

ROGERS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

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VERDIGRIS 6TH GRADE
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Verdigris 6th Grade Practices Synergy

Verdigris Upper Elementary has embraced the lessons taught in Sean Covey's book, **7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens**. Teachers from RCYS have been working with students in 6th grade throughout the school year, leading students in activities designed to help them thrive at school and at home. Recently, 6th graders took part in a team building activity centered on Habit 6 - "Synergize!" Teams were challenged to build the tallest tower using spaghetti noodles and marshmallows. "Synergize" teaches students to value people's differences, particularly their strengths.

Donor Gives with Kids in Mind

"I believe all children need a voice, no matter their age. They need someone to stand in the gap for them. There are a lot of children who don't have anyone to fight for them. I'm thankful that my contribution is used for the good of children." -- Bonnie Stimson



Meet Bonnie and Terry Stimson, longtime Claremore residents who own two local businesses: Shear Delight Hair Salon and co-own Stimson Bro. Construction. Their three daughters and their husbands have blessed the Stimsons with 14 grandchildren and now 7 great-grandchildren. The pair have been longtime donors to RCYS.

Thanks to the Stimson family for your continued support.



Board Spotlight

Meet Angie Graves and Debbie Butler, two pillars of RCYS, who have each served the organization for 25 years. Some of that time, each has been as board president among many other duties. They are both still active and contributing board members for Rogers County Youth Services and throughout the community. Angie is also active with the Rogers County Salvation Army Board and Debbie serves on the board of Directors for Downtown Development projects, among other volunteer opportunities.

Debbie and Angie have served many years with RCYS' Executive Director and were united in their love and appreciation of him. Angie shared her regard for Herb's "vision and compassion for hurting youth; by offering free counseling to youth in the community." Debbie noted the importance of McSpadden's "...guidance and leadership in the agency and in the community!" She continues, "Having come from a prevention background as a school counselor, "I believe that our mission to provide prevention services to our schools and community is the best way to help our future generations." -Debbie

What do they love to do outside of serving?
Angie enjoys getting together with her family,

cooking and playing competitive corn hole and sharing Jango their community pet Aussie doodle. Angie also enjoys watching movies, Bible studies, and exploring Oklahoma! Debbie enjoys retirement with husband, Bob, of 50 years. She also loves to craft, sew, cook, and spend time outdoors and with her golden retriever, Steele.

The love and work Angie and Debbie have shared with the community in the past 25 years is articulated well in a Mother Teresa quote shared by Angie, "It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving."

Thank you Debbie and Angie for serving and caring for the youth of Rogers County.

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RCYS is a private, not-for-profit 501c3. Our FEIN is 73-1024338. If you are interested in making a legacy gift, we have an endowment fund through the Tulsa Community Foundation. Thank you for considering RCYS for your support.

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