



North Texas needs you: Donate blood, save lives

There is a critical need in North Texas for blood donors, so the Employee Advisory Council (EAC) and Carter BloodCare are hosting a blood drive Aug. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Appointments are encouraged by texting "CBCDonate" to 999-777 or using the links below.

- [North Campus](#): Nancy B. and Jake L. Hamon Biomedical Research Building (NA)
- [West Campus](#): Outpatient Building (WA) by the rear parking garage

As a thank you, donors will receive a tote bag while supplies last.

[Email](#) the EAC with any questions.

[Join the drive](#)



Have you heard of Agape Clinic?

When cost is a barrier, Agape Multidisciplinary Clinic offers a path to care for patients across Dallas.

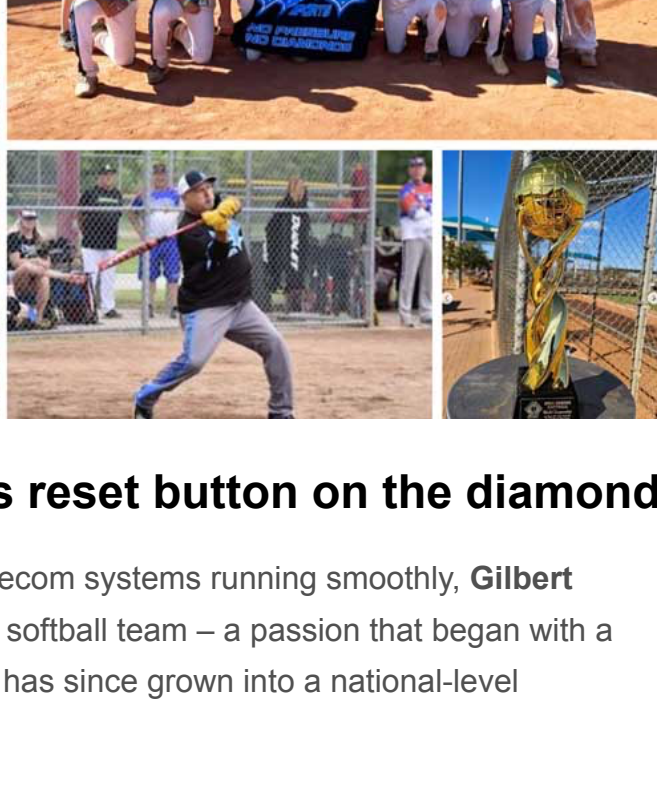
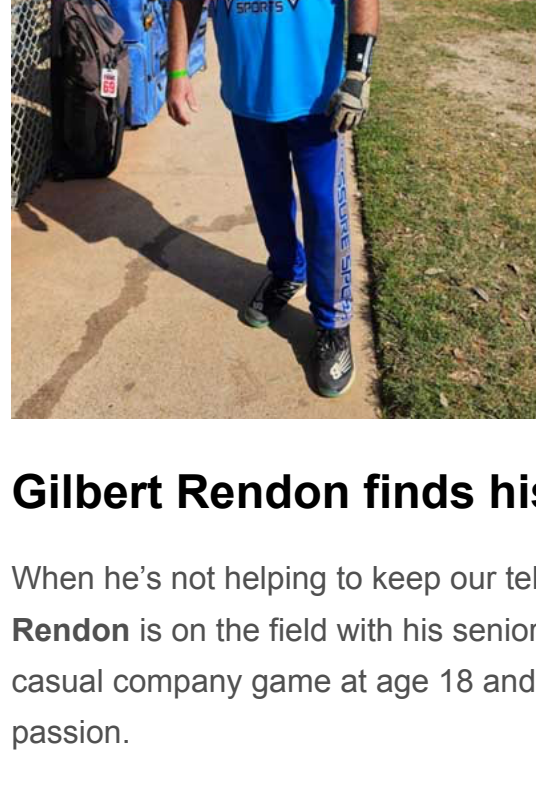
This clinic has served the community for more than 40 years. It is facilitated by UT Southwestern medical students and other area providers, under the guidance of Agape Clinic leadership. Founded in 1983 by **Barbara Baxter, M.D.**, it has grown into a seven-day-a-week operation in a 10,000-square-foot building at 4104 Junius St. in East Dallas.

Agape is the only known donor-supported clinic in the U.S. that provides comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services without eligibility requirements, restrictions, or referrals. Services are donation-based, meaning patients are invited, but never required, to contribute toward the cost of care.

In 2024, Agape hosted more than 17,500 patient visits, regardless of health insurance status, income verification, or proof of ZIP code, providing services that include management of chronic diseases (such as diabetes and hypertension), physicals and vaccinations, access to care for allergy and immunology needs, and women's wellness. Patients can also find help at Agape from dietitians, pharmacists, physical therapists, dermatologists, and social workers.

Dr. Baxter, who trained in internal medicine and allergy-immunology at UTSW from 1979 to 1985 and is an Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine, was named a [Practice Champion](#) in 2024 by the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) for her long-standing work with Agape. She was nominated for the honor by **David Khan, M.D.**, recent past President of AAAAI and Program Director of the Allergy & Immunology Fellowship Program at UTSW.

[Learn more about Agape Clinic](#)



Gilbert Rendon finds his reset button on the diamond

When he's not helping to keep our telecom systems running smoothly, **Gilbert Rendon** is on the field with his senior softball team – a passion that began with a casual company game at age 18 and has since grown into a national-level passion.

For Gilbert, a telecom maintenance technician, the sport offers more than physical activity. It's a mental reset and a reminder of the value of teamwork, perseverance, and personal growth.

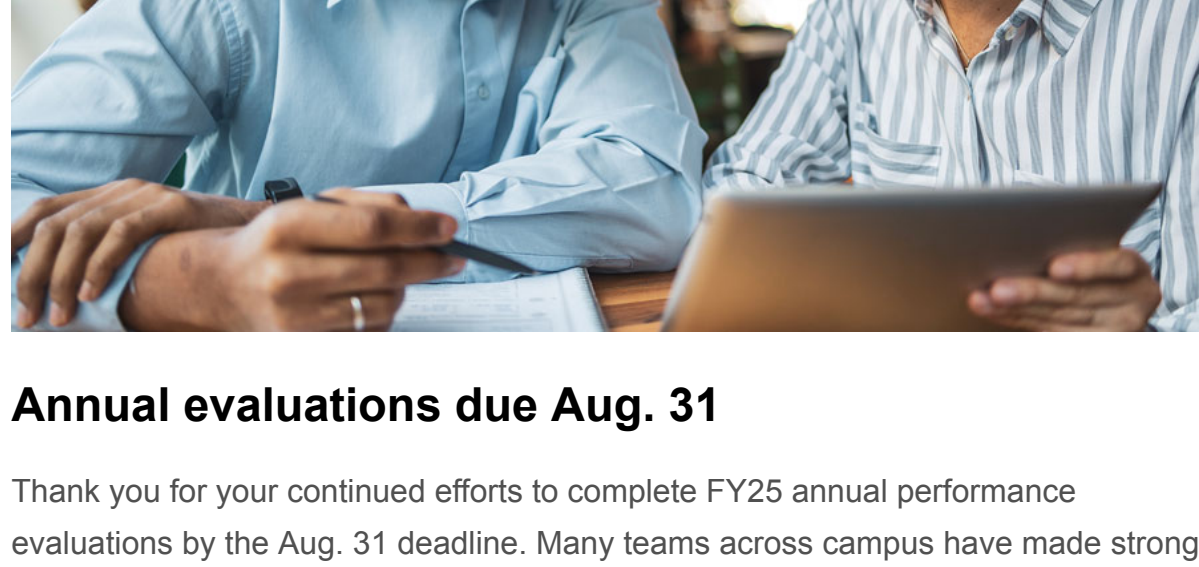
"I love the competition and the camaraderie," he said. "When I'm on the field, I'm focused and free."

Gilbert's dedication is a great example of how pursuing what we love – at any stage of life – can bring balance and renewed energy to our work and well-being.

Check out more photos and his takeaways on teamwork in Gilbert's UTSW Off the Clock story on Instagram.

What brings you joy outside of your career? If you have a cool hobby or fun interest you'd love to share, [email](#) our Social Media team so they can tell your story and celebrate the amazing talents of our UTSW family.

[See Gilbert in action!](#)



Annual evaluations due Aug. 31

Thank you for your continued efforts to complete FY25 annual performance evaluations by the Aug. 31 deadline. Many teams across campus have made strong progress, and we appreciate your commitment to this important activity.

Annual evaluations provide a valuable opportunity for employees and leaders to reflect on accomplishments, align expectations, and identify areas for future growth. Finalizing evaluations not only furthers individual development but also strengthens our organization as a whole.

To help you complete evaluations, the following resources are available:

- [iPerform login](#)
- Recorded training sessions for both [managers](#) and [employees](#)
- [Tip sheets](#) with step-by-step guidance on navigating the evaluation process
- Direct support from the [Performance Management team](#) via email

Thank you again for your commitment to a successful close of the performance year.

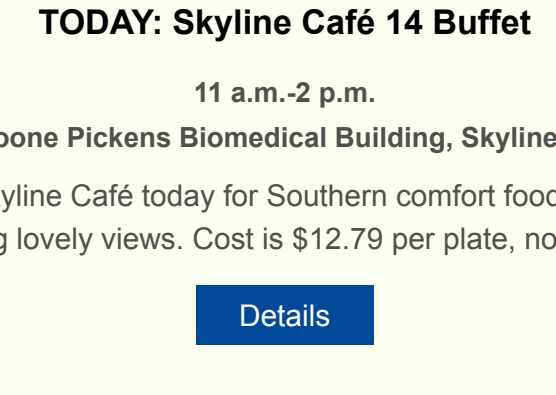
If you have additional questions or need support, contact the Human Resources team via [email](#).



POB garage traffic flow change Aug. 10-25

Beginning Aug. 10, there will be changes to the way vehicles enter and exit the Professional Office Building (POB) garage on West Campus due to ongoing construction of UTSW's new pediatric campus with Children's Health. Drivers are encouraged to observe local signage, both inside and outside the garage, which will provide guidance through the period ending Aug. 25.

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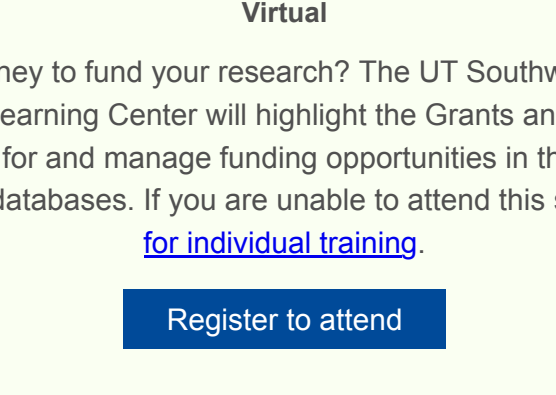
TODAY: Skyline Café 14 Buffet

11 a.m.-2 p.m.

T. Boone Pickens Biomedical Building, Skyline Café

Head to the ND14 Skyline Café today for Southern comfort food. Savor classic flavors while enjoying lovely views. Cost is \$12.79 per plate, not including tax.

[Details](#)



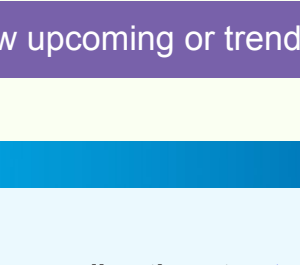
Show me the money: Finding funding opportunities through the Library

Noon-1 p.m., Aug. 20

Virtual

Are you looking for money to fund your research? The UT Southwestern Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center will highlight the Grants and Funding Guide and discuss how to search for and manage funding opportunities in the Pivot and Foundation Directory Professional databases. If you are unable to attend this session, you can [sign up for individual training](#).

[Register to attend](#)



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