

# UPWARD NEWS

YOUR GUIDE TO PARTICIPATING,  
ADVOCATING, AND SUPPORTING



*After a hiatus, we are bringing back the Upward Transitions digital newsletter. We hope you find it informational and engaging. Please let us know how we can best use this tool to keep you informed on the mission and events of Upward Transitions. Thanks for being our cheerleaders and supporters.*

**October 3, 2019**

## Upcoming Events

### October

4 - United Way "Day of Caring" Cook Out

### November

28 - Annual Campaign Begins

### December

1 - Calendar of Caring Begins

## Service Spotlight

### Homeless Prevention

Our services provide assistance to families and individuals who face threats to financial stability. In many cases, Upward Transitions can provide a short-term financial bridge in the form of emergency assistance and access to community resources to maintain stability. Eligible families may work with case managers on a long-term basis to increase and develop skills that can provide a sustainable income. Case managers work closely with these families to create a plan with goals that address specific needs and create the means to avoid future homelessness.

### [Additional Resources](#)

## Did you know?

In 2018-2019, 853 people received bus tokens or gas



## United Way Campaign Kick-Off

On September 13, the Upward Transitions' team joined other United Way agencies in kicking off the #LiveUnitedStandUnited campaign.

The annual Campaign Kickoff is a public event featuring a free pancake breakfast cooked by community leaders who serve as our "Celebrity Chefs." The festivities included a pancake flipping contest and special appearances by local celebrities. Pacesetter campaign results for 2019 were announced. [Read more](#)

## Sooner Stand Down

The Oklahoma VA reported "an

vouchers from Upward Transitions allowing them to travel to job interviews, a new job, medical appointments, and social service appointments. This helped them establish stable income, maintain health, and obtain supportive services.



**\$25 can provide transportation for 1 person for 1 week.**

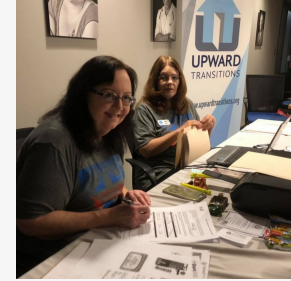
### Operating Hours:

Monday to Friday  
8 a.m. to Noon\*, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m.\*\*

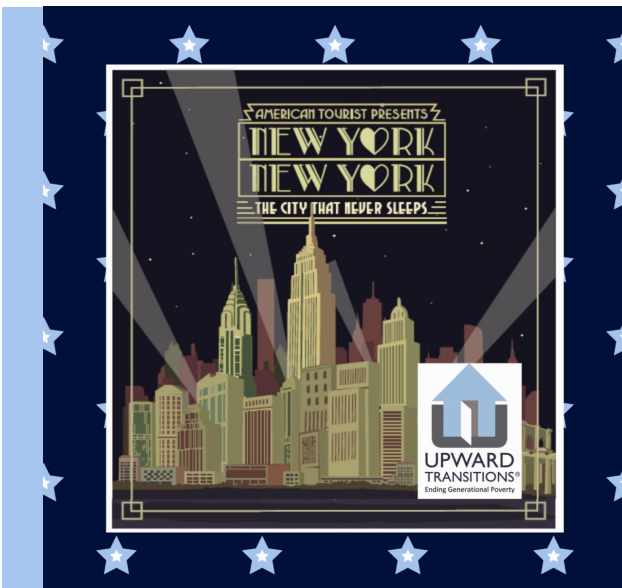
\*Monday – Friday 8 a.m.-11 a.m.,  
Walk-ins Only: New Clients seeking assistance with Legal Documents & IDs may Walk-in with a Verification of Homelessness and Referral.

\*\*Monday – Friday 1 p.m.-3:30 p.m.,  
Appointments Only: Current Clients may make appointments with their case managers in advance.

estimated 200 low income and homeless veterans received services, care, and supplies at the annual "Sooner Stand Down," a collaboration among human service organizations and the Oklahoma VA Health Care System."



We were, once again, honored to be one of the collaborating organizations.



### Help plan American Tourist 2020

Yes, believe it or not, we are beginning to plan for **American Tourist 2020!**

Take this quick survey to give your feedback and help us plan for next year's amazing event.

**Next year's date will be announced soon!**

**Take Survey**

*Anyone seeking services is encouraged to call in advance to ensure Upward Transitions is accepting clients for specific programs. No assistance will be provided or guaranteed over the phone based on a referral from another agency.*

# Celebrations

We always are excited to celebrate with clients and staff when we experience success. We want to share those stories with you. Celebrate with us!



Join us in congratulating our Travelers Aid Volunteer Coordinator, **Crystal Levine**, on two years of service with Upward Transitions. Thanks for all your amazing work and service Crystal!

"I called to get help with back rent and Scott was and has since been so helpful. Not only did they help with rent, they helped with my electric too!"

"Scott stayed in touch with me daily and is very encouraging. I don't think I would have a place to live if it wasn't for them."

- Upward Transitions Client



Join us in congratulating **Jennifer Birdine**, one of our amazing receptionists, on two years of service with Upward Transitions. **Thank you Jennifer for making our clients feel welcome.**

It was so nice to be welcomed by volunteers. My flight was delayed and I was worried about arriving to a new place I had never been before and being alone at the airport. I am grateful the volunteer was there to assist me upon my arrival.

- International Student



## Introducing Our New Director of Development & Public Relations

### Welcome, Micah James, to Our Upward Transitions Team!

The Upward Transitions' team is delighted to welcome Micah James



as our new Director of Development and Public Relations. She is responsible for championing the sharing of the Upward Transition story with the community, as well as strategically raising funds to support the mission of the organization. Before joining the team, Micah developed her fundraising and public relations skills in faith-based non-profits and large, community-minded congregations. Micah has a bachelor's degree from Texas Christian University, and a master's degree from Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. She also holds a certification in church administration. Micah brings over 10 years of public speaking and fundraising experience to the Upward Transitions team.



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