

## ‘The holidays are times of crisis.’ Here’s how Mission Arlington helps out

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Volunteers at Mission Arlington have been prepping food and filling boxes for more than two weeks.

On Thanksgiving Day, they’ll deliver the holiday meals to needy families in Arlington, Grand Prairie and parts of Fort Worth.

“Right now, planning for about 6,000 families,” said Tillie Burgin, executive director of Mission Arlington.

“Some people don’t have a stove so we’ll take them a hot meal,” Burgin said. “I’d say the need is growing.”

Mission Arlington is just one of many non-profits or churches that will provide food to those in need on Thursday. Besides making deliveries, a hot meal will also be served between 10 a.m. and noon at the mission.

The mission will enlist about 6,000 volunteers to deliver all the food on Thanksgiving morning. The deliveries take place between 8 a.m. and noon on Thursday.

“The holidays are times of crisis,” Burgin said. “We fill in the gaps in those homes.”



Girls of the Texas Girls Choir and their parents prepare boxes for hot meals at Mission Arlington Wednesday. Bob Booth Special to the Star-Telegram



Dorthea, Randy and Emily Cheek ready food boxes for the assembly line at Mission Arlington Wednesday. Bob Booth Special to the Star-Telegram



Girls from the Texas Girls Choir prep takeout boxes for a Thanksgiving meal at Mission Arlington Wednesday. Bob Booth Special to the Star-Telegram