

**TEXARKANA, Texas -- The Randy Sams Outreach Shelter will hold its First Annual "Randy Sams Day" at 4 p.m., Nov. 17, at the shelter's administration building to recognize the shelter's 25 years of service to homeless residents.**

**Besides the shelter's golden anniversary, the event will also recognize and honor the memory of a teenager who was named Randy Sams, said Jennifer Lacefield, the shelter's executive director.**

**"Randy had an altruistic heart for serving meals to the homeless and less fortunate at a local soup kitchen nearly 30 years ago, but he was tragically killed in car accident," Lacefield wrote in a recent press release. "Afterward, his family donated a plot of land for the shelter to be built in its current location."**

**The land, in conjunction with the funds raised by Saint James Episcopal Church along with the Texarkana community lead to the shelter's construction and opening in 1996.**

**"We invite the public to join us in celebrating as we honor Randy, his family and the many donors and partners in the community, who have supported and continued to make possible the services of the Randy Sams Outreach Shelter for the past 25 years," Lacefield said.**