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Tillie Burgin

Holiday times are coming quickly, and Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex is preparing for all the opportunities God will give us to help another life. We want people to smile and learn to laugh together -- even when life doesn't feel good.

A man walked out of the Mission holding on to a new pair of shoes he had just received. In a few minutes, he came back in and said, *"We forgot to pray and thank God for these new shoes."*

We thank God for you -- you may be just the one who brought the new pair of shoes!

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

THANKSGIVING NEEDS



TURKEYS & THANKSGIVING FOOD are needed to help us get ready for Thanksgiving day. See www.missionarlington.org for more information.



VOLUNTEER WITH US before Thanksgiving day. Get the food ready to go out to the people. From **7 to 7** Monday through Saturday. Call 817-277-6620 for more information.

Thanksgiving Day 2010



VOLUNTEERING ON THANKSGIVING DAY Volunteers are needed by **8:00 a.m.** on Thanksgiving morning at the Mission offices downtown. Make your best Thanksgiving ever!

A MISSION ARLINGTON® CHRISTMAS



VOLUNTEERING IS SO MUCH FUN! JOIN US!

THE CHRISTMAS STORE
DECEMBER 10TH - 23RD
10 A.M. TO 6 P.M. EVERY DAY
EXCLUDING SUNDAYS

We need toys to stock the Christmas Store!



gene allen's

Bring in five (5) non-perishable items for Mission Arlington® from **November 25th through November 27th** (Friday - Sunday) and get 20 percent off your purchase.

Give and You Shall Receive

For more information, check out their website: www.geneallengifts.com

NOVEMBER 25TH - NOVEMBER 27TH

AS NEED INCREASES, EVERY LIFE STILL MATTERS TO US

RECORD NUMBERS OF PEOPLE RECEIVING FOOD



The economy is having a direct impact on working families. Over **1,000 people** are coming through our front doors every day. This number represents a **20 percent increase** in expressed need since this past summer.

Pictured left are young adults from First Baptist Church Arlington - bringing food into the pantry. **Our food supply is in great demand.** Your gifts matter!

One Beautiful Life

We first met Alma (pictured right), a precious young lady with Down Syndrome, thirteen years ago in an East Arlington apartment community.

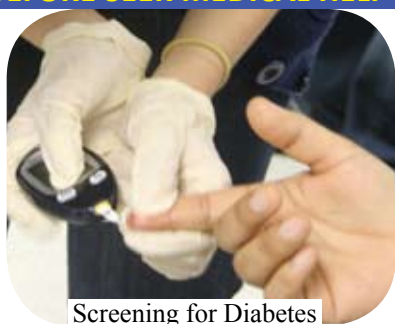


Today, Alma has become a full-time part of the Mission Arlington family, faithfully helping with children in our mission churches each Sunday, and serving in our clothing room during the week. She is an encouragement to everyone she meets.

The change in Alma since those initial days has been astounding. She has lost almost 100 pounds with the help of our volunteer doctors, and loves to tell people about the Lord who changed her life. She is a beautiful part of our family.

MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER BEFORE SEEK MEDICAL HELP

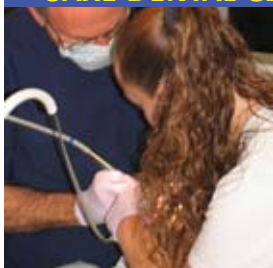
Our volunteer doctors and nurses are currently treating about **1,000 people/month**. Most of these uninsured or underinsured clients are from working families, single parent homes, or are senior citizens.



Screening for Diabetes

In 2011, the clinic expects to produce **\$1,246,514** worth of free medical care for our community. The clinic screens everyone 18 and up for diabetes. Thank you for your support.

SAXE DENTAL CLINIC HAS ITS BIGGEST MONTH EVER



Volunteers in the Clinic

The Saxe clinic is a fully operating private dental practice, **except that** it is led by more than fifty (50) volunteer dentists, and it is free.

In August the clinic treated more people than ever before, providing **\$149,700 worth of care** for people's dental needs.

CHAMBER HONORS TILLIE BURGIN

At their annual meeting in September, the Arlington Chamber of Commerce honored Tillie Burgin with the 2011 **STAR** Award, their highest honor.

In conjunction with this event, the Senate of the State of Texas issued a proclamation recognizing Tillie for her decades of service in the Arlington community. Tillie is grateful for these recognitions, gives glory to God, and is so thankful for you.



TRUSTED AND TRANSPARENT



In addition to being governed by an independent Board of Directors, and audited

annually by a well-respected local firm, Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex participates with multiple external accountability partners.

For example, we are members in good standing with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), the Better Business Bureau (BBB), Guidestar, and Charity Navigators. You can access the evaluations of each through our website at www.missionarlington.org.

Charity Navigators, the largest charity watchdog in North America, recently toughened their standards, adding "transparency" as a category. Once again, Mission Arlington® received four stars, their highest honor, keeping us in the top 11 percent nationwide of charities rated by them.

Our administrative overhead continues to stay steady at 2.8 percent. This means that more than **97 cents of every dollar you give** goes straight into ministry. **YOUR MONEY GETS TO THE PEOPLE!**