



## TCOG's Public Housing Program Kicks Off Summer In Style

SHERMAN, June 21, 2016 – There's nothing better than a summer day with hot dogs, live music and a petting zoo. Just ask the folks who enjoyed this and more at the Summer Youth Program Kick-Off Party held on June 9, 2016, in Bonham.

The Summer Youth Program happens every year on Tuesdays and Thursdays from June through August. Lou Ann Taylor, TCOG Public Housing Social Services Coordinator, plans a special summer for the kids which includes events such as trips to the Fannin Life Center, wildlife presentations, a visit from a magician, a dental program and a nature walk. Community Agency partners including Pride Prevention, Fannin County Crisis Center, North Texas Youth Connection, Agri-Life Extension Office, The Assembly of God Church, Morning Star Academy, CVS Home Health, and The Windom Baptist Church also provide programs which fill summertime with positive activities for our kids.

While the kids enjoyed hot dogs, snow cones, popcorn and the Rancho Petting Zoo; adults were entertained inside with live music by Mr. Ezra (Bubba) Copeland. An accomplished musician, Bubba played a variety of tunes from gospel to rock to country. You name it, he played it.

The TCOG Public Housing Program enjoys strong support from area partner agencies and local businesses; by working together we are able to bring many programs and activities to our public housing kids that would not happen otherwise. Programs that have a positive impact and potential to change and improve lives and that's what it's all about.

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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