



Our Mission

The Mary E. Bivins Foundation is committed to improving and enriching the quality of life in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle by meeting the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of the people of the region. In this spirit, the Mary E. Bivins Foundation is dedicated to helping individuals achieve and maintain dignity, independence, self-worth and good health.

The Foundation has identified eldercare as its primary philanthropic objective along with two additional areas of philanthropy.

- ❖ **Eldercare:** The Mary E. Bivins Foundation has the primary purpose of supporting long term care services and supports so that elderly citizens can continue to live fulfilling and dignified lives.
- ❖ **Religious-Based Charitable Undertakings:** The Mary E. Bivins Foundation may distribute funds to aid and assist worthy Christian religious undertakings that address critical community needs and to educate ministers to preach the Christian religion. Scholarships are currently restricted to individuals from the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle seeking an undergraduate or graduate education leading to a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a field that prepares the student to preach the Christian religion.
- ❖ **Community-Based Charitable Undertakings:** The Mary E. Bivins Foundation may distribute funds for charitable purposes which address the specific nonrecurring needs of qualified nonprofit organizations committed to improving and enriching the quality of life in the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle. Preference is given to purposes that assist in furthering the Foundation's primary philanthropic objective of eldercare.

Our Vision

The Mary E. Bivins Foundation was founded with the noble goal of contributing to the betterment of humanity, leaving the earth better than it was found, and encouraging those who follow to do the same. It is the Foundation's vision to improve and enrich the quality of life in the 26-county Texas Panhandle through its ability to directly provide quality care for the elderly and their families and to share resources with partners addressing critical community needs.

- ❖ **Eldercare Vision:** To be the eldercare center of excellence and exemplary leader of the continuum of care regardless of the socioeconomic status of the person and families in need.
- ❖ **Religious-Based Vision:** To provide scholarships to produce ministers to preach the Christian faith and to impact critical community needs through religious-based organizations.
- ❖ **Community-Based Vision:** To enrich and improve the quality of life in the 26-county area by positively impacting the community's critical needs and to continue to further the Foundation's primary philanthropic objective of eldercare.

ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

PHILANTHROPY

Honor the philanthropic intent and value of the gift of Lee and Mary E. Bivins to establish the Foundation, assume responsibility of implementing the mission, and serve as stewards of all funds, programs and services

DIGNITY AND SELF-WORTH

Promote and recognize the dignity and self-worth of every individual in all programs and community endeavors

INDEPENDENCE

Provide programs and opportunities that encourage and support independent living for eldercare constituents

GOOD HEALTH

Provide state-of-the-art programs that provide excellence in delivery and outcomes for the best of health for all constituents

EXCELLENCE

Pursue excellence with the highest quality of knowledge, research, advocacy, strategic alliances, program delivery and required resources to ensure a successful future

VALUE OF EMPLOYEES

Recognize and respect each employee, their value to the organization, and strive to ensure individual opportunities and open communications

INNOVATION

Value and reward initiative and creativity in all programs

INTEGRITY

Conduct business according to the highest ethical principles

RESPECT

Respect all individuals and appreciate and recognize the importance of each individual

PASSIONATE COMMITMENT

Be enthusiastic, communicate openly, and remain people-focused as we carry out the mission of the Foundation

FAITH-BASED

Assure that the Foundation has an outstanding, effective, and consistently improving program for all we serve in the spirit and tradition of a religious-based vision

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Address and manage the financial requirements for annual operations and long-term financial strength

COLLABORATION

Recognize that we can expand services only with strong support and partnerships

STEWARDSHIP

Provide stewardship of the assets and secure the financial foundation and financial resources entrusted to the Foundation for the implementation of the mission and vision