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Feeding the Need with Scholarships to Aggie Students

I want Aggie Moms to know that the scholarships we award have an impact on the Aggie student in ways that we may not even imagine.

Here are just a few examples:

1. Scholarships help students have more time to focus on their studies.

2. Scholarships decrease the number and amount of loans students need to take to complete higher education.

Two-thirds of college students now graduate with loans, and their average college debt is nearly \$20,000 — an increase of more than 50% since the early 90's.

3. Scholarships add to federal and state financial assistance.

4. Scholarships can fill the gap.

Scholarship assistance can support students who fall in the gap between high and low income levels — students who may not qualify for a need based scholarship and who do not meet the criteria for a merit based scholarship.

5. Scholarships teach philanthropy.

By being the student recipient of a scholarship, it is hoped that the students will become philanthropic themselves and "give back" when they are financially able.

From : <https://www.uhfoundation.org/scholarships/impact>

As we continue to raise funds for our 2019 scholarships, consider that a study conducted in 2016 on the Texas A&M University main campus revealed that **between 30% to 50% of Aggie Students are food insecure at some point in their college years.** In other words, they are unable to access a sufficient amount of affordable and nutritious food. Food insecurity often leads to lower academic success, higher dropout rates, and long term health effects such as diabetes.

Our speaker this month, Mr. Glenn Dresner '69 will address his own personal journey in fulfilling student needs through scholarships.

It is impossible to quantify the impact of our donations to individuals and student organizations in the short term. But in the long term, a student who is able to graduate because of scholarship assistance is forever richer for having gained an education in giving and receiving.

Gig 'em, Carol A. Gaas '85

Be Our Guest - Raffle 2019 Kicks Off!

We are excited to present our 2019 Raffle aptly entitled "Be Our Guest"! This Winner Takes All Raffle offers a special vacation package for even the most discerning traveler. Truly, we have once-in-a-lifetime experiences that will appeal to everyone.

Which one would you choose? At \$20 per ticket, who wouldn't want to go to Sonoma and experience private tours and dining experiences? Plus, the added VISA gift card will cover much of the other vacation expenses.

Each package includes airfare, hotel, tickets (if required) and exclusive travel opportunities.

Please help us achieve our scholarship fundraising goals by selling these tickets to family and friends.

Raffle tickets are available at the March meeting, or **Amy Rivers, VP Fundraising:** 832-483-9459 / amyjrivers@yahoo.com or Ft. Bend Aggie Mom's Club email: ftbaggie moms@gmail.com

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms can Host the Singing Cadets

Ft Bend Aggie Moms: We have been asked to help the Singing Cadets with host homes in the Ft. Bend area during their upcoming spring tour. One of their planned venues in the area had to back out at the last minute and any host home arrangements went away. They will need housing on Saturday night, March 30th. I hope that as a club we can host these fine young men! Someday, we may even consider hosting them for a concert as a fundraiser.

Basically they need host homes for approx. 45 cadets for the night of Saturday, March 30th. Details are provided by Elizabeth Lindan '82, Administrative Coordinator of Choral Activities.

- * Host Homes needed for 45 cadets (That's a few more than we actually need but in the event someone needs to drop out, we are still covered).
- * Each host home needs to take a minimum of 2 guys (can take more if desired).
- * Guys can sleep 2 to a bed (except for a twin). Beds are preferred, air mattresses are ok, we ask that host homes not have guys sleep directly on the floor.
- * Feed the guys breakfast before drop off.
- * Drop off on Sunday morning, March 31st, will be at 8:30 at First United Methodist Church Missouri City, 3900 Lexington Blvd, Missouri City, Texas 77459
- *The Singing Cadets will give an hour long concert at FUMCMC from 9:15-10:15 am, and then sing 3 songs in the 10:30 worship service. Host homes are welcome to stay and hear them sing.

The rendezvous point and time for Saturday, March 30, has not yet been set. In the event it is in the afternoon, or early evening, we ask the host homes to provide dinner for the cadets.

How do you sign up as a host home? Here is a link to a spreadsheet that we will use to signup: <http://bit.ly/hosthomecadets>

Spring Aggie Goodie Bags Sale!

Our famous Aggie Goodie Bags are delivered to both the Main and Galveston Campus for Finals. Support your Aggie during study week and finals with an Aggie Goodie Bag. It is filled with love and goodies.

Forms can be turned in with payment at any Aggie Mom meeting or mailed.

Also ideal for roommates and girl/boyfriends! \$5.00 from each bag purchased will be donated to our scholarship fund.

Kim and Lorri will need some help with bag contents: See link below:

<http://bit.ly/Spring2019AggieBags>

Cost: \$25.00 each
Aggie Bag Important Dates:

Orders Due:
Wednesday, April 10th
All orders due! No Late Orders can be accepted.

Delivery Dates:
Monday, April 29th
TAMU - College Station delivery
Tuesday, April 30th
TAMU - Galveston delivery

See the attached order form for more details.

Order An Engraved Nametag

If you have lost or never bought an engraved nametag, order forms are available at most meetings. Look for Michelle Cornell to order. mcornell@lcisd.org

The Benevolent Fund and "What is "Pass the Pig?"

Aggie Moms support one another in many ways.

During each General Meeting, a pink ceramic pig is passed around for donations of loose change for the Benevolent Fund.

The proceeds from the fund are donated yearly to the Sterling C. Evans library in memory of Aggie Moms and loved ones who have passed away in the calendar year.

Please let Lynne Clark, s_lclark@hotmail.com our Benevolent Fund Committee Chair, know of any family losses. We will honor them and you with a donation in their name.



Aggie Sign Special Order - No Sales Tax and Free Shipping!

Howdy Aggie Moms! Consider a unique 'Ring Day' gift for your Aggie Student! April 12 and 13 of Family Weekend are Ring Days.

Signs ordered before March 22nd and picked up at the Family Weekend boutique are sales tax free and free shipping!

Custom ordered signs (items not in stock) take a minimum of 4 weeks for production and delivery!
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Family Weekend April 12 - 14, 2019

Mark your calendars and reserve your hotel rooms (if you have not already) for Texas A&M University Family Weekend, April 12 - 14.

Formerly known as Parents Weekend, this special weekend was first established in 1919. It is a long-standing tradition. There are activities, tours and performances throughout the weekend and more information can be found by going here:

<http://familyweekend.tamu.edu/events>

Ft. Bend Aggie Moms will be at the Aggie Moms' Boutique on: Friday, April 12: 10 am - 5 pm Saturday, April 13: 9 am - 5 pm We look forward to having you join us at the boutique for one of the shifts and shopping throughout the Memorial Student Center. Aggie Moms are all over the second floor selling their favorite Aggie items and raffle tickets for all kinds of good stuff. It is the best shopping in Aggieland. Sara McAlister and Melanie Bates will be reaching out to you for help in the Boutique.

Our Raffle fundraiser will also be selling raffle tickets at Family Weekend. The winning tickets will be drawn on Saturday, April 13 at about 3:00 p.m.

These FM road and custom street signs are authentic Texas TxDOT road signs manufactured by the same company that makes the signs you see on Texas roads!

www.aggiesigns.org

Questions???
Info@aggiesigns.org or call Sharon Hresko at 713-376-3952.

Aggie Mom Camp 2019 “From Howdy to Here”

Every year since 1994, the Federation of TAMU Mothers' Clubs has held Aggie Mom Camp in Aggieland. The goal of the event is similar to that of the camps for our Aggies.

Our membership chair, Sandy Kelly, attended her first Aggie Mom Camp in February. She writes:

I had the wonderful opportunity, especially as a new Aggie Mom, to attend Aggie Mom Camp in College Station in February. Over 200 Aggie Moms from all over Texas and the US convened for a super fun weekend to learn something new about the University and all things offered, plus I made new friends. One of my new friends is Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club member Susie Hyde-

As my Camp team leader, in our conversations we learned we were in the same Sorority in college and her daughter is in the same sorority at Texas A&M as a Sophomore. Susie and another Mom led our Greek Goddesses camper group of 22 Moms through the weekend of campus speakers, tours, Aggie Mariachi entertainment, meeting with Reveille, fine dinners at The George hotel, Aggie Mom fashion show, and evening gatherings to chill. My roommate in The Calvary Court hotel was an Aggie Mom from Central Texas and we had so much in common becoming fast friends too. If you haven't yet attended the annual camp, I highly recommend the experience and encourage you to sign up early, as camp this year sold out by January.



Ft. Bend Aggie Moms, Susie Hyde and Sandy Kelly, are picture perfect!

2018-2019 Meeting Dates

Location: Sugar Land Imperial Park Rec Center - Rooms A & B

Address: 234 Matlage Way, Sugar Land, Tx
(across from S.L. Post Office)

Time: 7:00 PM - Social Time

7:30 PM - Meeting Time

Monday, March 18, 2019

Monday, April 8, 2019

Monday, May 13, 2019

Scholarship Awards and Senior Recognition



Aggie Br'ags' and Whoops!

Lauren Brown, 2020 Kinesiology, daughter of Aggie Mom Brenda Brown, will be a Muster Host this year. She will be assigned a family to care for and escort the day of Muster.

Trevor Brown, son of Aggie Mom Cathy Brown, received his first promotion at work!

Matt Gaas '21, son of Aggie Mom, Annette Gaas and nephew of Carol Gaas, was appointed the position of 1st Sargeant, B-1 Company.

Emma Gaas '18, daughter of Carol Gaas '85, as part of her Masters of Science in Marketing is creating a public awareness campaign for the Texas A&M Forest service on a tree disease affecting oak trees in Texas called oak wilt.



If you are interested in learning about this devastating disease that has caused the deaths of millions of trees in Texas, read about it at the link below. It is not currently affecting trees in the Ft. Bend County area. Prevention is key.

Access the website for more information.

How To Manage The Most Destructive Tree Disease In Texas

<http://bit.ly/oakwilttexas>

Boutique Chairs request help for the busy Family Weekend for Boutique (VP's of Boutique-Sally Berlocher and Sharon Hresko)

Please consider volunteering for the Boutique committee next year. You will have fun, we guarantee it.

Our April 2019 Family Weekend Boutique will need your help.

Think about the fun and memories you will make! Below is the signup genius link for Friday and Saturday, April 12 and 13th. Most slots are only 2 hours. Signup now!

<http://bit.ly/2019BoutiqueSignup>

Sally Berlocher and Sharon Hresko reported: We offered 10% off and free shipping and no sales tax through March 1st. A total of 45 signs were sold! The free shipping and sales tax will continue until March 22nd to ensure timely delivery before Family Weekend.



Aggie Crafters Needed

Krista Smith will again host Craft Night at her house on Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. We are making crafts for sale at Family Weekend.

No experience required. Refreshments and Fun. Stay tuned for an email with all of the deets.

Returning and New Members Welcome New Members!

These Aggie Moms joined us in February: Andrea Chevalier, Danielle, Gebretsodik Amsale (renewal)

Membership forms will be available with this newsletter for all new and returning Aggie Moms at all meetings.

Membership forms are also available on our website.

<https://fortbendmoms.aggienetwork.com/membership/>

The Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club is open to all parents (moms, dads, aunts, uncles, grandparents, friends or guardians) of current or former Texas A&M students, including prospective students.

Annual dues are \$25.

For information about membership, please contact: **Sandy Kelly**
10051 Plantation Mill Place
Missouri City, TX 77459 713-248-1363 sfkelly@entouch.net
Thank you for your continuing support!



Join us on Facebook:

We have a public Facebook page called **Fort Bend Aggie Moms Club**. 'Like' us and you will receive our posts. We post news about upcoming meetings, scholarship opportunities, and Aggie news. Here is a quick link to our page:

<https://bit.ly/2wk6lYx>

Pepper Jack - A 'February Pupdate'

Howdy Friends!

How has your February been? Mine has been so exciting I have gone to so many presentations for Aggie Guide Dogs and Services Dogs! At these presentations I have been able to help educate people about service dogs and show off my super amazing skills! Mom and I have also been getting back in the full swing of the semester and the most exciting thing that happened is I graduated!

This means I have successfully completed my training with Aggie Guide Dogs and Service Dogs! The sad part is this will be my last letter to you.... I leave to begin my secondary training at MADE in Texas Assistance Dogs on March 9th.

I'm excited about starting this new chapter in my journey to be a service dog! I'll miss mom, of course, and getting to write to you each month...but when mom has updates about what I'm doing she will post them on my Facebook! (@Pepper Jack)

Other than those things, I've been learning lots of new commands like Tug and Paws Up, both of which will help me be a super awesome service dog one day!

Tug is a command where I, with the help of a rope, tug open the fridge, oven, drawers, and even tug the laundry basket down the hall!

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Paws Up is a command that allows me to paw up on things like counters or the washing machine so I can reach really high up things or put groceries in the shopping cart!

I hope you have a wonderful March and maybe I'll get to see you again one day! If you want to watch my graduation video here is the link!

<https://youtu.be/RoZuh0g0T4w>

Thank you so much for supporting me this past year! I couldn't have done it without you!

Love and Woofs,
Pepper Jack



Class of 2019 Graduates

Attention Aggie Moms - Here's a list of the class of 2019 graduates as identified by our records. If there is a change or addition, please contact Carol Gaas @ cagaas99@swbell.net

Megan Bates

Dominic Boneno

Christopher Breuer

Dylan Crocker

Kenneth Cunningham

Sean Guidry

Rebecca Parke

Robyn Perez

Madeline Rios

Daniel Rutledge

Hunter Stewart

Michael Wang

Joshua Peters

Eric Keller

Teresa Hresko

Autumn Schnitzer

Jacqueline Gann



Nominations for 2019 - 2020 Officers and Open Positions to Fill

We are so lucky to have this group of members as our returning and new board members! These positions are for two years (2019 - 2021).

So far, we haven't heard from a member willing to step up as President for 2019 - 2021. This is an important leadership position. As outgoing President, I am committed to filling this position and helping to transition the responsibilities to the incoming President. Please think about filling this position! For me, it has been rewarding, challenging, and fun.

Also, Tilly P. has decided to shorten her term to a year due to increasing work responsibilities. We really need a member with some Microsoft Excel and Quicken experience to slide into this role. Melinda and Tilly have worked tirelessly to keep our financial records up-to-date.

Please contact me if you have any interest in these board positions. Self-nomination is entirely acceptable.

Nominations for 2019 - 2021 Board of Directors

The following slate of officers will be presented at the Fort Bend Aggie Mom's Club. Uncontested nominations are accepted by acclimation with voice vote per the bylaws.

2019-2020 Slate of Officers

<u>Office</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
President	* <u>_Open-Accepting Nominations from the Floor</u>
VP at Large	<u>Carol A. Gaas – Outgoing President</u>
1st VP Programs	* <u>Amanda Maughan/ Gloria Couch -Co-Chairs (New)</u>
2nd VP Fundraising	<u>Amy Rivers (R) / * Michelle Edwards (New)</u>
3rd VP Membership	<u>Sandy Kelly (R)</u>
4th VP Publicity	* <u>Ann Kingrey (New) / Cindy Luu (New)</u>
5th VP Boutique	<u>Sally Berlocher (R) / Sharon Hresko (R)</u>
6th VP Scholarships	<u>Krista Smith (R)_</u>
Secretary	<u>Melinda Ransome (R)</u>
Treasurer	<u>Tilly Perez (Stepping down as of May 2019)</u> * <u>_Open-Accepting Nominations from the Floor</u>
Historian	* <u>Allison Bauer (New)</u>
Parliamentarian	* <u>Janice Chambers (New)</u>
Special Advisor	<u>Selected by Incoming President not a voting board position</u>



(R) - Returning for 2nd year of two year term

Changes in the Kroger Community Awards Program Enrollment

We have a NEW Rewards Number for Community Rewards members-PL516. Your membership MAY have already been changed to this new number. See below for details.

Kroger shoppers must enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program using their Kroger Plus card.

Dear Ft. Bend County TX A&M Mother's Club (PL516),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We appreciate your participation in our Community Rewards program to help accomplish that mission!

We have recently upgraded our Community Rewards system, and as a result, your Non-Profit Organization (NPO) has a new account number. (PL516) Please reference the new number when contacting us for assistance. We recommend communicating this new number to your members, and updating any marketing materials with this change. While the previous number will continue to be associated with your organization, it will not be visible to your members when enrolling. New members can enroll by searching for either the new number or the name of your organization.

If you have any questions, please email swkrogercommunityrewards@kroger.com or visit our website at <http://www.kroger.com>.

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff.

Search for: Ft. Bend County TX A&M Mother's Club NPO# PL516



Remember to direct your Amazon purchases to our charitable organization. You may use this link to access it. **Our unique charity link:**
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/76-1029502>

Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to the charities selected by customers



GOOD NEIGHBOR PROGRAM

Complete this portion to link your Remarkable Card to the charity of your choice. You can choose to link up to three charities. Contact your charity of choice and ask if they are a member of our Good Neighbor Program or ask the Courtesy Booth for the GNP number of a particular charity. To learn about the Good Neighbor Program, go to www.randalls.com.

REMARKABLE CARD NUMBER: _____

Don't know your card number? Call Customer Care at 1-877-723-3529.

Charity to be added to your card:

1. Charity # **12980**

2. Charity # **Ft. Bend Aggie Mom's Club**

3. Charity # _____

Charity to be deleted from your card:

1. Charity # _____

2. Charity # _____

3. Charity # _____

APPLICANT NAME (PLEASE PRINT) _____ PHONE _____

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DAIL _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD RANDALLS COURTESY BOOTH

OFFICE USE ONLY: STORE # _____

COURTESY BOOTH: SEND THIS COMPLETED FORM TO THE MAIN ROOM ATTN: DATA CENTER OF ASISOM



\$25 AGGIE BAG ORDER

Our Spring 2019 Aggie bags will be filled with home-baked desserts and other goodies to help your students get through study week and finals. Besides being a great surprise and show of support for our Aggies, \$5.00 for each bag purchased will be donated to our scholarship fund. Order one for **your Aggie!!!** They are also great for roommates, girl/boyfriends.

All mailed and/or hand-delivered forms must be turned in to Amanda Maughan NO LATER THAN Wednesday, April 10th or they will not be included. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any late orders. Delivery to College Station will be on **Monday, April 29** and Galveston on **Tuesday, April 30.**

For questions contact Kim Lincecum @ 281-750-1926 or email: kimlincecum@comcast.net

SEND ORDER FORM AND MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Amanda Maughan, 2310 Upland Park Dr., Sugar Land, Tx 77479 (832) 600-9101

Help us locate your AGGIE – we will not be responsible for unclaimed bags

MOM'S NAME _____

MOM'S NUMBER _____

MOM'S EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF BAGS ORDERED: _____ DELIVERY LOCATION(please circle): COLLEGE STATION or GALVESTON

BAG 1:

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____

STUDENT CELL NUMBER _____ CORPS OF CADETS ___ YES ___ NO

Please write your personal message below - it will be included in your AGGIE'S bag!

AN AGGIE MOM LOVES YOU!

BAG 2:

STUDENT NAME _____

STUDENT EMAIL _____

STUDENT CELL NUMBER _____ CORPS OF CADETS ___ YES ___ NO

Please write your personal message below - it will be included in your AGGIE'S bag!

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