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# JOY IN ACTION

## BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES

## EMPOWERING YOUTH

## HONORING JOY

This year, the Joy Oquendo Foundation has made incredible strides in honoring Joy's legacy through service, opportunity, and giving back. With the support of our community, we hosted two Kendra Scott Give-Back events in Harker Heights and Houston, launched the Gift for Joy, a Future for Others campaign, and a Graduation and Birthday Facebook fundraiser spearheaded by our Founder, Sandylane Oquendo. Together, these efforts raised \$3,317.25, bringing us closer to our \$15,000 annual goal.

Because of this generosity, we were able to award \$2,350 in grants and scholarships, including the Give Joy Grant to The Marilyn Schmidt Agriculture Outreach Program, to support seven students in FFA and 4-H. Additionally, the foundation awarded two Joy Oquendo Enrichment Scholarships to outstanding students, Natalie Capetillo and Areiny Vaughn. Natalie is a high school freshman, softball player, Tiger Belle dancer, and FFA student raising pigs. Areiny is a high school sophomore, varsity and USA Club swimmer dedicated to excellence both in and out of the pool.

Looking ahead, we remain focused on building momentum through our Gratitude in Action Campaign, which will host a community food drive, and our Giving Tuesday Campaign, which aims to secure the remaining funds needed to launch the Lemonade Day Program in both Killeen and Houston. These initiatives are critical next steps in expanding opportunities for youth and equipping the next generation of leaders with tools to succeed.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Board Members, tireless volunteers, generous donors, and loyal supporters. Your belief in our mission ensures that Joy's light continues to inspire and that youth across our communities are empowered with opportunities to grow and thrive.



Joy

2025-2026  
GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



AREINY VAUGHN



NATALIE CAPETILLO



THE MARILYN SCHMIDT  
AGRICULTURE OUTREACH  
PROGRAM



PROGRESS ON THE  
GOAL FOR 2025

We're dreaming big—and working hard. This year, the Joy Oquendo Foundation has engaged in the following fundraising activities:

- Kendra Scott Gives Back \$657.25
- A Gift for Joy, a Future for Others \$2,660.00
- Facebook Graduation & Birthday Campaign \$248.20

Together, we can continue to create meaningful opportunities and build a brighter future for the next generation.

JOIN US IN SPREADING JOY

You can help us turn dreams into reality through your donation:

How you can help:

- Donate via:
  - PayPal: @GiveJoy21
  - Zelle: administration@give-joy.org
  - Check: Payable to Joy Oquendo Foundation
- Follow & Share our mission on social media
- Spread Joy by telling a friend

Together, we can empower the next generation to lead, thrive, and give back—just like Joy.

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