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Taking Church to the People.

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Delivering Thanksgiving ★



Jason & Clark hand turkeys to volunteers who in turn deliver them to families in need.

Preparing for Thanksgiving ★



Primose School students bring food, so that there will be enough for people to eat on Thanksgiving.

Volunteers Care for the People! ★

Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex helped 16,908 people with Thanksgiving food last year. Due to our economy, we anticipate helping even more this year. Volunteers are needed on Thanksgiving day, beginning at 8:00 a.m. It takes about 2,000 volunteers to make this work. You can also help by providing Thanksgiving food yourself and/or by collecting it through your office, church, or school.

Dear Friends ★

As I was beginning to write this note to you, I received a phone call at 3:30 this morning. I was in my office, and one of our faithful residents called from her cell phone as she was walking to work.



"Good morning, Ms. Tillie. I am walking to work and so thankful for my job the mission helped me get and for my new phone. As I am walking, I am praying for you and the mission today. I hope someone else gets the kind of help and love I received when I came there. I even got some teeth; now how much better can life get?"

I thought you would enjoy hearing her story. This lady walks 5 miles to work and 5 miles home each day, but as she said, "I walk and pray and thank God for everyone who gave, so that I, who no one really knows, will be okay. I say this with tears and a smile as I walk."

I don't think I can say this any better except to say we love you and we, too, thank God for you. Please come to see us. You are so important to each life, including mine.

Tillie

We Especially Need the Following Items:

Turkeys, Stuffing Mix, Canned Vegetables, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Pie Filling, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Beans/Rice, Rolls, and Pie Crust

Volunteers Matter ★

Pictured here is a Mission Arlington volunteer with a child from our community. The smile on both faces tell the story. Volunteers make a difference at Mission Arlington. *Are you a Mission Arlington volunteer?*



Getting Ready for Christmas ★

Mission Arlington works all year long to get ready for Christmas. Arlington High's student council helped to get the ball rolling this month with a gift of red wagons.

A Beautiful Vision ★



UTA's John Darling improves the landscape of Mission Arlington.

Medical Clinic Helps the Sick ★

Volunteer doctors serving at the Dr. Bob Mann medical clinic has provided more than **\$427,000** worth of medical care through August of this year.

Saxe Dental Clinic Sets Record ★

During the month of August, the Allan Saxe Dental Clinic set a record, providing more than **\$83,000** of dental care. The dentists pictured to the right helped in the clinic on a day when 39 youth received dental care.



Dr. Lansford working at Mission Arlington's neighborhood clinic.

Food Distribution Center ★

Because of your generosity, Mission Arlington has distributed food to **26,352** families (about 3,000 per month) through August of this year.

This means that **114,367** people have received food through Mission Arlington this year.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame ★

Because of your generosity, Mission Arlington was able to take children and youth to a Texas Rangers baseball game. Many of these young people had never been to a game before.



Giving the Gift of Reading ★

Barnes and Nobles at the Parks Mall is hosting a book drive to support Mission Arlington's children. **Opening Night is November 1st at 6:00pm.** Give the gift of reading to a child at Christmas time. For more information, call 817-472-7559 or drop by the store.