



In addition to all of the projects that the club supports, the Arlington Sunrise Rotary club has focused a great deal of effort on the community of Arlington and on the Phased In projects in Wichita Falls and Dallas. The next most significant Phased In project will be 403 Oakwood in Arlington.

Phased In is a truly unique program and it is turning heads all over the country because it is solving a major problem. When a child reaches age 18, they “phase out” of foster care and the foster parents no longer receive state funding for their foster child’s care. At that point, the child often packs up their belongings in many cases in black trash bag and CPS comes to pick up that child. If they have no place to go, they take them to the nearest homeless shelter. This is the beginning of trouble for many of these kids with crime such as drugs, theft and prostitution.

On average 1,500 kids phase out of foster care each year in Texas. The Texas Penal System bases the number of new cells that they will need partially on the number of kids that are phasing out. This is our chance to break the cycle.

In this case, the 10,000 square foot house on Oakwood will be for 14-16 young women. These women will have 2-3 years to live in the loving home in which time they can get their life in order. People will be brought in to help teach them about managing money, interviewing for a job and assessing their college prospects. The club is at the fund raising stage and the site and building plans are at the City of Arlington for approval. Opening date is estimated to be December 2018.

This will be a project that will last for many years and affect dozens of young women who have phased out of foster care.