

Mural Project Goal: Our goal through our mural project was to create, through artistic expression, a

reminder that we are a community that cares about its people and fosters a spirit of resilience. It will represent roadmaps of success and celebrate those who have braved those steps and now stand on the other side as a beacon to others. The building looks amazing, and definitely draws attention as people drive by. We have had amazing community volunteer involvement and news coverage as well.



Symbolism Word pictures create the story of social issues solved through Panhandle Community

Services and inspire others to action. A stirring part of the new mural is the wording "Inspire Community Action". Sections of the mural represent icons of our programs, hands raised to volunteer represent our RSVP program (Retired Senior Volunteers) which facilitates 751 volunteers at sites across the Panhandle. A bee carrying pollen symbolizes that PCS is making deposits of resources as a catalyst for change and growth in the lives of community members across the top 26 counties of Texas. A purple heart represents VASH and Restoring America's Heroes Project directly impacting local veterans. Our logo a bridge out of poverty. A light bulb shining light on our efforts to relieve homes with a high energy burden and assistance for utility bills. The bus exists as a reminder of the importance of our rural county transit system. Homes of course remind us of the stability and help brought through our housing choice voucher program.

Our programs are keys in our community and the hot air balloon reminds us that our clients are rising.





Blank Spaces "founding female" and returning intern for the summer, Karyme Zuniga, has received past services from PCS. She remarks, "Growing up my family had a lot of financial difficulties and Panhandle Community Services was able to provide aid through their utility assistance program. They really helped us out in a time of need; being able to work on the mural and continue to beautify their building highlights how everything comes full circle. It makes me happy to know I'm doing something for an

organization special to me that helps and serves our community." Karyme is now in her second year as a pre-medical major at Texas Tech University and is pursuing a career as cardiothoracic surgeon.

Claudia is part of our **Family Development Program**. She says, "I am currently attending Amarillo College to receive my Medical Lab Tech Degree. The degree I'm working towards is an important step for me as I will be the first in my family to receive an Associates Degree."

"I am thankful for PCS, they have been a strong source to help me through. If it wasn't for them I am unsure where I would be. They help me think outside the box." - Claudia.





Client D received **housing assistance** while attending college to receive her nursing degree. She worked hard to take care of COVID-19 patients during the height of the pandemic.

She says, "Thank you PCS for standing with me in the middle of a difficult time, so I could stand with others in difficult places.

