



2023 ALICE DATA REPORT

The latest data available related to members of the ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) population was released at the end of April. Read along to understand what challenges they face and how you can access this information.

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FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH

May is National Foster Care Awareness Month. Foster care is an important component of a community's infrastructure to care for its youngest residents. We are excited about the local work being done in this space to listen to the community and find solutions for things like childcare that are inclusive of McLennan County foster families.

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FUNDED PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

This month, we're continuing our Funded Partner Spotlight series and sharing some success stories about clients served by the fantastic nonprofit programs we fund.

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MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Awareness Month and we want to highlight mental health resources to the community and strategies we are working on to increase access to these resources.

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Upcoming Events (next 4 weeks)

May-June

- Donate Your Time, Caritas of Waco, 300 S 15th St, Waco, TX 76701 (sign up [here](#))
- Sign up and register to learn some new skill through training programs at UpSkill Waco. (Sign up [here](#))

- Please email info@unitedwaywaco.org if you have any upcoming events that you would like us to feature in the next newsletter!

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Board Member Spotlight



J.T. Carpenter

Texas Farm Bureau

Tell us about yourself and how you became a United Way Board Member

I have lived in Waco on and off since 1996, recently returning in 2015. My wife Noelle and I have three boys, 6, 7, and 9, so I'm currently either at work or the little league fields. I am an attorney at Texas Farm Bureau and Affiliated Companies, which have been strong supporters of United Way Waco-McLennan County for many decades. I also recently served as board chair of a local non-profit that has been supported by the United Way for many years, so Texas Farm Bureau's leadership thought that experience, and my skillset related to corporate governance, would help serve the United Way on behalf of our companies.

Why do you love United Way?

I really enjoy peeling back the layers to the United Way onion. Among other things, United Way serves as a convener, a facilitator, a listener, and a bridge. United Way has the humility to involve the constituents it seeks to serve from start to finish, which is very refreshing.

How has your passion for the community intertwined with your work at United Way?

Since the time I returned to Waco, I have been involved in our community. For the past five years, I served as a board member and then chair of a non-profit—supported by United Way—focused on neurological development of trauma-affected children. It was amazing to watch the Waco community come together to support children and their families, but it also revealed the challenges facing so many of our fellow Wacoans.