

## 2022-2023 DOK Service Project

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It seems that many of our Chapters are well underway in creating backpacks for children that are served by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DPFS). These backpacks will go to the DPFS' Rainbow Rooms. Rainbow Rooms are 24/7 resource centers usually located within local Child Protective Services (CPS) offices. In the Rainbow Room, Child Protective Service caseworkers can get supplies for children who are victims of abuse or neglect - clothing, school supplies, diapers, and much more. They only accept new items and recommend they include personal hygiene items, toys and children's books, new clothing, colors and a coloring book and a small flash light. If you are creating the backpack for infants, you may include diapers, baby wipes, and a baby blanket. Please label the backpack so the staff will know what age group the backpack was created for. The age groups are infants to 2 years; 3 to 10 years; 11 to teen years. There is not a set list so let your heart be the guide. Your Chapter may have a local agency such as CASA or Foster Angels that they wish to support. Again, please feel free to choose an agency that is in your local community that you know will be blessed by these backpacks.

Below is a list of contact names, phone numbers and email addresses for each DPFS region in our Diocese. Please remember these individuals are very busy so it may take them some time to get back to you. The best way to contact them is by email.

Area	Name	Phone Number	Email Address
Dallas/Fort Worth	Doniqua Lewis	(512) 788-4961	Doniqua.Lewis2 @dfps.texas.gov
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Dallas/Fort Worth	Elna Chester	(817) 255-8825	elna.chester@dfps.texas.gov
Tyler	Starla Abraham	(214) 796-1267	REG03WFBCE@dfps.texas.gov
Beaumont	Angel Gillispie	(936) 553-1604	Angel.Gillispie2@dfps.texas.gov
Beaumont	Alicia Jinkerson	(409) 504-6390	Alicia.Jinkerson@dfps.texas.gov
Houston	Brenda Oliver	(713) 412-9947	Brenda.Oliver@dfps.texas.gov
Houston	Sabdy Castro	(713) 501-1106	Sabdy.Castro@dfps.texas.gov
Austin	Brenda Jones	(512) 834-3851	brenda.jones@dfps.texas.gov

Our prayers should be with the children who receive these backpacks. Please remember to pray over the backpacks as you create them, pray for the workers as you deliver them and keep the children in your prayers always! Bless you for serving with the Daughters of the King.