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FORT WORTH'S NEWEST FINE CRAFT & ART FESTIVAL, ART WORTH, ANNOUNCES FEATURED ARTISTS

Art Worth Begins October 21 for Three Days on the North Lawn in Front of Will Rogers Memorial Center

Fort Worth, Texas – September 28, 2022...The newest juried Fort Worth art festival, [Art Worth](#), taking place October 21, 22, and 23 in Fort Worth's Cultural District, has announced participating [fine craft and fine art artists for 2022](#):

Cathra-Anne Barker	Sharon Johnston	Jennifer Ivory	Craig Roderick
Randall Case	Jonathon Stopper	Scott Diven	David Shue
Brady Willette	Catherine Geyer	George Jones	Kelly Langley
Scott Swezy	Bernadette Szajna	Boubakary Konseimbo	Lewis Tardy
Frank Sowell Jr.	Hanna de Volska	Barbara Marcus-McKenna	John Powell
Wayne Wise	Fred Tate	Melissa Gates	Jim Brightwell
Jeanne Akita	Katherine Likos	Sabrina Siebert	Mark Wallis
Pamela England	Cathie Jacobs	Mark Gates	Gedion Nyanhongo
Dan LaChaussee	Devin Johnson	Darien Bogart	Robert Wing
Lynn Greenwade	Craig McMillin	Helene Bernhard Little	Jon Welborn
Andrew Knust	Lisa Tarplee	Nathan Novack	Rick Wright
Pamela Summers	Greg Brown	John Saunders	
Richard Meyer	Conner Trayson	Jeremy Serna	
Lawrence Pile	Leila Wilson	Jin Powell	
Suzette Nesbitt	H.C. Porter	Greg Davis	

Artists were selected in May by a [distinguished panel of local art professionals](#).

The event will take place on the lawn in front of [Will Rogers Memorial Center](#), directly across from the [Kimbrell Museum](#) and the [Amon Carter Art Museum](#). Hours on Friday and Saturday are 10am to 6pm; Sunday's hours are 11am to 4pm. Produced by the Memphis-based nonprofit [ArtWorks Foundation](#), [Art Worth](#) is Fort Worth's newest art festival. The festival is free and open to the public.

"Art Worth promises to be an ideal venue for these remarkable artists to present their works for local and visiting guests," said Greg Belz, executive director for ArtWorks Foundation. "This will be a truly immersive experience celebrating new works in the heart of Fort Worth's cultural treasures."

According to Belz, there will be opportunities for collectors to add to their collections and for all visitors to enjoy demonstrations of fine craft skills and conversations with the artists, live classical music and a range of food and wine offerings.

Belz said he chose the Cultural District location over a year ago, influenced by the verdant outdoor setting, comfortable October weather, plus proximity to renowned museums, restaurants, theaters, and other arts institutions. There is ample [parking](#) nearby.

The festival seeks to heighten general appreciation for and understanding of art, according to Belz.

Supporting Art Worth are a number of local businesses and organizations including [Central Market](#), [Fort Worth Magazine](#), [CW33 KDFW](#), [HANK FM 92.1](#), [The RANCH 95.9 FM](#), [Wells Fargo Advisors](#), and [Crates + Kelly Group](#), among others. Multiple sponsorship and donation levels are still available; visit Art Worth's [sponsorship listing](#) for details.

"Everyone can expect a full weekend of art, craft, music, food, and more," Belz added. "Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and make a day (or three days) of it."

Visit Art Worth on [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#), and their [website](#).

The ArtWorks Foundation helps artists grow in their business and their work through programs, exhibitions, and education initiatives, including scholarships for advanced study workshops at fine craft schools. The organization is looking for a future permanent center for fine craft in Texas and hopes to establish an endowment to fund Emergency Relief Grants that can help artists resume careers derailed by disasters or catastrophic illness. For more: <https://artworks.foundation>.

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NEWS FROM CAREGIVER, INC.

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Caregiver, Inc. Launches College Internship Program, Recruits Top Texas Students from Six Universities

(Fort Worth, TX...) Mark Lashley, President and CEO of Caregiver, Inc., a leading provider of services to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), has announced that the company has created a competitive college internship program for the next generation of servant leaders in its Fort Worth headquarters and support center office. The first interns are now completing their summer with the organization of over 3500 employees in four states.

Chief Human Resources Officer Dau Tucker and her team led program design, curriculum development and recruitment of the first class of participants. According to Ms. Tucker, for the inaugural 2019 summer session, Caregiver received over 50 applicants, conducted 35 interviews, and ultimately hired six students from across the state of Texas to work for a summer in accounting, operations, HR, and mergers and acquisitions.



“As the next generation of talented and compassionate students graduate and enter the workforce, we want them to think of Caregiver first as an employer of choice,” said Ms. Tucker. “It was important that we offered challenging and meaningful work, leaving each intern feeling that they have contributed to our mission and made an impact on the lives of others. Caregiver is an ideal employer for people who want their careers to align with a [mission driven organization](#) that serves an important and vulnerable population of individuals in our communities.”

- Caregiver’s summer 2019 class of interns:
Casey Anthony - University: [UTA](#), Major: Finance, 2019/2020 Year: Junior, 2019/2020 Year: Senior, Caregiver Department: Accounts Payable
- Collin Curry - University: [Baylor](#), Major: Accounting, 2019/2020 Year: Senior, Caregiver Department: Mergers and Acquisitions
- Briane Emerson - University: [Texas Woman’s University](#), Major: Finance, 2019/2020 Year: Senior, Caregiver Department: HR and Operations
- Savannah Rodricks - University: [Texas A&M](#), Major: Communications, 2019/2020 Year: Junior, Caregiver Department: HR
- Yan Rodriguez - University: [Texas Wesleyan University](#), Major: Accounting, 2019/2020 Year: Senior, Caregiver Department: Accounts Payable



- Alex Wallace - University: [TCU](#), Major: Economics, 2019/2020 Year: Senior, Caregiver Department: Accounting

After Caregiver's human resources team cultivated relationships with universities across Texas, they successfully attracted conscientious, hard-working students looking for hands-on professional experience in a thoughtful, helpful environment.



Briane Emerson

"We want our students to learn what it's like to work in a business that serves individuals with IDD, to help them better see and serve their neighbors," commented Ms. Tucker. "As well, we want to aid them as they make their next steps and decisions in their coursework and careers."

A senior at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Briane Emerson's Caregiver human resources and operations internship opened her eyes to a new career path.

"I wanted to apply my college coursework and help make a difference in people's lives," said Ms. Emerson. "This summer, I loved my work here so much, I'm considering shifting from finance to recruiting."



Casey Anthony

Casey Anthony, a junior at University of Texas at Arlington, was drawn to Caregiver's mission of helping individuals with IDD reach their potential and live with dignity.

"In the accounting/accounts payable department, I supported a variety of departments while also taking on special projects," said Mr. Anthony. "I've learned so much from my mentors here, and I'm humbled by Caregiver's work and the people they serve."

Caregiver's interns reported that the company provided them with practical, real-world experience they can take back to school as they complete their studies. As well, the company has enlightened them about fellow citizens too often marginalized, overlooked or forgotten.

"My work here made me think twice about our world and the individuals who really need help from great companies like Caregiver," Mr. Anthony concluded.

The 2019 internship class was asked if they would recommend Caregiver's program to future intern candidates, and the response was a resounding, "Yes." For students seeking a corporate office where the focus is on professional skills development and servant leadership, Caregiver offers an enjoyable, supportive environment. To apply for future internship opportunities, contact Tiffany Burns, Senior Talent Acquisition Consultant at (386) 383-6390 or Tiffany.Burns@cg-idd.com.

About Caregiver

[Caregiver, Inc.](#), is a privately held company with over 3500 employees within the headquarters support group and branded affiliates in four states. They provide a wide range of intermediate, home and community care services to nearly 2800 individuals who qualify as developmentally or intellectually disabled or are impacted by related conditions. Formed in 2015, Caregiver headquarters are at 4800 Overton Plaza, Suite 440, Fort Worth, Texas 76109; (800) 299-5161. Visit cg-idd.com.

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CAREGIVER, INC. SETS 2020 EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS PROGRAM GOALS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES THEY SERVE IN TEXAS



Emily and Megan depart for work at Marshall's in Granbury.

Fulfilling Work Adds Meaning, Income

When Texans want to work, isn't it important for them to have an opportunity to do so? Fort Worth-based [Caregiver, Inc.](#) believes the answer is an emphatic, "Yes!"

Caregiver provides services and supports to people with [intellectual and developmental \(IDD\) disabilities](#) through Medicaid waiver programs, over 2300 in Texas alone. The company also has operations in three additional states. Through home and community-based services, Caregiver in Texas empowers individuals to carry out their passions and desires in the workplace through a signature program – Employment Supports.

"It sounds simple to say, but work is an important part of all our lives," said Amanda Corrigan, Vice President of Operational Excellence at Caregiver's operations support center in Fort Worth.



"It's beyond gratifying when you can help an individual rise above challenges and move into a fulfilling, progress-oriented situation."

Debbie Youngblood
North Texas
Regional Director,
Caregiver, Inc.

"Just like any one of us, people facing disability challenges also want to learn new skills, make money, have a sense of accomplishment and contribute to their community. We're here to support them at every stage: from job seeking, to training, and the employment stability process."

In 2018 alone, employed individuals Caregiver served in Texas earned a cumulative \$300,000 in community workplace employment. The company aims to raise that figure by 2020. To that end, [Caregiver's four Texas regional directors and 18 area directors](#) met late last year to define clear targets.

"We want to see wages up by 20 percent to \$360,000 by year-end 2020," Corrigan said. "That can mean more individuals in the workplace and more income for those who are already working."

Caregiver's support systems and programming evolve on an ongoing basis. Interestingly, a driving force in advancing Employment Supports has also been spurred by an uptick in interest from individuals who want to find a job. As it is for anyone looking for work, a critical component for those Caregiver serves is getting a good fit.

Caregiver's Employment Supports process begins with assigning a support manager to work directly with an individual to assess capabilities, set a tone of optimism and infuse a can-do attitude.

Then, the support manager researches appropriate job options in the community. After sharing identified options with individuals and guardians or families, the support manager talks to employers. If an opening is identified, the support manager preps the individual and schedules an interview, provides transportation then coaches and shadows the new employee at work when hired.



"By doing everything we can to find ideal job placements that are workable in the community, our support managers are making a huge difference in the lives of individuals," said Kathy Griffith (left), Caregiver's South Regional

Director in San Antonio. "Bosses get reassurance that at any particular work site, we will provide a high level of support."

Griffith stressed that there is no separate funding stream, while job support services are not billable but are nevertheless critical to mission. Equally important is a community job pool for opportunities. That's why she is dedicated to sharing their success stories. When individuals with IDD challenges are recognized for the achievements that they have gained, the stage is set to inspire prospective employers.

"We want all our employment partners – like McDonald's in Sugarland and so many others – to know that we are here to help make each employment engagement a success," Griffith said.

Facilitated by outstanding partners such as McDonald's, Texas Tech University, Marshalls Department Stores and others who have stepped up their hiring of persons with disabilities, Caregiver is optimistic about their 2020 targets. Here are a few current success stories:

West Texas Regional Director Kirk Coates in Lubbock shared the story of **Jonathan Morales** (right), a Lubbock resident with a great love for Texas Tech football. Morales has been receiving services through Daybreak Community Services for the past seven years. A young man who has experienced a lifetime



of disabilities, he has, with Daybreak's support, experienced much success overcoming barriers. Early on as he prepared for community employment, Morales completed a three-year stint at Market Street Supermarket as a sacker before he lost that job, and, therefore, his schedule and paycheck.

Daily frustrations mounted. No one questioned Jonathan's work ethic. Yet, was there a company that would give him a chance to show his abilities? There was. In fact, it was a university.

Daybreak was able to place him in a job in a work environment in which he could excel, right on the campus of Texas Tech University.

Today, Morales is a lobby attendant, food prep and dishwasher at [The Commons](#), with a red and black uniform and an increase in pay.



"I love my new job, and I am very happy to be working again," Morales (pictured above) beamed. "The best part of working at The Commons is being able to attend Texas Tech University home games for free."

Another shining example is **Andrew Smith** (below), a resident of Sugarland. Smith lived in a group home beginning in November 2017. He struggled with mental



illness, acting out and nearly losing his placement there and in a subsequent location, as well. He also was having problems at his dayhab facility.

After a thorough series of [telepsychiatry](#) and local group sessions – far superior for Smith, as he was anxious about outside appointments, his

behavior improved, and he began to understand that medication compliance would help him reach his goal of employment. Kimberly Williams and her Daybreak staff and the Texas Employment Supports program got in motion. Within a year, Smith went on a job interview and was offered a job at a McDonald's franchise. With positive experiences driving his dedication, he now calls his

employer independently to receive his weekly schedule and arrives in his freshly pressed uniform to do a job that he greatly enjoys. Along with a paycheck, Smith has an increased level of confidence and self-esteem and an improved outlook on life.

In North Texas, **Emily Kidd and Megan Smith** both live with six other young ladies in Granbury House, a group home with [Southern Concepts](#) about 30 miles from Fort Worth. Gina Graham is their home coordinator.

With the help of Graham's staff and in cooperation with [Texas Workforce Commission's Vocational Rehabilitation Division](#), Megan and Emily (pictured left) found out about an opportunity at Marshall's Department Store.

To prepare, they began nine months of careful training and instruction at their Granbury house and in their day habilitation facility.



The Texas Workforce Commission's Tommy Provost worked to ensure that Emily and Megan knew how to greet the public, how to dress properly for work, and how to respond in an interview. They were ready.

The young women soon began working at Granbury's Marshall's Department Store in Granbury.

This is just a beginning. Emily wishes to become more financially independent so that she does not have to rely on her family for monetary support. Megan is thinking in terms of a retail career.



"Without the help of LesleyAnne, Kaytlin, Pam, Melinda and Gina," stressed Megan, "I would not have had the tools to accomplish this."

Social media has helped expose accomplishments, and the company wants more people across the state to know about them. As awareness grows, Caregiver anticipates further expansion and enhanced Employment Supports across the state.

"It's beyond gratifying when you can help an individual rise above challenges and move into a fulfilling, progress-oriented situation," adds North Texas Regional Director Debbie Youngblood (pictured right).



"This program is a result of the efforts of all our team members working in many areas of support for the people we serve," she emphasizes. "As Caregiver exceeds industry standards, those we serve reap the benefits."

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