

September 2025

Brazos Valley Health Coalition Newsletter

About Us

The Brazos Valley Health Coalition (BVHC) was formed in January 2016 to act as a coordinated group to address health issues in the Brazos Valley. The BVHC, which consists of numerous social service, healthcare, education, and governmental agencies, has two main goals:

- Conduct a community health needs assessment (CHNA) to identify the health needs and strengths of the Brazos Valley
- 2. Create a community health improvement plan (CHIP) to determine health priorities and specific strategies that can be implemented to address the issues identified in the Community Health Assessment

The Brazos County Health District acts as the lead agency for the coalition. For more information, contact BVHC@brazoscountytx.gov or Arthur O. Davila at adavila@brazoscountytx.gov_or 979-361-5700.

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A Message to Our Community

Happy August everyone!! The Brazos Valley Health Coalition is founded on the collaboration of diverse organizations and individuals working to build a healthier Brazos Valley, with a special emphasis on supporting the underrepresented and underserved populations in the area. By sharing knowledge and resources, we unite our efforts to strengthen the health of our community.

We extend our sincere thanks to our major supporters for generously contributing their time and expertise toward this vision of a healthier future. Thanks to their dedication, along with that of many others, BVHC is able to connect people to health resources throughout Brazos County and the six counties surrounding it.

Also, we are deeply grateful to the individuals who support this mission. Your commitment helps connect our work directly to the community we serve—and for that, we thank you.

Meeting Updates

On the second Monday of each month all are invited to the Brazos Valley Health Coalition general meetings, whether you are a representative of an organization or an individual wishing to stay informed. Meetings are typically held at the Brazos County Health District located on 201 North Texas Avenue Bryan, Texas 77803 (unless stated otherwise) from 10:00am-11:00am. You are also welcome to join in on Zoom as well!

Here, one to two organizations from the area share how they support the community. Meetings are usually accompanied with snacks and drinks, and they are a fantastic way for organizations and all people to network and get to know one-another and stay educated about local health resources. Everyone is welcome to attend!

August Meeting Recap

Our last general meeting had an unique format where Brazos Valley Health Coalition partners were able to mingle with each other. All partners had the opportunity to reconnect with each other, share updates on their organizations, and highlight some of their upcoming events. Coffee and bagels were provided by local businesses.

September Meeting Agenda

This month's meeting will focus on discussing the results of the survey where community partners ranked the health issues of importance for the region, as well as what can be done with these results. Community partners will also have the opportunity to talk about improvements that can be made to better health throughout the region.

Seasonal Announcements





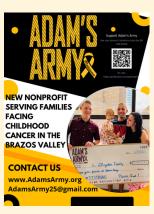
Community Involvement

We want to emphasize that BVHC Community is meant for everybody. There are many ways to get involved- both large and small. Below are listed local resources to help connect you to the cause. If your organization would like your advertisement listed completely free of charge, please contact BVHC@brazoscountytx.gov.













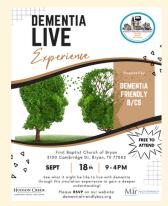












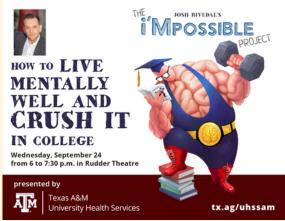
Would you like your advertisement featured on next month's newsletter? Just ask! Send an email to BVHC@brazoscountytx.gov and fill out the form below!

Newsletter Advertisement Upload



Save the Date











<u>Upcoming Presenters</u>

Month	Name
October	Emily Reis - The Rose
November	Baylor Scott & White Dr. Huang - Texas A&M
December	Barbara Jeffers - Brazos County Health District

Volunteer Opportunities



At Scotty's House, we help children not just heal, but rediscover their strength. We couldn't do this important work without incredible volunteers.

Together, we are helping children reclaim their childhoods.

Want to join us?



FAMILY CARE VOLUNTEERS
Help children feel safe and supported from the moment they walk through our doors. Welcome families, provide assistance in waiting areas, and play a key role in helping children find joy on their path to recovery.



MEDICAL VOLUNTEERS
Provide core and comfort during critical moments. Whether supporting on-site medical exams or meeting families at the hospital, help ensure every child feels ade, supported, and seen. **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**Lend your time and tolents to our office—whether it's answering phones, greeting families, or assisting with administrative tasks, help create a safe, welcoming space for healing and hope.



AMBASSADURS
Help spread awareness, share our mission, and bring joy at events. From health fairs to fundraisers, play a hands-on role in sharing our mission with the

Learn more about Scotty's House Volunteer Opportunities by contacting our Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@scottyshouse.org

TOP 5 REASONS TO Wolunteer



Find Your Place, Find Your People
From front office helpers to outreach advocates, there's a role that fits
your skills, schedule, and passion. Plus, our volunteers are pretty
awesome humans.



Support a Mission that Matters

Support a mission that matters
Scotty's House is dedicated to healing and justice for children affected
by abuse. When you volunteer, you're part of that critical mission.



Make a Local impact
Your time and compassion directly support families right here in the
Brazos Valley—this is your community, and you're making it stronger.

Grow While Giving BackGain valuable experience, learn new skills, and feel the deep reward of knowing you made a difference. Bonus: we give great thank-yous.



Be a Real-Life Hero
Whether you're comforting a child or helping behind the scenes, your presence brings safety, stability, and hope to kids who need it most.







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Looking for

Health-Focused Volunteers









The Rose - Pink Breast Cancer Ribbon Volunteer Opportunity

The pink ribbon lapel pin has become a powerful symbol to increase awareness about breast cancer, and it is easy to make for yourself and your friends.

During Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October and throughout the year—people wear pink ribbons to honor survivors, remember those lost to the disease, and to support the progress we are making together to defeat breast cancer.

We encourage you to wear a pink ribbon not just throughout the month of October, but year round and join us in the fight against breast cancer.

Follow the printable directions below to make your own pink ribbon lapel pin: no sewing needed. Finished size: 11/2" by 5/8".

- Three inches of pink ribbon, a quarter-inch wide.
 One small safety pin
 Needle and small length of pink thread or a tiny
 dot of glue
 Options to attach to a lapeb:
 The small safety pin used above
 Double stick tape
 rections:



- Cut a three-inch length ribbon, snipping both ends at an angle. Lay the ribbon out horizontally
 with the shorter edge on top, Hold down the ribbon's midpoint. Crasp the left end and fold so
 it points down and slightly across the midpoint. The florid can be a soft curve or a crisp line.
 Fold the right end in the same way so the ribbon crosss itself about a half linch below the fold.
 Where the ribbon crosss itself, use a truy suit of prink thread or a tiny do right to hold the

If you would like to make and donate any completed pink ribbons to The Rose, please contact Emily Reis at ereis@therose.org

Brazos County Health District Resources

