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Tillie Burgin

Thank you for your continued support for the people in need. Many will shake our hand or give us a hug as they thank God for those of you who gave so they could receive some help.

Recently a 9 year old girl came with her friends, bringing lots of new shoes for the children at Mission Arlington. The little girl said,

“It is my birthday and I want other children to have new shoes just like I do.”

It was her birthday party, and rather than receiving gifts for herself, she asked her friends to bring new shoes for the children at Mission Arlington.

One of our Bible Study leaders took the shoes to her apartment church where there were many children who had never had a new pair of shoes. You can just imagine the excitement in that place! You provide in so many ways.

Bless you and please know we thank God for you. Anytime you can come by the Mission we would love to visit with you and thank you personally.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT MISSION ARLINGTON



CORPORATE

The Six Flags family came to volunteer at Mission Arlington one evening this past month. Sharon Parker, from Six Flags, is pictured above with Tillie Burgin.



SCHOOLS: SPEER ELEM.

Elementary, Junior High, and High School students routinely stop by to serve here.



CHURCHES:

5th and 6th graders from Gateway Church in Southlake came to volunteer earlier this year. Church groups are a big part of Mission Arlington's volunteer force.



UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

120 students from UTA's "Big Event" turned out to volunteer at Mission Arlington on Saturday, April 21st. These energetic, young adults had such a positive spirit as they spent their Saturday morning helping others. Mission Arlington loves our ongoing partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington family.



14,980 children and youth experienced "Rainbow Express" in **168 locations** across our community during Spring Break.

BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, SONGS Mission Arlington housed 2,038 people from 64 groups who came here from 10 states outside of Texas and 15 Texas cities outside of Arlington. We are so thankful for your support.



For the sixth year in a row, Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex has received Charity Navigator's highest honor, a **four-star rating**.

According to Ken Berger, Charity Navigator's President and CEO, in a letter to Tillie Burgin,

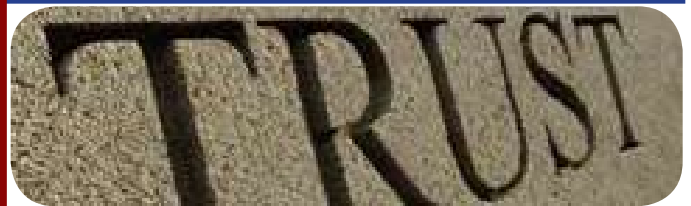
only 3 percent of the charities we rate have received at least 6 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex outperforms most other charities in America.

This 'exceptional' designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.

Berger congratulates the Mission for its commitment to "sound fiscal management" and to "accountability and transparency."

According to Berger, Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex "consistently adheres to good governance and other best practices that **minimize the chance of unethical activities** and consistently **executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way.**"

The Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex family is grateful for this commendation, and for the opportunity to be a part of the "4-Star" Charity Navigator family once again.



According to our annual audit, completed this Spring, our **administrative overhead** for 2011 was only **2.2 PERCENT**.

This means that almost **98 cents out of every**

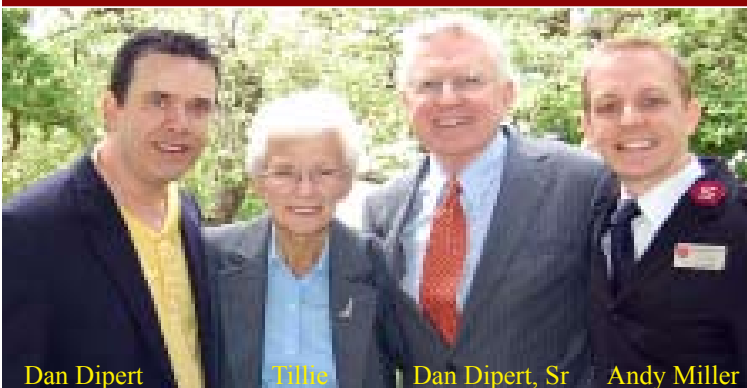
dollar you give ends up in ministry to real people in need and not in administrative costs.

Thank you so much for your constant generosity. **YOUR GIFTS GET TO THE PEOPLE!**



TORNADO RELIEF EFFORTS

When the tornados touched down in Arlington, our community responded in force. Pictured above are supplies donated for tornado relief by our generous community. Thank you for helping when people needed it the most.



Dan Dipert Tillie Dan Dipert, Sr Andy Miller

Dan Dipert Tours and Coaches has been a wonderful partner and friend to Mission Arlington. Through the years, they have helped Mission Arlington children get to special events, such as our Fall Festival or our annual Easter egg hunt.

In celebration of National Volunteer Week (April 15-21), Dan Dipert Tours and Coaches held a "Celebrating Volunteers Picnic" April 16th at The Ballpark in Arlington. The event honored volunteers from Mission Arlington and the Salvation Army in Arlington. At this event, the Dan Dipert Tours family surprised both organizations with the **donation of a refurbished luxury coach bus**. We are so grateful!

