

A Community Conversation

Finding Our Way Forward: What are leading opportunities and needs in Slaton?

EVENT DETAILS

Who is invited?	Any individual who lives in, works in, or cares for Slaton and its future.
When is it?	Thursday, August 28 th 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. <i>Note: Please plan to be there for the entire meeting.</i>
Where is it?	Mercy Retreat Center – 605 S. 19 th Street, Slaton, Texas
Refreshments?	Breakfast will be provided
RSVP?	Required. Please RSVP to Michelle Stephens michelle@lubbockareafoundation.org 806-762-8061
RSVP Deadline?	RSVP by Sunday, August 24, 2014

What is the purpose of the Community Conversation?

Mercy Ministries Slaton Area Endowment and the Lubbock Area Foundation have embarked on a collaborative effort to identify the region's best opportunities and most pressing needs, and to set bold goals to achieve over the coming years. This Community Conversation is one step in that endeavor.

As an earlier step, the Endowment and Foundation commissioned a **Community Needs and Opportunities** assessment of Slaton. This brief report profiles some **key data and trends** about the community's people, economy and resources. It also details an estimate of the **huge transfer of wealth** that will be passing from generation to generation in our community over the next 10 years, a portion of which we might want to invest in building a better community. Finally, it includes the results of a **Summer 2014 survey** that asked Slaton residents what they like about living here – and what they would improve.

This Community Conversation will present the results of this assessment, and ask participants to reflect on what they hear in the presentations and see in the report. Mercy Ministries Slaton Area Endowment plans to examine the priorities that emerge from this Conversation and other such conversations in the community. These priorities will help shape the work of the Endowment – both its grantmaking and convening, as well as its aspirations and plans for growing and investing more local resources to build a better future for our community.

How will the Community Conversation be conducted? The Conversation will include:

- **Welcome and introductions**
- **Slaton Community Needs and Opportunities: The Headlines**
*Presented by the Aspen Institute Community Strategies Group (CSG) and the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship
These two national organizations formed a partnership to produce the assessment for Slaton.*
- **Slaton Transfer of Wealth: The Opportunity** | *Presented by the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship*
- **Slaton Community Survey: The Headlines** | *Presented by Aspen Institute CSG*
- **Reflections and Priorities** | *Developed by Conversation participants*

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