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Tillie Burgin

This special note at year's end is to express our deep sense of gratitude for you, your care and compassion for all the people.

After being helped in the front room of the Mission, a lady stopped by the office of one of our staff. Tears were streaming down her cheeks. She just stood there quietly for a moment before she spoke:

"My steps have really been difficult this year. The clothing and food I've received here have really helped. But, what I really want you to know is that every time I come, I sense God's presence, and I feel so much better. I just wanted to say thank you."

People come with heavy concerns, and when they discover we can help them, they leave with smiles and thankful hearts. You are the reason we are able to continue to give.

WE THANK GOD FOR YOU,

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from all of us at
Mission Arlington



2,500 DONATED BIKES DELIVERED LAST YEAR



BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKSELLERS

FRIDAY
December 16th
5 - 9 p.m.

Barnes & Noble (Arlington at the Parks) supports Mission Arlington with their "Holiday Book Drive," Friday evening, December 16th. Your participation can help B&N achieve their goal of donating 6,000 children's books to Mission Arlington's kids.

THE "CHRISTMAS STORE" IS HERE!

33,119 children received gifts in 2010



**OPEN DECEMBER 10TH
THROUGH DECEMBER 23RD**

**OPEN 10 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
MONDAY TO SATURDAY**

STORE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS

- **NEW AND/OR NEARLY NEW TOYS NEEDED**
- **CALL 817-277-6620 TO JOIN IN THE FUN!**



Pantego Christian Academy kindergartners brought Thanksgiving food to the Mission. Because of their gifts, and the gifts of this generous community, we fed 5,000+ families on Thanksgiving Day. Thank You!

REAL PEOPLE GET THE HELP THEY NEED



Candy

We first met Candy when she walked several miles to Mission Arlington to get help for her family (pictured above). Mission Arlington helped Candy's family with some of their physical needs, including helping to get her car back on the road. Today, Candy's family (L-R: Pearl, Eddie, Ruby, Jimmy) attends a Mission Arlington congregation where Candy helps in the nursery. Their lives are moving in a new direction!



Andreas

purchase his own car, has a job, and has joined one of Mission Arlington's congregations.

Andreas is an Arlington college student who came here from Cameroon, Africa. Mission Arlington provided him a bike when we discovered he had been walking for miles, just so he could volunteer with us. Today, this dedicated young man has saved enough to

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS SO MUCH



Community's Foundation of North Texas provided Mission Arlington with a "Toolbox Grant" to help with infrastructure needs. We are grateful!



Sabre family at work

More than fifty employees from Sabre-Holdings volunteered at Mission Arlington. The Sabre family **donated 9,600 cans of food** to help people in need.

Sabre Holdings



THE MISSION ARLINGTON® DIFFERENCE

- **ACCESSIBILITY:** We stay open long hours, so people can receive the help they need at the time that they need it.
- **NO CHARGE FOR SERVICES:** Every service provided by Mission Arlington is "free of charge."
- **NO RE-SALE SHOPS:** Mission Arlington does not sell what you give to us. You give it. We give it away!
- **ONE STOP SHOP:** From medical and dental clinics, food & emergency financial assistance to free transportation, Mission Arlington provides multiple avenues of support in one location.
- **THE WHOLE PERSON:** Most people know that Mission Arlington works to meet people's physical needs. Providing food, clothing, health care, and emergency financial assistance is an important part of what we do. Mission Arlington also helps with the emotional, educational, and spiritual needs of people. For example, we help kids with homework in 40 locations across our city each week. Licensed therapists donate their time to help people free of charge, and we sponsor/support Bible studies across our community in 316 locations.
- **VOLUNTEER DRIVEN:** It takes 2,500 volunteers each week for Mission Arlington to function effectively. The volunteer support from such a generous community helps Mission Arlington's small staff to keep administrative costs at its current rate of 2.8 percent. More than ninety seven cents of each dollar goes directly to the ministry.
- **POWERED BY PRAYER:** Mission Arlington is a faith-based ministry. Our commitment is first and foremost to God, and our core values take shape in that commitment. We pray daily that we will be all that we can be for the people who come through our front doors. We watch God multiply the resources to meet the need each and every day. We are truly a thankful people.