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ECHO
West Texas



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Leadership Transition at ECHO West Texas

ECHO West Texas is excited to share an important leadership transition that reflects both the strength of our foundation and the continued growth of our community’s coordinated response to homelessness.

After years of dedicated service, founder and Board President David Alderson will transition from his role as Board President. We are grateful to announce that Jerry Ramirez will serve as the next Board President of ECHO West Texas.

This moment represents more than a leadership change - it is an opportunity to celebrate the vision that helped launch a coordinated approach to addressing homelessness in Lubbock.

In 2021, David began working alongside community and city leaders, nonprofit partners, faith organizations, and local advocates to explore how Lubbock could strengthen collaboration among the many organizations serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

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David Alderson



Jerry Ramirez

Thank You!

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Together, this group traveled to other Texas communities to learn from successful models of coordinated care. These experiences helped inspire the creation of ECHO West Texas (Ending Community Homelessness Organization) and ultimately led to the establishment of the Lubbock Continuum of Care, a federally recognized framework that supports collaboration, shared data, and strategic planning for homelessness response. Today, this coordinated system brings together organizations across the community to improve connections between services, housing resources, and support systems for people navigating hardship.

We are deeply grateful for David's vision and commitment in helping build this foundation. His leadership helped bring partners together and establish a structure that will serve our community for years to come.

As Jerry Ramirez steps into the role of Board President, we look forward to continuing this work with the same spirit of collaboration and compassion.

Together - with our partners and community, we remain committed to building a future where homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

CommUNITY Day *Recap*

DATE: March 5, 2026

People Served: **56**

Providers Available: **16**

Volunteers: **27**

Community Meal: Family Promise

PIT Count

ECHO West Texas will be presenting information on Lubbock's **PIT Count** at the CoC Member & Community meeting on March 31st. Information will be released to the community at large following the meeting.

The agenda for the CoC Member & Community meeting will be going out soon.

Event Coordinators Recognized

Special Recognition was given to Renee Salas (Goodwill) and Tammy Moriearty (DSHS) for their oversight and coordination of CommUNITY Day. Below is a picture of ECHO West Texas Executive Director, Valerie Longoria with the honorees.



Working
TOGETHER

L to R: Renee,
Valerie, & Tammy

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NEXT CommUNITY Day: April 2, 2026

- **TIME:** 11:00am - 2:00pm
- **LOCATION:** Kingdom Co-Op, 2005 Ave T
- **WHAT:** a day of intentional collaboration between community providers across the city, together in one location, in order to meet immediate, direct needs for those struggling with homelessness.
- **FOOD SPONSORS NEEDED:** (April - December) Meal to feed 100 people

Together we are making a difference! We look forward to seeing you again in **APRIL!**

If you would like to join us next month as a volunteer or provider, click [HERE](#) to register. Please email **Michael Gallegos**, michaale@echowtx.org OR **Seydia Adkins**, seydia@echowtx.org, if you are interested in volunteering or would like to sponsor a community meal. Thank you so much!

[#Collaboration](#)

You're Invited!



APRIL 30, 2026

Claraboya - Chef Antonio Pina

Join the ECHO West Texas Board and team as we share how your support has helped build a collaborative, community-driven system and what's ahead in Phase Two of Coordinated Care.

To purchase tickets, click [HERE](#)

If you need an invoice, please reach out to Valerie Longoria, Executive Director, (contact information below)

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