

Highlights of Activities of the Bivins Foundations

1935: Mary Elizabeth "Granny" Bivins writes letter to her grandchildren, laying the financial groundwork for what would eventually become the Mary E. Bivins Foundation.

1949: Mary E. Bivins Foundation established

1952: Elizabeth Jane Bivins Home for the Aged built and dedicated

1954: First scholarship given to a young student pursuing an education to become a minister

1960s: Foundation plays key role in development of Amarillo Medical Center

1965: Foundation awards significant grant to High Plains Baptist Hospital to establish the Bivins Center for Rehabilitation and Chronic Diseases

1968: Bivins Memorial Nursing Home dedicated and opens

1970s: Amarillo Senior Citizens Association organized with financial assistance from the Foundation

1970s: Elizabeth Jane Bivins Home expands

1978: Jan Werner Adult Day Care Center opens with funding from the Foundation

1987: Bivins Memorial Nursing Home completes a 72-bed addition

1988: Foundation provides financial assistance for the Bivins Senior Center, located in the Wesley Community Center

1990s: Foundation continues to aid and assist numerous organizations throughout the 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle

1996: The Mary E. Bivins Foundation Board of Directors establishes a Foundation office with paid staff

2001: Bivins Village, an independent living community for low-income seniors opens

2007: Bivins Village Phase II opens with 60 additional apartments

2007: Childers Place opens as a nursing and memory care facility featuring an innovative "neighborhood" concept of living

2007: Elizabeth Jane Bivins Culinary Center opens as a state-of-the-art food production kitchen utilizing "cook-chill" technology with the capability of preparing 2500+ meals per day

2008: Bivins Memorial Nursing Home expansion and renovation completed

2008: Grant and Scholarship awards and disbursements totaled \$2 million