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Mission Arlington calls for trees, toys

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ARLINGTON - More than 50 volunteers from Mission Arlington spent yesterday in East Texas cutting down Christmas trees that will be distributed to needy families throughout the city.

But the trees - more than 1,000 of them - probably won't be enough to decorate the homes of the many families that turn to the charity each holiday season.

"Last year we needed about 2,000 trees to meet the needs of everyone who came to us," said Tillie Burgin, Mission Arlington director. "This year we're seeing triple the volume of people so we know that what we're getting isn't going to be enough."

The charity also needs toys to fill its Christmas store, which opens Dec. 14 at the Outreach Center, 416 N. Cooper. Low-income families will be able to select toys at no cost.

To donate trees or toys, call 277-6620. Items can also be dropped off at Mission Arlington, 210 W. South Street.

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