

## Events:

- Virtual General Meeting— Guest speaker Van Taylor about registering voters June 4 | 7 pm
- GCRW Virtual Board Meeting June 16 | 6:30 pm
- Early voting begins June 29 and ends July 10. Runoff election day is July 14
- Lifeline - A Pro-life Conference at Prestonwood Baptist Church | Sept 18: 7-10 pm and Sept 19 - 9 am -12 pm

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## President's Pen:

By Kathy Morgan

How do you kill eleven million people?  
Lie to them.



Americans are fearful, and confused, about what is happening in their country. We understand we are living in a Pandemic, but don't understand how we got here, why we are here, and what is the best way to recover. As Republican women, we work to elect Republicans. The 2020 election is beyond political parties, and *more about what America will look like after this virus is under control*. We will either live in a free market Constitutional America, or a Socialist State.

How do you kill eleven million people? Obviously, most of us have never considered such a thing. What we need to understand is how eleven million people *allowed* themselves to be killed. Why did millions of intelligent human beings – guarded by a few Nazi soldiers – willingly load their families into tens of thousands of cattle rail cars to be transported to concentration camps? The answer is simple, and it is a method still being used by some elected leaders to achieve various goals today. *You lie to them, using propaganda that tells them what they want to hear.*

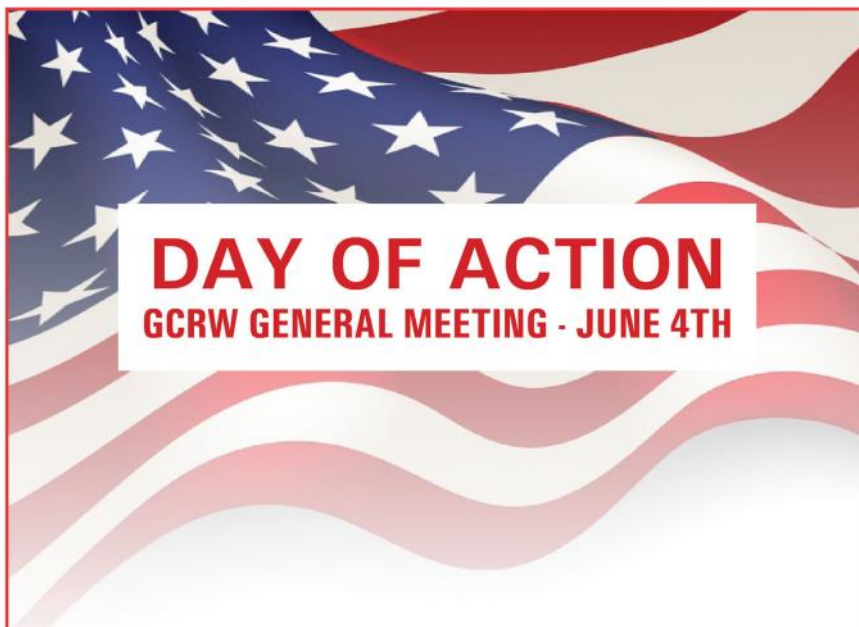
Adolf Hitler rose to power during a time of economic uncertainty in a nation of people longing for better times. Germany was a modern industrialized nation whose well informed citizens enjoyed ready access to information by way of print and radio broadcast media. Hitler was a man of the common people. He vowed rapid change and swift action to counteract the heavy debt Europe had put on Germany after WWI, and the economic depression the Germans were suffering from. Hitler knew that the people did not think, and if he kept the lie big and simple the masses would more easily fall victim to the propaganda. Just keep saying it, and eventually they will keep believing it. Mothers and Fathers held their voices, covered their ears, and closed their eyes. The vast majority of an educated population accepted their salaries and avoided the uncomfortable truth that lingered over them like a serpent waiting to strike. When the Nazi's came for the children in order to indoctrinate them it was too late.

We can't allow ourselves, to become like the German people in the 1930's. Our US and Texas Constitutions give us rights, and we must understand and protect those rights; laws that protect individual freedoms. We could easily follow the path of the German people who did not take the time to think, ask, and challenge what was happening in their country. FEAR is our enemy because we do not think and react rationally. Trust God, and do not fear, because God is sovereign and sees everything that is happening in your life. He loves you and will never leave you, He is what we always need.

(adapted from *How do you kill eleven million people?* By Andy Andrews)

## 2020 Board of Directors


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**DAY OF ACTION**  
**GCRW GENERAL MEETING - JUNE 4TH**

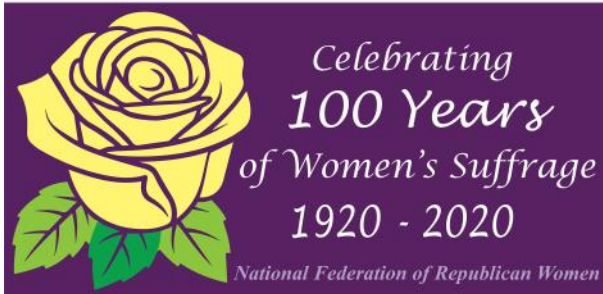
Join us Thursday, June 4th at 7PM – Texas Victory, Trump Victory, and Texas Volunteer Engagement Project will be hosting a Virtual Day of Action with GCRW members and guests to reach unregistered voters across Collin and Denton counties.

Featuring:



**Congressman Van Taylor (CD-03)**

Let's work together to  
**KEEP OUR COUNTIES RED!**



A monthly feature highlighting the events leading to ratification of the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote in America!

**QUESTION:** Who was the first woman elected to Congress in 1916? *See answer below.*

**CHALLENGE:** What stellar Republican Woman was appointed by President Trump to lead the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission? *See answer below.*

*Taken from NFRW May Newsletter*

## PRO-LIFE CORNER

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**WHAT:** *Bella House* BINGO Night Fundraiser

**WHEN:** TBA

**WHAT:** *Bella House* Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser

**WHEN:** TBA

**WHAT:** *Sidewalk Advocates for Life* 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pro-Life Conference

**WHEN:** October 16-18, 2020

**WHERE:** DFW Marriott Airport Hotel, 8440 Freeport Pkwy, Irving

**CONTACT:** [conference@sidewalkadvocates.org](mailto:conference@sidewalkadvocates.org)

**WHAT:** *Catholic Pro-Life Community* Annual Virtual Bishop's Pro-Life Dinner

**CONTACT:** [www.prolifedallas.org](http://www.prolifedallas.org)

**WHAT:** National *40 Days for Life* campaign

**ANSWER:** Jeannette Rankin

**CHALLENGE:** Rebecca Kleefisch



## GCRW Donates to Bella House

Bella House supports expectant mothers in need. GCRW was happy to help by donating \$250. Members who want to donate supplies should look at their list of needs below and drop off at Bella House.

Helping women journey from trauma to stability is the hallmark work of Bella House. A vibrant, faith-based residence for homeless, pregnant women (18 and older) in the DFW area, Bella House forever changes the lives of the mothers who enter their doors. Affirming women who make the choice to give their child life, even in the most difficult of circumstances, is key to their mission.

According to Rosalind Rayford, Senior Case Manager of Bella House, the organization offers a safe haven for pregnant women who are in crisis. "The work we do is essential. Often times, we are the last hope for these women in need." Operating two homes, one in Plano and a second in Dallas, Bella House can provide shelter and care for up to six women and their babies at each location. When a woman enters Bella House, the first step is to attend to their immediate needs, including shelter, food, clothing and baby items. Once those needs are met and the mother feels safe and secure, the work begins. "We want to help heal the moms from the inside out," said Rayford. "We aim to care for them physically, emotionally and spiritually."

Bella House offers evidenced-based programs that educate the women about parenting, nutrition, budgeting, boundary setting, healthy relationships, dignity, adoption and more. The programs provide a structure and security that many of the women have never experienced. "We often take for granted the simple life-lessons that we learn from our families and experiences," said Rayford. "Many of these women come from difficult backgrounds and were never taught the basic skills needed to be a successful parent. We work through those skills and equip the moms to be the best they can for their child."

While living in community at Bella House and learning how to parent, each mom is also expected to work on her education and career goals. Bella House is actively involved in helping women take the next steps in life. Whether connecting moms with specific agencies and resources in the community, providing transportation to job interviews, or helping to secure low-cost housing and education programs, Bella House walks with the women as they work to better their situations. "We want to empower our moms so that they can not only survive, but thrive in their lives once they leave Bella House," said Rayford. Each woman is welcome to stay at Bella House after they have given birth, until they have graduated from the program by completing steps towards their goals. "When our moms are ready to leave Bella House, we want them to be financially stable, spiritually healthy, and emotionally strong. We want them to cultivate a home of their own where they can provide a loving environment and bright future for themselves and their children."

As a registered non-profit organization, Bella House relies solely on private donations. They have experienced generosity of funds, goods and services from both individuals and organizations, and they need consistent support to continue their vital work in the DFW area. For more information and to support the great work done at Bella House, please visit [www.bellahouse.org](http://www.bellahouse.org).

To view the Bella House Amazon Wish List and other current needs, visit: [www.bellahouse.org/material-donations.html](http://www.bellahouse.org/material-donations.html)

Noted Christian Author Gary Chapman gives us good advice on dealing with the stress caused by COVID19 quarantine. Follow the tips listed in his article below, and start feeling like yourself again!

I think it's safe to assume that you've been affected in one way or another by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Not only are we concerned for our health and safety, along with that of our loved ones, but over the last few months we've had to make drastic readjustments to life all around. Schedule changes, close living quarters, and, for some, unemployment and financial collapse have caused much heartache, struggle, and fatigue. To say we are in a time of disruption might be quite an understatement.

In times of great stress, our capacity to handle challenging emotions and external pressures diminishes rapidly. You may have noticed that small things that once didn't bother you have begun to irritate you now. There might be increasing tension in your stomach, or a heaviness on your chest as the days go on. You might even be struggling with symptoms of anxiety, fear, grief, or depression.

Like a car low on gas, it's important to refuel in order to find the energy you need to keep going in a positive emotional direction. So what can you do if you find yourself in such a place?

Here are a few tips:

**Breathe** — When you find yourself at capacity, find a calm, quiet place for a few minutes and [practice deep breathing](#). It will help you relax and does wonders for stress tension.

**Pray or Meditate** — Take a moment to talk to God and release the burden of whatever weight you are carrying to Him. Express gratitude for the relationships in your life. If you are not religious, take five minutes to be silent, and meditate on a few things you are grateful for. Gratitude does wonders for the heart.

**Exercise** — Sometimes you just need to work it out. Start an exercise routine so your body can release endorphins—your brain's "feel-good" neurotransmitters. These endorphins are also known as the body's natural pain killers. If you feel better physically, you will be able to handle stress better when it sneaks up on you.

**Sleep** — If you find you are simply cranky and cloudy, chances are you may be sleep deprived. Try going to bed at an earlier time, and seek to get at least eight hours of sleep. The more rested your body feels, the more capable you'll be in dealing with the stress sneaking up on you.

These are just a few ways you can begin to combat the stresses you may be experiencing in your life right now. They may not change your circumstances entirely, but they may help to increase your capacity to handle those things in a healthier way. So put them into practice. You'll likely find yourself feeling a bit more like yourself, and even more present for the people you love.

-- Kathy Morgan

## GCRW and Collin County GOP Blood Drive



Golden Corridor RW and Collin County GOP with the assistance of TFRW Kerri Kingsbery, held a successful Blood Drive at Collin County GOP Headquarters on May 30, 2020. We had a wonderful response with 45 appointments made (maximum). We collected a high number of badly needed units of blood.

Abraham George CCGOP, State Senator Angela Paxton, Kerri Kingsbery TFRW, and Kathy Morgan President of GCRW supporting Red Cross Workers.

Kerri Kingsbery TFRW, checking in Blood Donors

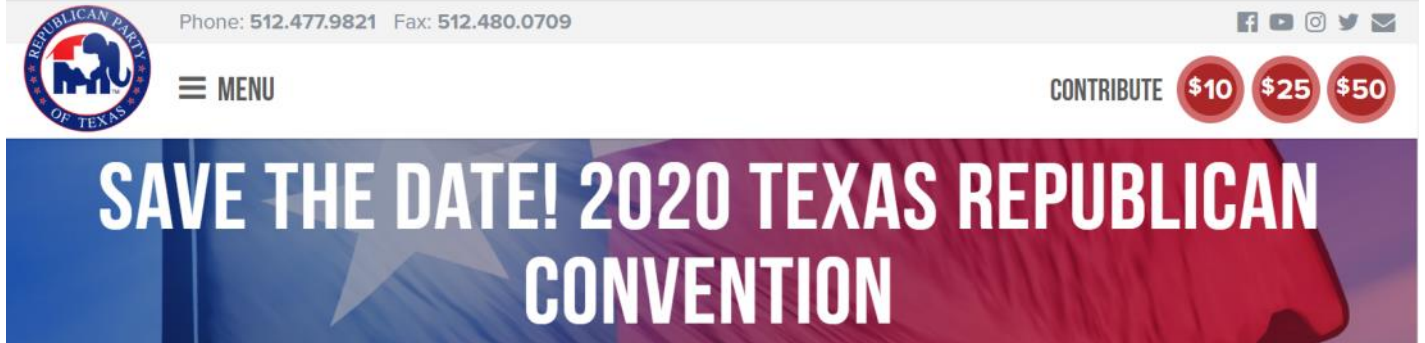


Having so much fun while enjoying the great weather. Thanks for the group selfie Senator Paxton!!

GCRW in partnership with Collin County Sheriff's Office is using "File Of Life" as their Caring for America project. Approximately 150 "File Of Life" packets were given to Blood Donors, Red Cross workers, and Republican Women at the Blood Drive. File Of Life gives individuals a place to record their health information and attach it to their refrigerator as well as carry it in their wallet or handbag for an emergency situation. Fire and Police look for a File of Life so they are able to correctly treat those with an emergency health circumstance.

Finishing up a successful event. Thanks to all our Volunteers!





The 2020 Texas State Republican Convention will be held July 16 – 18 in Houston at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

### [Registration is NOW OPEN!](#)

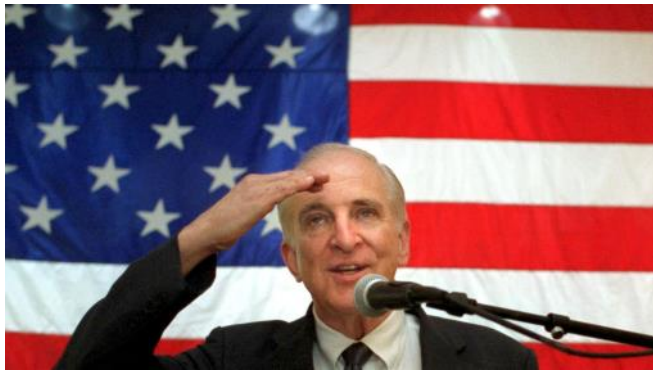
- To receive your credentials you will present your confirmation email with the unique barcode, along with a Photo ID at the registration area in the exhibit hall at the convention center.
- You will be given your credentials, a program, and a souvenir convention bag.
- No paper tickets are issued; the bar code on your credentials will serve as your ticket to the

### About RPT Conventions

The following is a full description of the Republican Party of Texas convention process beginning with the Primary Election and ending with the State Convention. The 2020 Convention will held at the George R. Brown Convention Center in Houston July 16th-18th.

- [Delegate One-Pager](#) — this one-page PDF download gives an overview of conventions
- Video Trainings — Terry Holcomb, Operations Director
- [Tier One](#)
- [Tier Two](#)
- [Tier Three](#)

More information can be found at <https://www.texasgop.org/rpt-conventions/>



## Sam Johnson, Vietnam POW who became long-time Texas congressman, dies at age 89

The staunch conservative served 28 years in Congress and spent seven years in the “Hanoi Hilton” after being shot down.

May 27, 2020 | Nick Swartsell

*Taken from Dallas News website*

(6/24/01) - Congressman Sam Johnson, a Veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War, salutes the crowd of Korean War veterans and family members after he spoke to them during a 50th anniversary commemoration of the Korean War at the Dallas VA Medical Center in June 2001. Johnson was a POW in Vietnam for 7 years. (Chris Hamilton / Special Contributor)

WASHINGTON — Retired Congressman Sam Johnson, a conservative stalwart whose service to country spanned seven years as a prisoner of war and a long stint in the House, died Wednesday in Plano of natural causes. He was 89.

The Plano Republican packed multiple careers into a life defined by endurance, patriotism and sacrifice.

He served 28 years in Congress, from a special election in May 1991 to his retirement in January 2019, after 29 years as an Air Force fighter pilot. He saw combat in two wars — surviving torture and deprivation at the infamous Hanoi Hilton with a mangled hand and other scars — and a bright tenure in politics.

Among his captors, Johnson quickly gained a reputation for stubbornness. Despite extreme pressure, he refused to reveal military secrets or pen “repentance” letters that could be used in North Vietnamese propaganda.

His military career earned him enough distinction and accolades for a lifetime. After his release from North Vietnam, he ran the Air Force Fighter Weapons School, the so-called “Top Gun” institute that turns out some of the country’s best fighter pilots. Later, during his tenure in the U.S. House, Johnson’s diehard nature worked to his advantage, and sometimes to his detriment.

He served as a deputy whip, counting Republican votes, and sat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, where he chaired a subcommittee tasked with oversight of Social Security and pensions.

His family announced his death on Facebook: “It is with a heavy heart that the family of Congressman Sam Johnson announces his passing earlier today in Plano, Texas. Sam Johnson was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend, as well as a mentor, patriot, and American hero whose sacrifices will never be forgotten. He is now with his beloved wife, Shirley, and their son, Bob. Together they are reunited in their eternal home with Jesus Christ. More details and information will be forthcoming, but for today we ask for your prayers.”

Former President George W. Bush said: “Laura and I join our community giving thanks for the life of Sam Johnson. He served our country with dignity for nearly 30 years in the United States Congress. Prior to that, the former fighter pilot admirably served the United States in both the Korean War and Vietnam, where he survived seven brutal years as a prisoner of war at the Hanoi Hilton. Laura and I are grateful for this man of humility and patriotism, and we take comfort knowing that he is with his beloved wife, Shirley, again.”

Gov. Greg Abbott called Johnson **“a fearless patriot and an American hero [who] dedicated his life to our nation and the state of Texas”** and said, “He bravely served as a fighter pilot in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and his profound sacrifice is something Texans will never forget.”

Rep. Van Taylor, a Plano Republican who succeeded Johnson in Congress, noted that despite 42 months in solitary confinement and ongoing torture, “Sam never broke and never wavered in his commitment to his country.”

“Sam Johnson was a legend — a real life legend,” Taylor said. **“Congressman Johnson will forever be enshrined as the embodiment of an American hero and has given our next generation a role model to emulate.”**

The rest of the article can be found on <https://www.dallasnews.com/news/politics/2020/05/27/longtime-texas-congressman-sam-johnson-pow-in-vietnam-dies-at-age-89/>





## Texas AG asks Supreme Court to order election officials to reject mail ballots from people scared to catch COVID-19

FILE - In this June 22, 2017, file photo, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton speaks at a news conference in Dallas. Records reviewed by The Associated Press show that an exclusive group of Texans stood to benefit when Paxton, urged a small Colorado county to reverse a public health order during the coronavirus outbreak. Paxton this month told Gunnison County that banning Texans from their property in Colorado during the outbreak was unconstitutional. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez, File)(Tony Gutierrez)

The move is the latest by Texas officials in an ongoing legal battle over how to vote safely during a global pandemic.

May 13, 2020 | James Barragan

*Taken from Dallas News website*

AUSTIN — Attorney General Ken Paxton on Wednesday asked the Texas Supreme Court to order election officials in several counties to reject mail ballot applications from people who fear catching the coronavirus during in-person voting.

The motion specifically mentioned election officials in Dallas, Cameron, El Paso, Harris and Travis counties.

"Each misapplication of Texas election law damages the integrity of our elections and increases the risk of voter fraud. In-person voting is the surest way to prevent voter fraud and guarantee that every voter is who they claim to be and has a fair opportunity to cast their vote," Paxton said in a statement. "It is unfortunate that certain county election officials have refused to perform their duties and have instead unlawfully gone beyond the Legislature's determination of who is eligible to vote by mail. My office will continue to defend the integrity of Texas's election laws."

Earlier this month, the Dallas County Commissioners Court [voted](#) to allow mail ballots for county residents who are under 65 but fear exposure to the coronavirus. Paxton almost immediately responded that the county was acting "unlawfully."

Dallas County Commissioner John Wiley Price, a Democrat who represents southern Dallas and sponsored the resolution to expand mail voting said Wednesday he had not seen Paxton's request. Still, he said it was "prudent" to move forward with voting by mail.

"All the surveys say that most people want to vote by mail," he said. "We're just taking a page out of the Republicans' book — it used to be mantra."

Paxton's request is the latest move in an ongoing legal battle over how to vote safely during a global pandemic. Urgency to resolve the issue has grown as the July 14 primary runoffs draw closer. The state's lawyers asked the Supreme Court to respond to its petition within 14 days.

The Texas Democratic Party and voting rights groups successfully [sued](#) the state to force election officials to allow mail ballots for people who feared catching COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, if they voted in-person. Paxton appealed that ruling last month and has now asked the state's highest court to prevent local officials from allowing mail ballots for people whose only qualification for mail voting would be fear of exposure to the virus.

Democrats bristled at Paxton's latest action.

"After a month of thousands of mail in ballot requests sent by Texans who are under the age of 65, Paxton now wants to upset the election process," said Chad Dunn, the party's general counsel. "Apparently, none of the counties agree with Ken Paxton's view that everybody under age 65 has to vote in person during a pandemic and the court shouldn't either. The Legislature provided for vote by mail in these pandemic circumstances."

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (cont.)

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"Whether the state courts or the federal courts resolve the matter, a citizen's right to vote will be protected," he said.

In April, State District Judge Tim Sulak, a Democrat, ruled that people who feared exposure to the coronavirus during in-person voting qualified to vote by mail through the state election code's disability clause.

Paxton, a Republican, has argued that fear alone does not qualify a voter for a mail ballot. Only people with an illness or physical disability that would prevent them from going to the polls qualify under the disability clause, state attorneys argued.

Paxton appealed Sulak's ruling to the Fourteenth Court of Appeals in Houston, arguing that Sulak did not have jurisdiction to issue such a ruling. He has asked that court to vacate Sulak's order and dismiss the case.

Earlier this month, Paxton told election officials across the state that Sulak's order was stayed during the appeal and that they could be [punished](#) for offering mail ballots to people who feared exposure to the virus.

The plaintiffs in the case said the order remained in place and said Paxton needed a judicial order to be able to enforce any punishment.

Paxton said actions by election officials to expand mail voting were "not only unlawful; they are unnecessary" because the state is already taking precautions for voting during the pandemic. Earlier this week, Gov. Greg Abbott extended the early voting period by a week to begin June 29, and allowed for the extension of early voting hours in any election scheduled for July 14, the date of the primary runoffs.

Next week, Secretary of State Ruth R. Hughs will announce recommendations for protecting poll workers and voters, Paxton said.

"State officials, in other words, are working diligently to preserve the integrity of elections by safeguarding in-person voting," he wrote. "Respondents seek to undermine those efforts."

The battle over the expansion of mail voting has fallen under party lines in the last decade, with Republicans saying the practice leads to increased voter fraud and Democrats saying it extends the franchise to underrepresented populations. Voting rights experts say voter fraud is minimal and does not happen on a large-scale.

The Texas Democratic Party has also filed suit in federal court to force the state to expand mail-in voting.

The legal battle does not have an impact on other qualifications for voting by mail, which are: being over 65 years old, being away from a place of residence during a voting period and being in jail.

*Staff writer Nic Garcia in Dallas contributed to this report.*



## Commissioners Court launches 'Collin Cares' recovery plan

May 13, 2020

*Taken from Collin County Texas Government website*

The [Collin CARES site](#) for eligibility and requirement on family and individual assistance programs, and municipal assistance is up and running. This is where residents and town officials will soon be able to apply for assistance.

The Collin County Commissioners Court on Monday adopted the 'Collin Cares' recovery plan to assist families and individuals impacted by COVID-19. The county plan provides direct financial assistance for housing, utilities, and groceries; as well as funding for COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment, and cities' COVID-19 costs and recovery efforts.

The funds come from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which provided more than \$171 million in federal aid to Collin County. The funding provides relief for family and government costs incurred from March 1 through the end of the year.

Under Collin Cares, the Commissioners Court is providing:

- \$3 million for COVID-19 testing for uninsured individuals
- \$5 million for personal protective equipment (PPE)
- \$45 million for housing (rent and mortgage), utilities, and food assistance
- \$5 million to help re-stock local food pantries
- \$50 million to cities for COVID-19 costs and recovery efforts
- \$40 million for county COVID-19 costs

Additionally, the Commissioners Court has reserved \$23 million for future costs.

Collin Cares will provide up to \$2,500 in monthly financial assistance to each qualifying household, with a maximum of four months of eligibility. Dallas residents who live in Collin County must apply for assistance through the City of Dallas, which has also received relief funds under the CARES Act.

Officials are also finalizing plans for expanded COVID-19 testing options in the county.

Additional program details will be released soon, with assistance available retroactively to March 1. Program details will be shared at [www.collincountytx.gov](http://www.collincountytx.gov) as they become available.

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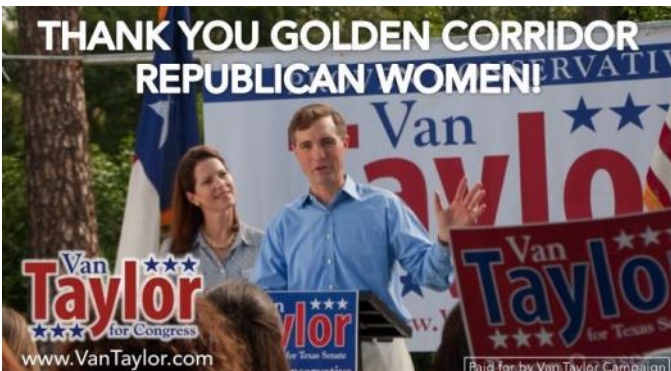
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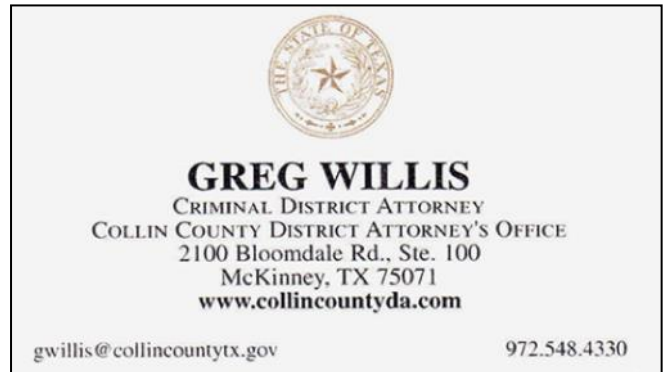
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