

Lindsay Presented With Inaugural TCOG Helix Award

SHERMAN, October 22, 2016 – Susan B. Thomas, PhD, Executive Director of Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG), announced today the success of the first 2-1-1 TCOG Info Fest. The event brought together area social service agencies and non-profit organizations for the purpose of sharing important information regarding services provided to families living in the Texoma region.

Held at Pecan Grove Park West in Sherman, Texoma residents were invited to visit each booth and hear about specific services, ask questions or get connected to programs which could benefit their families.

“TCOG is all about a regional approach to the work we do,” stated Dr. Thomas, “and it is very clear we live in a region where we are not the only ones who think this way.” She went on to say, “Bringing together agency partners so families can connect to multiple services at one time is a prime example of what regionalism can do. By working together we have a greater impact on improving quality of life for families living in our region.”

During the event, Tammy Johnson, TCOG’s Vice President, presented the inaugural 2-1-1 “Helix” award to Colonel William (Bill) Lindsay, USMC Ret. The Helix represents a structure of strands that are oriented in opposite directions yet are linked together for a common purpose. In keeping with TCOG’s vision of *Better Leaders Building Better Lives*, the award was created in order to recognize someone who exemplifies being a servant leader: one who connects with the community by offering their time and talent while leading with courage and integrity.

Col. Lindsay received the award based on his many community contributions and long track record of leading by example. During his years of service with the US Marine Corps, Col. Lindsay was the recipient of three separate Purple Heart decorations. Over the years, Col. Lindsay has served as the Mayor of Denison, board president of TCOG, board president of Small Business Commissioners, past president of the Association of Mayors, Council Members and Commissioners and the Texas Department of Transportation Commissioner for Highway Land Acquisition and also served on TML’s General Government Committee. Appointed by the Governor, Col. Lindsay additionally serves on the board of the State of Texas Small Business and Industrial Development Corporation.

The Texoma Council of Governments is a voluntary association of the local governments in Cooke, Fannin, and Grayson Counties. Established in 1968, the Texoma Council of Governments promotes economy and efficiency in the coordinated planning and development of the tri-county region through its community and economic development activities. Either directly, or through contractors, the Council provides housing, utility assistance, and weatherization services for low-income citizens in the region and assists the elderly through a variety of Area Agency on Aging programs. The Council also facilitates the delivery of grant funding for homeland security and criminal justice.

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