



Texas Beacons  
of Excellence

Newsletter: May 2023

## Announcements

- Partnership with Amarillo ISD to begin training in August of 2023.
- Partnership with Goodwill-Dallas.
- Partnership with U & I Spread the Light.
- TBE is bridging the gap and locating more sites to partner with in the state of Texas.

## Upcoming Events

Texas-APSE Conference:  
October 2-4, 2023  
[txapse.org/](https://txapse.org/)

Texas Rehabilitation  
Association Annual Conference:  
September 6-8, 2023  
[txrehabassoc.org/eye](https://txrehabassoc.org/eye)

## Informative Links

Job Accommodation Network:  
[askjan.org](https://askjan.org)

Texas APSE:  
[txapse.org](https://txapse.org)

Interested in presenting at the first annual Texas APSE conference? Submit your proposal on their website!

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## Texas Beacons of Excellence in the Community...

During the last week of May, the UNT WISE team, TWC-VR partners, and VCU partners completed the initial round of site visits; bridging partnerships with Amarillo ISD, Goodwill-Dallas, and U&I Spread the Light. In Amarillo, TBE partners visited all four of the high schools, observed programming in place, and met with staff/leadership and students. It was great to hear about the students vocational interests and see such supportive staff.

TBE partners also visited Goodwill Dallas to observe the subminimum wage work that occurs at this facility, learn more about the organization and meet with leadership. The team also had an opportunity to visit with the 14c participants and gain insight on their employment goals. The week ended with a final visit to U & I Spread the Light in Dallas, TX (pictured above). Partners met with leadership and staff, observed the contract work participants completed, and spoke with the 14c participants about working in the community.

Overall, the week was full of great discussions and the team is very excited to make an impact on subminimum wage employment for people with significant disabilities in the state of Texas!