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Matching donation of \$1,850 offered

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ARLINGTON - The Arlington branch of the Lutheran Brotherhood has offered to donate \$1,850 to Mission Arlington - if the charity can match that amount, says Mission director Tillie Burgin.

"A lot of folks have lost their jobs," she said. "They need help just to keep a roof over their heads," she said. "I can think of an example or two that came in just today. . . our money goes out real fast. The grant will be a blessing."

Mission Arlington, a project that is supported by a number of area churches, helps people in need with rent, utilities, food, clothing and once in awhile - thanks to generous donors - new toys for the kids, she said. The mission also supports a medical clinic, where area doctors donate their time.

"We've been busy, busy, busy. I'd say we've been averaging 40 to 50 people a day who come in and need help," Burgin said. "Even if we can't do it all, we try to do something for everybody."

The aid provided by the organization has made the difference between making it and going under for some people, she said.

"There's one woman who sends us \$8 a week because we paid her rent, one time, a few months ago. That helped her get back on her feet," she said. "Every week, just like clockwork, here comes a check for \$8."

The grant money will mean that more people like that woman can be helped, but to earn the grant, Mission Arlington must raise \$1,850 in matching funds. Two large donations have already put the goal within reach, Burgin said.

Donations may be sent to Mission Arlington at P.O. Box 788, Arlington, Tx. 76004, and checks should be made payable to the Lutheran Brotherhood.

Alicia Morgan, of the Lutheran Brotherhood, said the group would like to see donations exceed the \$1,850 needed for the matching grant.

"We'd like to go over that," she said. "We'd like to exceed that amount."

All funds will go to Mission Arlington.

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