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Henderson County HELP Center Receives Texas Bar Foundation Grant to Launch New Program Helping Seniors Through Crisis and Beyond

ATHENS, TEXAS — October 21, 2026 — The Henderson County HELP Center is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the **Texas Bar Foundation** to support the launch of a new initiative, **HELPing Seniors Through Crisis and Beyond**.

The new program will help senior adults in Henderson County navigate challenges that can arise during times of crisis and victimization of crime. Through this initiative, the HELP Center will connect seniors with appropriate resources, information, referrals, and support to help address immediate needs while building a stronger path toward long-term stability. This program will also allow a staff member to inform Henderson County seniors about types of victimizations and their rights as a crime victim.

“Senior adults can face unique challenges when unexpected circumstances arise,” said **Leslie Saunders, Chief Executive Officer of the Henderson County HELP Center**. “This grant will allow us to expand our ability to help seniors understand their options, connect with the right resources, and receive support during some of the most difficult moments they may experience. We are grateful to the Texas Bar Foundation for investing in this important work and helping us strengthen our community’s safety net for older adults.”

The **HELPing Seniors Through Crisis and Beyond** program builds upon the HELP Center’s existing commitment to helping individuals and families navigate crisis and connect with community resources. By strengthening resource navigation and connections to legal and community services, the program will help seniors access assistance that may otherwise be difficult to find or navigate on their own.

"We are honored to receive this grant and grateful for the Texas Bar Foundation's confidence in the Henderson County HELP Center," Saunders said. "This funding will help us reach seniors who may be facing challenges alone and provide them with a connection to the resources and support they need."

The Henderson County HELP Center is grateful to the Texas Bar Foundation for its support and for recognizing the importance of providing seniors with access to resources and assistance when they need it most.

"Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$32 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation."

The grant represents an important investment in the well-being of Henderson County's senior population and will help the HELP Center expand its reach and strengthen its ability to respond to seniors facing challenging circumstances.

About the Henderson County HELP Center

The Henderson County HELP Center is dedicated to helping individuals and families in Henderson County navigate crisis, connect with community resources, and find pathways toward greater stability. Through compassionate assistance, information, referrals, and partnerships with local organizations, the HELP Center works to strengthen individuals, families, and the community.

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