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Angel of vision

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Burgin receives well-deserved award

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It's wonderful to hear about nice things happening to nice people.

Just such an occasion happened this week when Mission Arlington Director Tillie Burgin was recognized with the Angel of Visionary Compassion award by the AIDS Outreach Center.

Burgin was instrumental in the development of a local AIDS center serving patients in Arlington and the Mid-Cities. Years ago, she recognized this community's need for such services and sounded the clarion that was heard at the AIDS Outreach Center headquarters in Fort Worth.

Burgin's caring and compassion goes far beyond the needs of AIDS patients. During her tenure at Mission Arlington, she has seen to not only the basic needs of food, clothing and shelter for our community's less fortunate members, but she's labored to provide toys for needy children, prenatal services for pregnant mothers and an adult learning center for clients needing job skills.

It's appropriate that Burgin received an award for her vision. For years, the Arlington community has benefited for her ability to look down the road and forecast the needs of tomorrow. She is most deserving of this recent recognition, which was best summed up by Viktor Andersson, director of the AIDS Outreach Center for Arlington/Mid-Cities.

"Tillie's vision is from the heart," he said. "It is an expression of caring and compassion."

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