

What is the "Rainbow Shower" Project?

The "Rainbow Shower" Project is a joint effort by several Wood County service Organizations to provide emergency bath and shower facilities for children who have been removed from their homes by Child Protective Services because of unsafe or abusive conditions. Many of these children come from homes where Meth Amphetamines are used and in some cases manufactured, putting them at risk of exposure to harmful drugs which can be absorbed into their skin. When removing these children caseworkers are not allowed to take any of the child's belongings from the home and must completely bathe them from head to foot to remove any presence of drugs and other health hazards. A sink sponge bath or baby wipes scrub down is the only option that case workers have today.

The "Rainbow Shower Project" will remodel and furnish an existing office area within the Quitman CPS offices to **provide shower facilities for the older children** and a **deep tub sink for the younger children**. This will allow them be thoroughly bathed and brought to a clean and healthy condition.

Below is a model of the proposed facility :



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The "Rainbow Shower" Project



A Combined Effort of Wood County Service Organizations
 for the
Health and Welfare of the Children of Wood County
 placed in the protective care of
Wood County Child Protective Services

All donations should be made to the
 Wood County Child Protection Board, Inc.
 For: Rainbow Shower Project
 A 501(c)3 organization.

Why do we need The "Rainbow Shower" Project?

How can you Help?

Did you know.....

Wood County CPS Facts

- There is an average of 95+ children in the supervised care of Wood County Child Protective Services alone.
- In the summer of 2013, 25 children were taken in over the course of just two months.
- 90% of the cases where children are removed from their home involve Meth-Amphetamine drug use or manufacture.
- In a large portion of those cases, the children removed from the homes test positive for Meth-Amphetamine.
- Many removals occur in the middle of the night or very early morning.
- There are no bathing facilities in the Wood County CPS offices at this time.
- Most cleaning of the children takes place using baby wipes.
- Case workers get the needed clothing, supplies and toiletries from the Rainbow Room which sits on the CPS office parking lot.
- Having readily available bathing facilities will greatly improve the initial condition of the affected children and will lessen the stress on already overworked and underpaid Wood County CPS caseworkers.
- These facilities will make a very difficult and traumatic experience for these children a little easier and kinder.

What if this were you

It's 1:00 AM....you get a call from the Sheriff's Office.....four children need to be picked up from a house 5 miles out in the country..... The parents are being arrested for the manufacturing and sale of Meth Amphetamine..... Nothing that has been in the house can be removed to take with the children....no clothes....no school supplies.....no comfort toys or blankets. You get there and all four children are filthy as well as covered with the Meth Amphetamine that has been in the air of the house.....most of them have lice in their hair.....they are scared, crying, hungry and filthy.....

What would you do???

This is reality for the Child Protective Services case workers of Wood County. They face this same situation time and time again.

Sadly, this is also reality for some of the children of Wood County.....



What can you do

Become involved in the "Rainbow Shower" Project

By

Donating money to go towards the cost of the renovation.

Providing new linens and supplies to stock the bath facility when completed.

Participating generously in the **fundraising breakfast at Quitman's First Methodist Church Joy Hall**
May 13, 2014 , 7:00-8:30 AM

Getting your service organizations, church groups, neighbors and friends involved.

Continuing to support the Rainbow Room to provide the necessary clothing, shoes, supplies and toiletries needed to support these children.

Join us

In helping to better our communities and county.

Monetary Donations May be Made to:
Wood County Child Protection Board, Inc.
Rainbow Shower Project
P.O. Box 517
Quitman, TX 75783

Bless the beasts and the children, for in this world they have no voice. They have no choice..... The Carpenters