

PLANO

# Firefighters raise \$13,400 in pink T-shirt campaign

SUBMITTED STORY

The Plano Firefighters Association presented the Susan G. Komen North Texas with a \$13,400 check on Nov. 9 from the proceeds of their recent pink T-shirt campaign.

Plano firefighters sold more than 2,000 shirts this year, which far surpassed last year's sales and helped increase the amount to be donated to Susan G. Komen North Texas.

The increase in sales is partly thanks to two people: Fox 4 anchor Lauren Przybyl and Plano Senior High School student Emily Huang.

Przybyl, who hosts Fox 4 Good Day, assisted the firefighters in sales by marketing the shirts on various social media outlets.

"When I contacted Lauren about helping us advertise the shirts on social media, she immediately showed interest and was eager to help," said PFA vice president Wesley Holland. "She definite-

ly made an impact on the reach and sales of these shirts. It's fun to see local celebrities get involved in such a great cause."

Huang reached out to Holland and said she wanted to sell shirts to students at her school.

"Emily enjoyed the help she received from the Plano firefighters during her time riding out with the Fire Department, and she wanted to give back," Holland said.

Huang sold more than 60 shirts to fellow faculty and students.

Both Huang and Przybyl were at the check presentation.

"It wasn't a hard decision to invite both Lauren and Emily to join us when we presented the check to the Susan G. Komen North Texas," Holland said. "Due to their hard work they didn't just help raise money, they also raised awareness for breast cancer."

*Information provided by the Plano Firefighters Association.*

WYLIE

# City to use \$500,000 grant for hike, bike trail

SUBMITTED STORY

Wylie was recently awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Collin County Parks and Open Space Program, which will be used for 6,700 additional linear feet of 12-foot-wide concrete hike and bike trail in the East Meadow of the Wylie Municipal Complex.

The East Meadow trail will connect with the trail that opened earlier this year, also funded by a Collin County Parks and Open Space grant. Together, they will form a loop of almost two miles. Included will be a pedestrian bridge, parking lot off of Brown Street, solar trail lighting, litter receptacles, trail benches and trail signage and markings.

"We are grateful for the support of our county officials and for their partnership as we work to provide even more amenities for the citizens in our community," said Mayor Eric Hogue. "This will be a true benefit, promoting wellness and healthy living."

The trail system's close proximity to the Municipal Complex provides opportunities to create programs and activities that incorporate the Smith Library and Wylie Recreation Center. The East Meadow trail will connect to a 200-home neighborhood to the east of the Municipal Complex, making it possible for residents to walk or bike to the library, recreation center or City Hall completely on the trail without having to cross any major roads.

Public Services Director Mike Sferra said he's pleased the city will once again work in partnership with Collin County.

"Our team looks forward to working with the county on enhancing the trail system," he said.

Currently, the Blackland Prairie Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists is assisting the city in restoring native prairie conditions to the meadow north of the complex.

*Information provided by Judy Truesdell on behalf of the city of Wylie.*

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