

# Bastrop Area Nonprofit Organizations

**At the heart of the Bastrop's vitality as a community** is not only the framework provided by local government and its volunteers but also by the many hundreds of citizens who join in support of local nonprofits that make Bastrop a caring, cohesive community. Opportunities abound...from assisting with a single event or occasional volunteering to ongoing participation in an organization's programming. Find your place in our community!

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## **Bastrop Animal Rescue**

Committed to saving homeless pets relinquished by their owners or abandoned at shelters, animal control centers, veterinarian offices, or other facilities.

## **Bastrop Area Cruisers**

About antique, classic and special interest vehicles surely but also teaming with volunteers to produce the annual "Heroes & Hotrods Veterans Weekend Car Show", a fundraiser for veteran support organizations, for Bastrop High School auto tech scholarships and for local charities.

## **Bastrop Chamber of Commerce**

An integral part of enhancing the community's economic vitality with its ongoing programs and with enlisting volunteers to assist with community-building events like the annual Patriotic Festival.

## **Bastrop Citizen's Police Academy**

Schooling citizens on the Bastrop Police Department, its policies and procedures and on helping to prevent crime in their neighborhood. Participants also learn about the Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association and the Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) Program.

## **Bastrop Combined Community Action**

Facilitating the HUD Section 8 housing assistance program locally and providing an array of services: utility bill assistance and referrals such as for health care. Volunteers provide administrative support and assist in providing hot noon meals to senior citizens at home or in a group setting.

## **Bastrop County Animal Shelter and Friends of the Bastrop County Animal Shelter**

Sharing a commitment to providing shelter to homeless animals in Bastrop County, fulfilled through pet care education, spay/neuter programs, and finding a home for as many adoptable animals as possible.

## **Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry**

Providing Bastrop area residents in need of emergency food assistance, education and support as well as the elderly of limited means. Extensively engaging volunteers in program delivery and in the production of its annual Empty Bowl Project fundraiser.

### **Bastrop County Long Term Recovery Team**

Rising from the stunning devastation of the 2011 Bastrop Complex Fire and assisting low-income uninsured and underinsured individuals and families with recovery from any natural or man-made disaster.

### **Bastrop Education Foundation**

A grassroots volunteer organization supporting BISS instructional quality through grants for teacher, campus and district initiatives enhancing instruction and educational opportunities and through spotlighting individual student achievement and teaching excellence.

### **Bastrop Independent School District Partners in Education**

Welcoming volunteers through the Partners in Education (PIE) programs: mentoring students, participating in the widely varied Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) activities and in the Community Partnership Program with the business community, civic organizations and others.

### **Bastrop Juneteenth Committee**

The Bastrop Juneteenth Committee mobilizes volunteers to produce annually a multi-day, multi-event celebrating African American freedom, history and culture. Juneteenth commemorates the 1865 proclamation--read in Galveston on June 19--affirming the end of the Civil War and freedom for all slaves.

### **Bastrop Opera House**

"All in" community theatre in the City's historic performance venue and encompassing virtually everything and everybody that goes into putting on a show: actors, dancers, singers, ticket sales/concessions, sets, lights, costumes, crew, fundraising, volunteer coordination, etc.

### **Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center**

Supporting young women during and after pregnancy through a broad array of free services including pregnancy testing, non-medical ultrasounds, maternity clothing, infant and toddler clothing, cribs, car seats, strollers, counseling and more.

### **Bastrop Public Library and Friends of the Bastrop Public Library**

Volunteer staffing of library day-to-day operations as well as sustained support for the library through fundraising, enhancing library resources and promoting educational and informational exchange.

### **Bastrop Volunteer Fire Department**

Serving over 117 square miles of central Bastrop County with two City owned and supported fire houses and two fire houses owner by Bastrop County ESC #2. Extensive training in fire and rescue related operations is provided all volunteers.

### **Bastrop YMCA**

All about youth development, tailored to the needs and interests of the community and relying on volunteers for such roles as Youth Sports coaches, instructor assistants, craft or story time for Child Watch activities and for special Y events: Movies in the Park, the Burning Pine Fun Run and Healthy Kids Day.

### **Court Appointed Special Advocates of Bastrop, Fayette and Lee Counties**

Educating the community on child abuse and neglect and providing a trained community volunteer to advocate on behalf of each abused and neglected child in our court system.

### **Children's Advocacy Center of Bastrop**

A multidisciplinary approach to the investigation, prosecution, intervention and treatment of child abuse and working collaboratively with professionals from Law Enforcement, Child Protection and Prosecution and from the medical community. Volunteer opportunities include Family Care, administrative support and community outreach activities.

### **Family Crisis Center**

Offering victims of domestic and sexual violence safety, shelter, information, referral services, prevention education and violence intervention programs. Volunteers tend the organization's hotline after hours, assist in intake and screening and in fundraising, provide support and assist at the Bits & Pieces thrift store.

### **Feed the Need Missions**

Ministering to communities by providing hot meals on a weekly basis and by providing disaster relief when needed. Formerly named "Mission U Too" and deployed in Bastrop and other sites across Texas, the organization is heavily volunteer driven, from "flipping burgers" and helping on the service line to assisting with special events and providing leadership to volunteer teams.

### **Friends of the Lost Pines State Parks**

Assisting Bastrop and Buescher State Parks staff in managing and conserving the natural and cultural resources for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. The organization works to assist and educate visitors and to raise funds for the care and conservation of the park.

### **In the Streets -- Hands Held High Ministry**

Serving the less fortunate, the homeless and single parent families. This non-denominational faith-based organization provides breakfast and lunch six days a week and pantry services once a week as well as free health screening and social services. It also provides an emergency family shelter and a home for men recovering from drug and alcohol dependency and/or jail or prison.

### **Literacy Volunteers of Bastrop**

Committed to nurturing build economic and social independence for individuals through improved English literacy. Organization volunteers tutor in General Education Diploma (GED) preparation, English as a Second Language (ESL), U.S. Citizenship, Basic Reading and Workplace Literacy.

**Lost Pines Art Center**

A 12,000 square-foot purpose-built facility, rapidly expanding its class offerings, showings and special workshops and events. Volunteers are needed--both from members of the Lost Pines Arts League and from the general public to serve as docents, assist with festivals and other events.

**Museum and Visitor Center of the Bastrop County Historical Society**

The Bastrop County Historical Society and volunteers work to preserving Bastrop's amazing history, telling its stories--then and now--and assisting visitors in discovering Bastrop. Volunteers are needed to meet and greet visitors, to provide information about Bastrop and to assist with museum events and projects.

**Pines & Prairies Land Trust of Bastrop**

Focusing on managing and preserving the 65-acre Colorado River Refuge, located in Tahitian Village along Riverside Drive. Organization volunteers maintain trails, lead nature lessons, host field days and conduct special projects. Ask about the organization's new "Trail Blazers" program