## **Deborah Parsons**

## **Biographical Sketch**

Deborah Parsons is Board of Director, Co-Founder, Assistant Chief Executive Officer, and Coordinator of **D**anger **W**ithout Intentions, Educational & Safety Awareness Programs; "Alcohol and Drug Awareness Programs", "Drunk Driving / Victim's Impact Panels", "Student Behavior & Truancy Awareness Programs / Choices & Consequences Program" and "Boating and Water Information". **D**anger **W**ithout Intentions is a nationwide Non-Profit Educational Organization designed to reduce the number of alcohol and drug related injuries and deaths in adults and teens. All hours involved have been volunteer time with Danger Without Intentions. Deborah is the CEO and Owner of Universal Stitching Designs a customized embroidery design company. Program Director for Silver Santa Non-Profit 501c3 Nationwide program serving low income seniors, military veterans and persons with rare medical disabilities.

Deborah worked with the Austin Fire Department for 10 years, and during employment obtained her Emergency Medical Technician certification along with several other areas such as search and rescue training, scuba and water rescue. During this time, she assisted with the Austin EMS Explorer Post group of youth of the underprivileged families assisting them with the necessary tools in achieving their goals of becoming Firefighters, Paramedics, and doctors, etc. And also assisted in getting 13 youth scuba certified, and at no cost to the youth, thanks to the Austin Hispanic Committee.

Deborah has served as a member of the Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention Task Force and served as member, coordinator and presenter for Mother Against Drunk Driving, Austin Safe Kids Coalition, Travis County Victims Impact Panel for DWI offenders, Travis County Law Related Education Program for juvenile offenders, Boy Scouts of America Explorer Post 360 Scout Leader, Texans Standing Tall, National Buckle Up America Program, PALS- Peer Assistance & Leadership Students, Chisholm Trail Law Enforcement & Crime Prevention Task Force, Texas Crime Prevention Association, Travis County Underage Drinking Prevention, TAPE-TX Association of Programs for Education, Smart Drivers Just Drive Coalition (NHTSA), TASCO- Texas Association of Student Councils Officers, TX Office of Prevention of Developmental Disabilities. Texans In Motions, and a member of the Nobodies Waterproof Boating and Secretary/Treasurer of Central Texas Water Safety Coalition, Coordinated and work closely with Technical State Technical College - Chief of Police, Highland Mall Safety Fair Events, Cabela's & U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance Foundation for their Trailblazer & Safety Day Program, & Lakeway Citizen's Police Association on participant at Safety Fairs Events, and served as the 2016 Vice President & 2017 President, and Board Member, webmaster and Mrs. Claus for the Austin Police Department's Operation Blue Santa for 11 Years, and is a State Certified Instructor Trainer for the Alive at 25 Young Driving Program and Member of the National Safety Council.

Deborah is a survivor of an Alcohol Related Crash and provides a very powerful message to students and adults about her the Drunk Driving Crash that nearly took her life and the many life changing challenges she has faced.