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Today, as you are no doubt aware, is [North Texas Giving Day](https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/#home) (<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/#home>), the Communities Foundation of Texas joint that uses a pool of money to match donations, thereby encouraging people to give to local nonprofits. Last year, the effort raised \$25.2 million, making it the largest giving day in the country by a wide margin). As of 10 o'clock, \$6.2 million had been raised. Not to jinx anyone, but it looks like we are on track to break last year's record.

Two confessions: the first is that I'm addicted to watching the [leader board](https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/#leaderboard) (<https://www.northtexasgivingday.org/#leaderboard>), partly, I guess, because I am familiar with some of the organizations on it. Currently, Westlake Academy is destroying the competition, with donations totaling \$161,565. Little ol' Cistercian Prep is right near the top, with \$92,785. But what about — oh, let's just pick a school at random — St. Mark's? Only \$1,575? And Hockaday with a paltry \$7,600? You folks need to step up your game. Go, Hawks!

The second confession: my wife does PR for North Texas Giving Day. Go, wife!

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Amy Severson 20 days ago

Like Christmas in September. Bought 5 kids copies of True Grit this morning. Ahem.

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mr_lakewood 19 days ago

Woodrow did very well in our first year of participation, almost \$23,000. We beat Hockaday, anyway...

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Cruz91 19 days ago

It's nice to know the origin of the cheer. By the time the 1990 basketball season came about, Sean Phillips '91 led the "Gimmie an H..." cheer, and the H-O-X of bodies on the court spelled, a loud and exuberant, "Cistercian!" Excellent showing for us, today. Wow!

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Tim Rogers 19 days ago

Of course you are right. H-O-X spelled Cistercian. I screwed that part up. It was a layer cake of a joke. Parents of visiting teams were always confused by it. Wonderful.

Excellent showing by CPS. Not only the amount. The number of donations was impressive for a school that only graduates 40 or so kids each year (30 back in my day).

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Christine Rogers 20 days ago

Thank you for this post, Tim. And you, too, Chris and Krista for your posts earlier today - we aren't even married!

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Tim Rogers 20 days ago

Since you'll be working tonight until about 1am, the kids and I are going to eat dinner at Shady Side and hang out with Jimmy D and Big Play Clay. I'll have them in bed before midnight. Don't worry.

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Big B 20 days ago

Hox Vobiscum.

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Tim Rogers 20 days ago

That is a joke for such a small audience. Brilliantly played.

(If I am not mistaken, Ed Barnhart (class of 86 maybe?) invented the "hox cheer," wherein he would call out the letters -- "Gimme an H! Gimme an O!" -- as his soccer-playing cohorts spelled the word with their bodies on the basketball court during timeouts. "What's that spell?! Hox!" Someone with a better memory needs to fact check me here.)

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