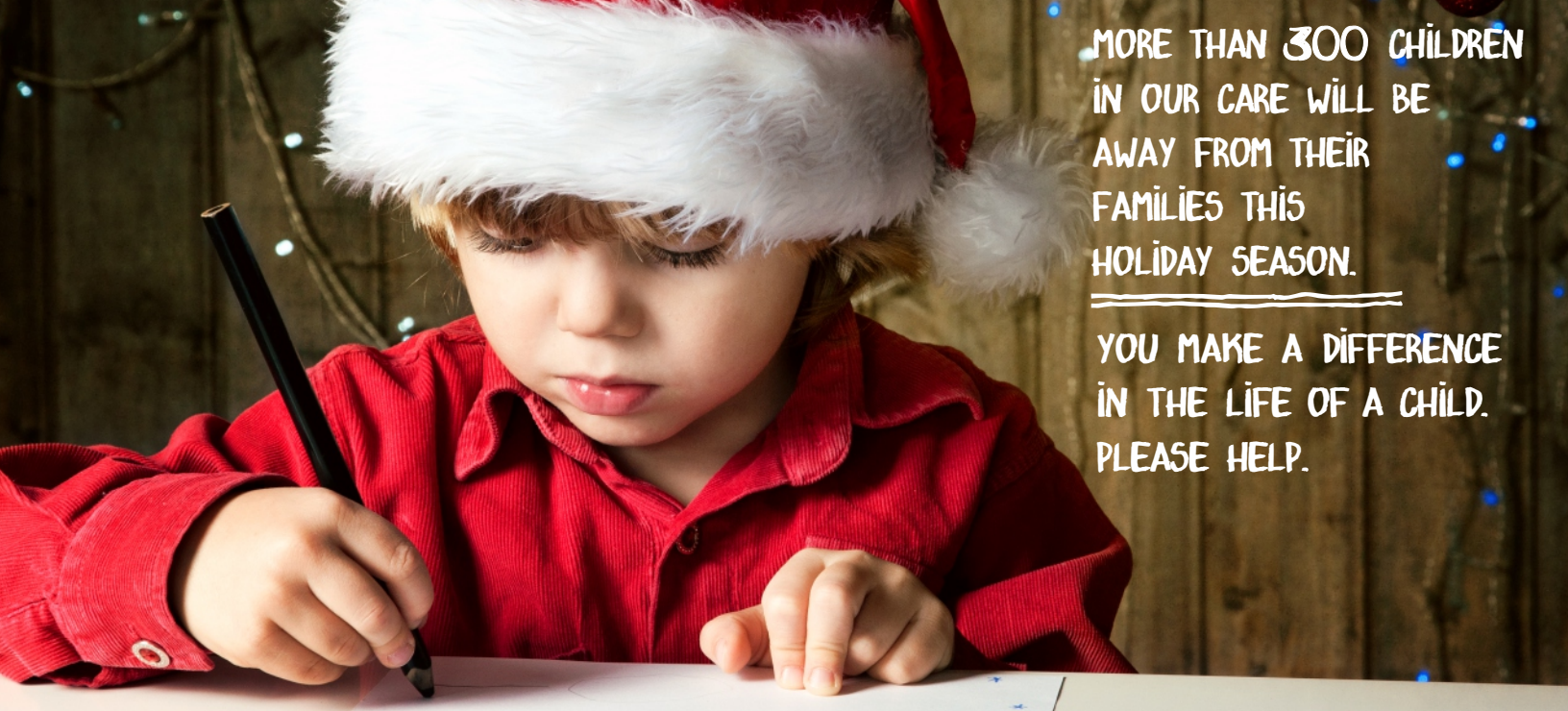
"God bless us, every one."

Yours for the children,

Kim Beckham
Development

P.S. and if I may be so bold, please remember us in as big a way as possible in your year-end giving as well. It has been a challenging year for everyone in childcare ministries.





MORE THAN 300 CHILDREN
IN OUR CARE WILL BE
AWAY FROM THEIR
FAMILIES THIS
HOLIDAY SEASON.

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD.
PLEASE HELP.

Faith, Family and Fostering

Join us to find out what you need to know

Azleway Children's Services is actively seeking families for children who are awaiting homes. With offices in Tyler, Houston, the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex, and Nacogdoches, Azleway Children's Services is committed to meeting the foster care needs of children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. With that in mind, our desire is to partner with you, our local community members, to support these children in crisis. We offer a wide variety of opportunities such as fostering, foster-to-adopt and matched adoptions. Azleway offers extensive training and on-going support.

If you would like to attend an information meeting, please contact Keitha Douglas - 713.539.2762 or Keitha.Douglas@Azleway.org.

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Tyler, Texas 75707

Nacogdoches Division

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Nacogdoches, Texas 75964

Houston Division

19333 Highway 59 N., Suite 250
Humble, Texas 77338

Metroplex Division

2004 TX-360 Frontage Road
Grand Prairie, Texas 75050





The 14th Annual Texas Equestrian Gala was held on April 22nd, and it was a roaring good time!

With a perfect view of prized horses battling for the hunter/jumper grand award, a celebratory meal catered by Montez Brothers, and a live and silent auction to raise money for the foster children of Azleway, there was something for everyone to enjoy.

Many thanks to our co-chairs, Jessica Kennedy and Barbara Beckham.

Join Us Next Spring!



Go like our page:  **Texas Equestrian Gala Benefiting Azleway**



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What began in 1979 as one cottage with eight boys has grown across Texas to eight locations, annually serving nearly 2,000 boys and girls, birth to age 22.

Children come to Azleway with scars from their past lives. They have been removed from their homes due to abuse and neglect. Some, even at very tender ages, are so traumatized that they face significant obstacles to growing into happy, healthy and successful adults.

Our Purpose, Vision and Passion:

To bring children in crisis into a healthy and growth-producing environment where they will receive compassionate care, educational opportunities and a supportive network. Our ultimate goal is to direct each child into a loving family.

*It's All About
the Kids*

Azleway.org



OUR SPECIALIZED SERVICES:

- ♥ **Foster Care Services**
- ♥ **Adoption Services**
- ♥ **Transitional Living**
- ♥ **Therapeutic Homes**
- ♥ **Substance Abuse Treatment**

Azleway Children's Services



Matt Patton
Co-Director

What does the holiday season mean to you?

What childhood holiday memories do you have? Is it the smell of the food cooking in the kitchen, the family gatherings, or even the sounds of the season?

At Azleway, we get very excited about this time of year. Even though it is such a busy time of year for all of us, it is also a time filled with so many blessings and opportunities.

We are blessed and have the unique opportunity to ensure our children have the chance to just be children. Our staff and foster parents work very hard to ensure that each child will not be worried about what they may eat, wear, or be gifted. Mostly that they will not need to worry about their safety.

Our goal each year is to ensure that each of our children will be in a home with people who care about them, ensuring their needs are met, and providing them with a holiday experience that most of them have never known.

None of this would be possible without the amazing business owners and caring people in our communities who generously donate their time and money, making certain that we can provide each of our children

with an amazing holiday experience.

Christmas miracles truly happen every year at Azleway, and none of it would be possible without our amazing foster families and each of you.



Nekita Freeman
Co-Director



Your support means so much to each of us, and has a major impact on the lives of children in care.

Because of this - we say **THANK YOU!**

Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year.

Azleway Children's Services Co-Directors
Nekita Freeman and Matt Patton



Ready to Learn More?

How long does it take to become a foster parent with Azleway?

Typically it takes about three months to go through the verification process. The timeframe is heavily dependent on your ability to provide all required documentation, the completion of in-home interviews with family members, and the completion of all required training. Once these requirements are met, one of our Development Coordinators will complete a home-study. If the home-study and verification process is approved, your home will become a verified foster home with Azleway. Once verified, one of our Intake Coordinators will begin looking for placements for your new foster home.

What if I feel like I'm just not ready to be a foster parent - are there other ways that I can help?

Yes, there are other ways that you can help foster children and foster families. You can donate your time. You could also be a respite provider, or babysitter to help foster parents have some downtime, or take some time to themselves. You can make a monetary donation. You can promote our agency on social media, by following our Facebook pages, and sharing with your friends and family. You can tell your friends, your church groups, your co-workers, mom or dad groups about Azleway, and ask them to follow our Facebook pages, or even visit our website. Every contribution, small or large, helps us get the word out about what we do and how others can get involved.

What if I just have a question about becoming a foster parent or how I can help?

The best way to find information about Azleway is to visit our website at azleway.org. Our website provides information on how to become a foster parent, and a place to ask questions about fostering or foster care in general. You can also find ways on how you can help Azleway in meeting our goals, and how to make a monetary donation to Azleway.

It takes the efforts of many caring and compassionate people to ensure the needs of children in care are being met. Just know that we are always available to answer questions about what we do, or how you can help in this ministry of caring for the needs of children. Most of all we look forward to having an opportunity to get to know you and your family.

For more information on our programs, or to inquire about fostering or adopting a child, visit Azleway.org

Give Christmas
YEAR-ROUND
with
Gift Cards!

This is a great way to give our older kids some much needed spending money, for all those little extras!



Send gift cards to Katie Powell, Azleway, 15892 CR 26, Tyler, Texas 75707

It's All About Giving

Over the last 42 years, Azleway has served thousands of children who desperately needed us, but we haven't done it alone! Azleway works year-round to make children's lives better, and to help them grow into healthy, happy adults. It's so wonderful when others join us in the mission!

Some kids are only with us for a few weeks, while others will need our programs for many years to come. When the holidays arrive, it's up to all of us to make the season as bright as possible for kids away from their homes and in transition.

We rely on our generous community to help us provide the "extras" for our kids, especially during the holidays. **Your gifts make a real Christmas for the people in our care - often the only Christmas they have ever had.**

Each year we ask each child to fill out a wish list for the holiday and we post three gift wishes in

the magazine, and throughout our communities. And every year you make it happen! **We worry and fret and we pray, and somehow it all comes together for the kids in the same magical way that all holiday wishes come true.**

So many success stories begin with the kindness of a stranger during a time of change. You hear these "re-birth" stories from so many accomplished business men and women, and we hear them from our Azleway foster children, past and present. I want you all to know that your kindness to these kids makes a real and lasting difference. **It may be physically a pair of sneakers, a baby doll, or a warm blanket, but what it says to a kid is so much more - "We see you. We value you. We want you to be happy."**



On behalf of Azleway and the precious children that we serve, we thank you all so much.

East Texas Gift-Giving Guidelines

This is a solid commitment. Please do not promise to buy gifts unless you are certain you can provide them. If you would like to contribute, but are unable to buy all of the items on a child's list, it is okay to buy only one item. Each item brings us closer to fulfilling a wish. If for any reason, you become unable to fulfill your commitment, please call or email your contact person, in a timely manner.

Please do not ask to give your gifts to the child in person. Azleway strives to make Christmas as home-like as possible and observes traditional times for giving the gifts to the children Christmas Eve or Christmas morning.

All items need to be unwrapped and labeled with the child's name.

Stockings are great gifts, as are any other extras you may like to provide. If you don't want to choose an individual child, items such as stocking stuffers, board games, bibles, sports balls, watches, wallets, cologne, batteries, small toys, etc., are always needed. Monetary donations & Gift Cards are also appreciated.

Please Select a Child TO SURPRISE WITH A GIFT

FOR TYLER ONLY - Select from the following registries to have your gift shipped directly to us OR drop off at the church offices of **Central Baptist Church 1343 East Grande Boulevard, Tyler** or **Glenwood Church of Christ 5210 Hollytree Drive, Tyler**, Monday-Thursday, 9-4. Contact Azleway at **903-566-8444** if you need us to pick up your gifts. You can find a direct link to the registries at Azleway.org or go to our Facebook page: **Azleway Children's Services of Tyler and Valley View Residential**

Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3R077Y6R170V1?ref_=wl_share

Walmart:

<https://www.walmart.com/registry/ER/e5885d26-dfc2-4c13-8a49-d6ce0e8f8460>

Target: <https://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/>

Shop by December 15th!

Thank You!

Note: Each area has the same gift-giving guidelines, but every area has a different contact person & wrapping guidelines. Please consult the Wish List page for your area, to find your contact person.

Dear Santa

WISH LIST
EAST TEXAS
DIVISION

Drop off gifts at select churches (see previous page), by December 14th. Gifts need to be unwrapped, with removable label with child's name.

Aden C, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Alexo G, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Angel A, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Anthony R, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Brandon H, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Carlos Sa, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Carlos Se, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Chandra B. Age 14
Purple Mirror Vans
(black & white checked, sz. 7)
Bass Guitar (black&white)

Chris R, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Connor. H. Age 16
Wingstop Gift Card
Bluetooth Speaker
Rue 21 Gift Card

David B, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Delvin C, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Eliyas R. Age 2
Talking The Flash
Gas & Go Mower
Mickey Mouse Start
Go Garage

Evan E, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

George G, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Hayden H, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Jaydn M, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Jeremiah L, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Jesus M, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

John J, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Jase G. Age 5
Avenger Action Figures
Fishing Pole Kit
Tablet

Jonathon P. Age 19
Soft Blanket
Google Play Gift Card
Straight Talk Phone Card

Jose C, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

JuJuan J, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Kaid W. Age 5
Paw Patrol Scooter
RC Car
Books

Kasen C. Age 4
Trucks
Kitchen
PlayMonster RC Truck

Keiton B. Age 16
Walmart Gift Card
Straight Talk Phone Card
Tablet

Keyonne O, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

King S, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Klarity G. Age 3
Doodle Board
Ride On Toy
DVD Player For Car

Larry W. Age 6
Dinosaurs
Kitchen Toys
Tablet

Lucas G, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Logan S. Age 18
Soft Blanket
Gaming Keyboard/Mouse
Big Fan

Maddox W, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Orlando S, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Pablo G, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Peyton G. Age 1
Ride-On Toy
Blocks
Cars

River A. Age 9
Journal
Fishing Pole Kit
Tablet

Roland H, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Rudy Rr, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Ryan E, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Tahj B, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Tony F. Age 17
Ghost Face Slippers
(sz. 10)
Echo Dot
Everlast Boxing Gloves
(8-10 oz.)

Wyatt H. Age 17
Funko Pop Figure
Guitar Strings
Visa Gift Card

Xavier A, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Zachariah F, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Zaelyn O, Teen Boy
Fishing Pole
Cross Necklace
McDonald's Gift Card

Zy'kerian H. Age 17
USB Keyboard & Mouse
Logitech 270 Webcam
24-Inch Tv



Dear Santa

WISH LIST - NACOGDOCHES DIVISION

Please drop off gifts by December 13th. Gifts need to be wrapped, with removable label detailing contents & permanent label with child's name.

Amarion (M) Age 15 mos.
Toy Tool Set
Crayola Touch Light
Water Table

Annabelle G. Age 4
Doll
Minnie Mouse Ice Cream
Cart
LeapFrog LeapPad

Bella M. Age 3
Baby Dolls
Doll Stroller
Kitchen Set

Ben S. Age 12
LED Lights
Bike
Tablet

Benson P. Age 3
Dinosaurs
Tricycle
LeapFrog LeapPad

Cataleya M. Age 6
Makeup
Barbies
Unicorn Comforter Set
(twin)

Hazel M., Age 8 mos.
Baby Einstein
Cats Melody Piano
Radio Flyer My 1st
Play Wagon
Toddler Swing Set

Heavenly S. Age 4 mos.
Socks
Baby Play Mat
Bouncing Saucer

Izabella M. Age 15 mos.
Crawl Through Play
Tunnel
Baby Doll & Crib
Little Tyke Ride-On Toy

Marshawn W. Age 4
Legos
Remote Control Truck
Tablet

MariluH., Age 6
Books
Tablet
Fur Real Dog

Mia O. Age 4 mos.
Hair Bows
Baby Play Mat
Swing

Noah B. Age 3
Construction Toys
Legos
Remote Control Car

Roman B. Age 6 mos.
Stacking Toys
Musical Turtle Toy
Walk Around Baby
Center (no wheels)

Rylei J. Age 3
Pipe Cleaners Googly
Eyes Stickers
Unicorn Bed In A Bag
Table & Chair Set
(outdoors)

Tayee P. Age 3 mos.
Rattle Toys
Teethers Baby
Play Mat

Waylon M. Age 7 mos.
Infant Crawling Crib
Ball Pit
Rattles

Zara M. Age 13
LED Lights
Bike
Tablet



Azleway Children's Services of Nacogdoches

How Can You Make a Difference Today?

Some donors send regular contributions, which help to improve facilities and unique programming. Others contribute items which are serviceable to our children. Many utilize our Memorial or Honorarium Program, which allows them to remember a friend or loved one, while investing in the life of a child. Some even remember Azleway in their wills, to ensure the future well-being of children in Texas.sd

During this holiday season, donations from the Christmas Wish List are a special way to ensure that Azleway's children are not forgotten. This as a difficult season to be without a family, but special gifts from the community help the kids remember that they are, indeed, still children for a little while longer.

No matter how you choose to support the children of Azleway, please know that your donation will be multiplied many times over. Your dollar will not only impact the children of today, but will have residual effects in impacting future generations, as we continue the fight to break the cycle of children in crisis.

Please Remember Azleway In Your **2024** Budget



Dear Santa WISH LIST - DFW METROPLEX DIVISION

Please drop off unwrapped gifts with child's name on a removable note, by December 14th.

Amari D. Age 2
Dress-up Clothes (sz 2-4)
Doll Stroller
Toddler Bumper Car

Armoni D. Age 4
LeapFrog Reading Books
Toddler Skates (sz.8½)
Bike

Ashton S (M) Age 14
Bible
100 C-Circuit Longlasting
Batteries
Xbox Gift Card (\$100)

Aydin S. Age 4
Coloring Books
Large Lego Blocks (Duplo)
Tricycle

Brant B. Age 12
Remote Control Car
Flying Orb Ball
Tablet

Cameron T. Age 8
Transformers Toys
Heroic Optimus
Action Figure
Minecraft For Nintendo
Game Tablet

Camryn B. Age 15
Wireless Headphones
Walmart Gift Card
Tower Fan

Chase M. Age 9
Helicopter Drone
Rollerskates (sz. 3)
Spiderman Smart Watch

Daniel N. Age 14
Remote Control Toys
Tennis Shoes (sz. 9)
Amazon Fire Tablet 10

Eric L. Age 17
Walmart Gift Card
Red Boxing Gloves
Punching Bag (70 lbs)

Evelin B. Age 2
Elsa Princess Costume
Frozen 2 Fly Wheels
Frozen Bed Set (twin)

Gildardo C. Age 13
Dallas Cowboys Poster
Brown Boots (sz. 9)
Amazon Fire Tablet 10

Herminio B. Age 3
Spider Man Remote
Control Car
LeapFrog LeapPad
Spiderman Bed Set(twin)

Isaiah H. Age 7
Coloring Supplies
Action Figures
Tablet

Jace S. Age 13
Naruto Blanket
Target Gift Card
Naruto 6 Piece Canvas
Wall Art

Jacolby B. Age 10
Remote Control Car
Legos
Electric Scooter

Jameson S. Age 2
Balls
Dinosaurs
Music Makers

Jayce S. Age 11 mos.
Teethers
Cars
Music Makers

Jaxx M. Age 6
Roblox V Bucks
Nintendo Switch Games
Dinosaur Games/Movies

Jazlyn S. Age 6
Barbie Cutie Reveal
Unicorn Kids Camera
Barbie Dreamhouse
Playset

Jillian Age 12
Nail Polish
Gift Cards
Disney Princess
Comforter Set

Julius D. Age 9
Soccer Ball
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Ki'juana F Age 13
Target Gift Card
Necklace
Electric Scooter

Kamilla Age 11
Nail Polish
Gift Cards
Disney Princess
Comforter Set

Kori S. Age 2
Singing Toys
Doll High Chair or Crib
Ride-On Toy

Levi T. Age 10
Transformer Bumblebee
Action Figure
Luigi's Mansion 3
Nintendo Game Tablet

Marc C.
Crayola 150 Color Pencils
American Truck Simulator
Nike React Infinity (sz. 11)

Malik G. Age 6
Games
Watch
Tablet

Maranda C. Age 15
Eyelashes
Black Crocs (sz. 7)
Apple Airpods

Mason C Age 16
Nike Shirt (sz. 11)
Visa Gift Card
Nike Tech Fleece (sz. L)

Michael N. Age 15
Spinner With Lights
Clocks
Waterproof Watch

Naomi B. Age 1
Dolls
Shopping Cart
Ride-On Bike

Olivia G. Age 23 mos.
Toy Guitar
Board Books
Piggy Bank

Radhika S. Age 11
Stuffed Animals
Headphones
Family Dollar Gift Card

Riley D. Age 11
Basketball
Gaming Headset
Basketball Goal

Travis W. Age 16
Rechargeable AA Batteries
Roblox Gift Card
Left Quest 2 Controllers

Trenton Age 16
Amazon Gift Card
Walmart Gift Card
Laptop

Troy M. Age 12
Watch
Pants (sz. XL)
TabletV

Vanessa G. Age 10 mos.
Toy Piano
Board Books
Bath Toys

Victor G. Age 16
Long Board
Whataburger Gift Card
Marvel Movies

Wyatt C. Age 9
Dinosaurs
Jumbo Dino Dig Kit
Soccer Goal

Zaire M. Age 7
Roblox V Bucks
Nintendo Switch Games
Mario Electric Toothbrush

Zane C. Age 11
Batting Gloves
Amazon Gift Card
Black Texas Rangers
Baseball Cap

Zarah B. Age 13
LED Lights
Black Fluffy Blanket
& Pillows
Polaroid Printer

 Azleway Children's Services of DFW

Merry Christmas!



*Dear Santa***WISH LIST
HOUSTON DIVISION****Please drop off wrapped gifts with contents and child's name on a removable note, by December 14th.**

Aaliyah C. Age 15
Giant Coloring Book
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Adam L. Age 8
\$25 Walmart Gift Card
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Alexa D. Age 18
\$25 Amazon Gift Card
Fairy Lights
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Alexander O. Age 5
Football
Trucks/Tractor
LeapFrog LeapPad

Arianya T. Age 15
Make It Real Pretty
Nail Studio (Target)
Adult Sleeping Bag
\$100 Ulta Gift Card

Amari J. Age 3
Fisher Price Little People
Melissa & Doug Ice Cream
Set
Walmart Gift Card

Armani B. Age 3
Legos (Duplo)
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Bianca A. Age 16
\$25 Visa Gift Card
Mini Backpack
Bluetooth Headphones

Bryan G. Age 6
Legos
Hot Wheels
Shoes (sz. 2)

Cai'den A. Age 10
Lego
Minecraft
Texans Football Tickets
(Visa Gift Card)
Tablet

De'aviance L. Age 15
\$25 Walmart Gift Card
\$50 Amazon Gift Card
Pre-Paid Phone

Nevaeh O. Age 7
Barbie Doll
Mermaid Doll
Barbie Doll House

Emily Z. Age 19
\$25 Amazon Gift Card
\$50 Amazon Gift Card
Visa Gift Card

Emmitt Age 12
Football
\$50 Visa Gift Card
Tablet

Genesis Z. Age 12
Bracelet Kit
Crocs (sz. 2)
Bluetooth Speaker

Isabella S. Age 7
Robe (size 10)
Jewelry Box
Tablet

Isaiah L. Age 16
Nike Socks (sz. 10) Red
Nike Jacket (sz. XL)
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Jacobo G. Age 9
Legos
Nike Hoodie (sz. 12)
Lego Set

Jaloni F. Age 11
Headphones
Bluetooth Speaker
Tablet

Jasmine G. Age 16
Headphones
Make Up Kit
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

Joanna L. Age 14
Nike Socks (sz. 7)
\$50 Bath Body Works
Gift Card
\$100 Victoria Secret
Gift Card

John L. Age 10
\$25 Walmart Gift Card
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Karrie J. Age 6
Nail Spa
Neon Glow Drawing Easel
Doctor Toy Building Kit
(Amazon)

Keke S. Age 2
Barbie Dolls
Doll House
Leapfrog LeapPad

King Age 7 Headphones
Bluetooth Speaker
Tablet

Kyson A. Age 9 mos.
Melissa & Doug Kids
Bowling
Leapfrog Games
Toddler Trampoline

Logan S. Age 9
Hover Soccer Ball
Legos
Scooter

Maurice C. Age 9
Legos
Ninja Turtle Toys
Remote Control Car

Major L. Age 5
Headphones
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Marquise C. Age 7
Power Ranger Toys
Lego Set
Building Set

McClaren Age 5
Legos Friends
Star Wars
Texans Football Tickets
(Visa Gift Card)

Melany A. Age 13
Paint
Art Easel
Art Kit

Michael Age 5
Spiderman Robe (sz. 7)
Spiderman Watch
\$100 Walmart Gift Card

Mya H. Age 15
Graphic T Shirts (sz. S)
Crocs (sz. 7)
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Nate L. Age 7
Remote Control Car
Bike
Building Toys

Nathan B. Age 18
Skyward Book
by Brandon Sanderson
\$50
Nintendo Gift Card
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

Nathaniel D. Age 18
Lego Mario Starter Set
Nerf Guns
Joy Cons for
Nintendo Switch

Nathashia Age 15
Painting Supplies
Nail Kit \$100 Visa Gift
Card

Noah N. Age 6
Remote Control Car
Building Toys
Bike

Noah P. Age 8
Legos
Nike Hoodie (size 10)
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Oliver C. Age 18
\$25 Walmart Gift Card
\$50 Amazon Gift Card
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Romeo M. Age 19
\$25 Walmart Gift Card
\$50 Amazon Gift Card
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Ryan M. Age 16
Amazon Gift Card
Borderlands 3 for
Nintendo Switch
Pre-Paid Phone Card

Shacara F. Age 3
Barbie Dolls
Doll House
LeapFrog LeapPad

Shadale P. Age 12
Busy Board Action Figures
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

Sir G. Age 6
Headphones
Remote Control Car
Tablet

Tess B. Age 3
Barbie Dolls
Doll House
Tablet

Tinslee B. Age 2
Barbie Doll
sDoll House
Tablet

Tremayne W. Age 19
Nike T Shirts (sz. M)
Men's Cologne
\$100 Amazon Gift Card

Trevion M. Age 16
Earrings
Ring Light
\$100 Visa Gift Card

Xavier R. Age 4 mos.
Rattles
Weight Sleep Sack
Stroller

Zavier O. Age 3
Fire Truck
Educational Games
LeapFrog LeapPad

**STOCKING STUFFERS
NEEDED FOR ALL AREAS****WATCHES, BASKETBALLS, FOOTBALLS, FIDGET
TOYS, CANDY, FLASHLIGHTS, FUZZY SOCKS,
POP-IT TOYS, GIFT CARDS, MAKE UP, BALL
CAPS, BARBIES, PLAYING CARDS, HANDHELD
GAMES, HOT WHEELS, AA BATTERIES**

WHAT WE DO AT AZLEWAY

Azleway has been faithfully restoring lives and relationships of children in crisis since 1979. We have had the privilege of helping thousands of children and families in their times of desperation.

Every child that comes into our agency is evaluated and placed in an appropriate program based on his or her needs. We have a continuum of care which includes: basic foster family homes, therapeutic foster family homes, and general residential operation (GRO).



GENERAL RESIDENTIAL OPERATION (GRO)

Children struggling with emotional and behavioral issues are quickly stabilized in Azleway's Residential Treatment program. Unfortunately, many of these youths are not ready to move into foster care.

Bouncing between residential treatment and foster care is hard for a child's security, education and self-esteem. Azleway's GRO program is a way to transition a child into foster care by continuing enrollment in an on-campus school, where the child receives counseling services, structured activities, case-management support and care from professional staff who can maintain active support. A change in placement can then be accomplished when the child is ready and able to successfully function in a less-restrictive environment.

VALLEY VIEW RESIDENTIAL

Valley View Residential is intensive therapy set in a relaxing atmosphere. Catering to at-risk boys, Valley View provides a wide variety of professional services, tailored to meet the needs of residents, in a planned continuum of care. Providing flexible, individualized therapy, testing and counseling services, Azleway staff professionals are committed to building a program to fit each child's needs. Each boy is invited into a caring environment at Valley View, where he receives structure, compassion, education and coping skills.

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

Azleway Children's Services (ACS) was originally established to provide the "next step" for successful residents of Valley View Residential. Now, Azleway finds homes for boys and girls, ages 0-17. When parents are unable or unwilling to care for a child, ACS finds safe, secure homes for these Texas children in crisis through our Foster Care Program. Foster homes range from basic care homes to therapeutic homes, depending on the needs of the child.

AZLEWAY SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM (ASAP)

Founded in 1997, the **Azleway Substance Abuse Program (ASAP)** helps kids get free from chemical dependency. The staff, of licensed professional counselors and licensed chemical dependency counselors, works with young men ages 13-17, in a ranch setting in Big Sandy, Texas. The goal is to help each youth develop a solid recovery program that includes relapse prevention planning and strong support systems, through group and individual counseling sessions, education and group therapy.

ADOPTION SERVICES

Azleway Children's Services (ACS) also provides adoption services. At Azleway, parents can be verified to adopt in two ways, matched adoptions or foster-to-adopt. Potential adoptive parents must be at least 21 years of age, with a high school diploma or GED, and must pass a criminal and child abuse background check. Since its inception, the Azleway Adoption Program has helped over 150 children find their forever homes.

Do You Feel Like Something Is Missing?



There are thousands of children looking for a forever home in Texas, and Azleway can help match you with a child to complete your family. We will help guide prospective families through the adoption process, including guidance with the required home study and paperwork and working with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS).

At Azleway, parents can be verified to adopt in two ways: matched adoptions or foster to adopt. In matched adoptions, parents are approved only to adopt and Azleway will work with the family to match them with a child in the care of TDFPS. In foster to adopt, parents are certified as foster/adopt homes and can foster a child, prior to adopting him or her. Also, adopting a child through Azleway and TDFPS is far less expensive than private adoptions.

For more information about adoption and foster-to-adoption services, please contact [Julie Antwine at 903-566-8444, ext. 2273.](tel:903-566-8444)

Azleway Adoption: A FOREVER Family

We proudly present to you - our newest Azleway families!

The Gertman Family



The Loy Family



*It's All About
the Kids.*
Azleway.org



WE PROVIDE ADOPTION SERVICES

Azleway Adoption - A Forever Family

When Azleway first began offering adoption services in 2010, we knew there were children and prospective parents yearning for a forever family. We had three adoptions in our first year, and the number of adoptions increases each year. If you are ready to grow your family, Azleway is here to help.

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Potential adoptive parents must be at least 25 years of age, with a high school diploma or GED, and pass a criminal and child abuse background check. In addition, they must complete pre-service training with a focus on children who have been abused or neglected, become certified in first aid and CPR, and complete a comprehensive home study.

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What can you do to help today?

Some donors send regular contributions, which help to improve facilities and unique programming. Others contribute items which are serviceable to our children. Many utilize our Memorial or Honorarium Program, which allows them to remember a friend or loved one, while investing in the life of a child. Some even remember Azleway in their wills, to ensure the future well-being of children in Texas.

During this holiday season, donations from the Christmas Wish List are a special way to ensure that Azleway's children are not forgotten. This is a difficult season to be without a family, but special gifts from the community help the kids remember that they are, indeed, still children for a little while longer.

No matter how you choose to support the children of Azleway, please know that your donation will be multiplied many times over. Your dollar will not only impact the children of today, but will have residual effects in impacting future generations, as we continue the fight to break the cycle of children in crisis.



AZLEWAY, INC.

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Operators of Azleway Boys' Ranch and Azleway Children's Services

So many ways to help children in crisis:

Annual Fund

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East Texas Communities
Foundation

Memorials & Honorariums

Christmas Wish List

Texas Equestrian Gala
Benefiting Azleway

Please remember AZLEWAY in your **2024** budget



**Children are our
FUTURE.**

**Please be their
HOPE!**

*"Our ultimate goal is to direct each
child into a loving family environment."*

DONATE ONLINE AT [AZLEWAY.ORG](https://www.azleway.org)