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## A BIRD THAT SAYS ITS NAME

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## Albion Hurricanes FC

Did you miss tryouts? No problem, AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston . The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to contact the Campus Director about team placement. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please follow the link below for the Campus Director's email and phone number.

<https://www.albionhurricanes.org/afhcstaff>

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year olds) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy and New Territory Thursday Night Academy. All information regarding all of the programs and camps can be found at [albionhurricanes.org](http://albionhurricanes.org).



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A few years ago, when I took my dog out for her last potty of the night, I heard the most beautiful bird singing. Just a few seconds later, another bird responded with the same beautiful song. I had no idea what species it was but after some research I learned it was a whippoorwill. The whippoorwill actually got its name because of its song—three syllables with emphasis on the first and last syllables.

Whippoorwills are nocturnal. They feed exclusively on insects and start foraging 30 minutes after sunset and continue until it's too dark to see. They continue their foraging at first light and stop just before sunrise. If the moon is bright, they may hunt all night. They have large mouths and can swallow insects up to 2 inches long.

The most interesting fact about the whippoorwill is that they don't build a nest. The female will lay her eggs on the ground and cover with dead leaves or debris. Often times she'll find a spot on the north or northeast side of a shrub or plant so she's shaded during the heat of the day. Mom is responsible for incubating the eggs during the day and both Mom and Dad share the duty at night. Amazingly, whippoorwills time their breeding patterns to coincide with the lunar cycles so that the eggs hatch when

there is at least a half moon. It is believed that the extra light helps in caring for her young. Within 24 hours of hatching, the baby birds instinctively move apart. The parents will also push the babies to keep them apart. It is thought that this is done to make it harder for predators to see them. The male stands guard over the nest and will hiss and spread his wings if he thinks there is a predator nearby. Another tactic used to protect the young is he will fake an injury away from the babies to draw attention away from them. While he draws the predator away from the young, the babies scatter and freeze.

At about 8 days, the down-covered babies molt and the female leaves them in the care of the male. If conditions are right, the female will often find a spot nearby and lay 2 more eggs.

TWRC Wildlife Center cares for injured, orphaned and displaced wildlife brought to us by the public. Due to the Corona Virus, we've had to alter our admission procedures. If you find an animal needing help, please call us. We will advise you on how to care for the animal until you can bring it to us: 713.468.8972



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In a time when life has come to a screeching halt, we begin to feel isolated and divided from the rest of our communities and the world as a whole.

Help us make 2020/2021 the #YearOfUnity!! Our goal is to help Texas recover and thrive by reconnecting with the world around us once again!

We have so many international teens from many different countries who are eager and ready to experience life in America and they dream of the host family who will choose to welcome them this fall. What better way to introduce your family to another country and culture without having to travel half way across the globe!

### What is a host family?

- Minimum age requirement of 25. Must be able to pass a background check and have a stable home life.
- Hosts come in all shapes and sizes! Married, single, with / without children .... all kinds of families are welcome!
- With the help of a Local Coordinator, Hosts are able to choose a student who fits with their family's interests and hobbies. They can begin communicating with their student once the placement is finalized in the database!
- Hosts receive monthly contact as well as 24/7 support during their hosting experience!

- Students cover all of their own personal expenses and carry their own medical insurance.

- Students arrive about 10 days prior to school starting and they depart about 7 - 10 days after school ends. Some have signed up to come for a semester (Aug. - Jan.) and most have signed up to come for the full school year (late Aug - late May/early June)

Hosts provide students with:

- 3 shared meals a day. Students cover lunch if they choose to buy hot lunch at school.
- Students can share a bedroom with a host sibling of the same sex and within 4 years of age from each other. Student must have their own bed.
- The ability to attend American public high school. Hosts would help with transportation to extracurricular activities, within reason and based on availability.
- The love of your family! Students are to be treated as a family member and will share in household chores and daily life with the family.

Help us bounce back from isolation and 2020/2021 the YearOfUnity! If you would like to hear about our student applicants to see if we have a match for you, please contact me directly at 832-455-7881, or email me at [vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com)

## GINGERBREAD VILLAGE HOLIDAY MARKET 2020

The ladies auxiliary from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is holding their gingerbread village holiday market again this year! It will be held on October 24, 2020 from 9. A.M. To 4 p.M. It is located at 6646 Addicks Satsuma Rd., Houston, TX, between West Little York and Highway 529. If you have arts, crafts or unique booths that you wish to highlight, vendor applications are being accepted. Please email [gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com](mailto:gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com) to start the application process or to get any questions you may have answered!



## June Speaker: Mike Collier, 2018 Candidate for Texas Lt. Governor

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next virtual monthly meeting Tuesday, June 16, 2020. There is a meet and greet at 6:45 p.m.

**The general meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.**

Mike Collier graduated from Georgetown High School. He earned a bachelor's degree and M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin. Collier's career experience includes working as an employee at Exxon, auditor with PriceWaterhouseCoopers, and founder and chief financial officer with a Texas oil company.[1]

Mr. Collier is passionate about investing properly in public education; closing the big-corporate property tax loophole to make property taxes fair again; closing the healthcare coverage gap; protecting Texans with preexisting conditions; criminal justice reform; sensible gun laws; ending gerrymandering; and bringing compassion back to public policy.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information & access to the ZOOM Virtual meeting, contact Undrai Fizer at [cytomdemocrats@gmail.com](mailto:cytomdemocrats@gmail.com), or visit the club's Facebook page.

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## Kids Can Save Lives by Getting Active at Home



(Family Features) As millions of people across the globe social distance and self-quarantine to help prevent further spread of the novel coronavirus, kids and families can help save lives by getting active at home.

With 55 million students in the United States affected by school closures, teachers, families and kids are incorporating options like UNICEF Kid Power into daily at-home schedules. A free program, the platform hosts a library of interactive dance, yoga and learning videos featuring WWE Superstars, DreamWorks characters and more. These 3-5 minute "brain breaks" help keep kids moving, provide lessons on global citizenship, encourage positive screen time, establish a sense of control and connectivity, and empower them with purpose.

As kids dance, move and learn, they unlock therapeutic food packets that get sent to severely malnourished children around the world. More than 900,000 kids across the U.S. have come together to save 100,000 lives. Through the program, kids also provide meals to their local food banks, give supplies for doctor visits and plant trees in their communities. The more active they are, the more lives they save. Families and teachers can get involved at [unicefusa.org/KidPowerAtHome](http://unicefusa.org/KidPowerAtHome)

Beyond this program, UNICEF USA is also providing practical guides and resources for families, including ways to keep kids safe from online harm, adjust to online learning and a quiz that unlocks \$2 in funding while outlining how COVID-19 compares to past outbreaks.



Globally, the United Nations Children's Fund is providing relief and support to vulnerable communities as they combat the ongoing pandemic. To date, the organization has reached more than 40 million health care and frontline workers with hospital equipment

and personal protective equipment, as well as more than half a billion people with prevention, hygiene and informational messaging. As this crisis will have continuing effects on millions of people, UNICEF has appealed for \$651 million to address the growing humanitarian needs and provide long-lasting response.

Adults and kids can combat the impact of coronavirus, one dollar or dance move at a time. Just \$3.30 can provide 100 pairs of disposable gloves to health workers. To help fund relief programs, visit [unicefusa.org/CoronavirusRelief](http://unicefusa.org/CoronavirusRelief)

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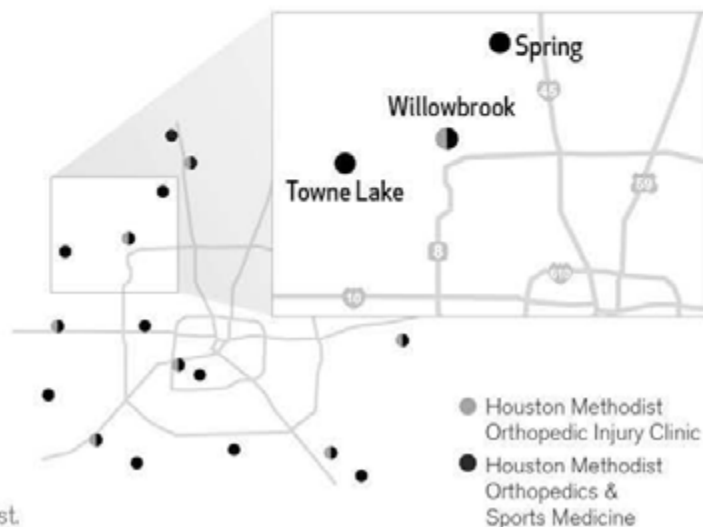
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