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MISSION ARLINGTON IN THE FALL

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**D**ear friends: You are special and dear to us all. God has given us many opportunities to help people in need. As the latest crises of the hurricanes took place, everything was pretty much in place to be able to set up two shelters where we took care of 200 people.

We were able to place them in homes or get them back with their family members within two

weeks. We have also seen over 3,000 families come through the front doors - people who were without their medications, some with toothaches, and most without bedding, pots and pans, furniture, clothes and toiletries. Whatever the need happened to be, you have provided. God has blessed the efforts of HIS people.

We have seen grown men stand in my office and cry because they felt so cared for and blessed. We are an extension of your giving. We tell the people the only way Mission Arlington is able to do all we do is because of God, and God using people like you to care for others in distress.

Thank you for what you have done as you have given dollars and gift cards, furniture, household items, clothes, food, and anything that you thought might help. Maybe it is better stated by a nine-year old child with lots of energy, who said, "Where are all these wonderful people who give? I want to meet them!"

Thanks also to the committed volunteers and staff who worked almost around the clock to make sure the people were cared for. You were some of those who volunteered, and I want to say "thank you and God bless you" for all you do and have done to help.

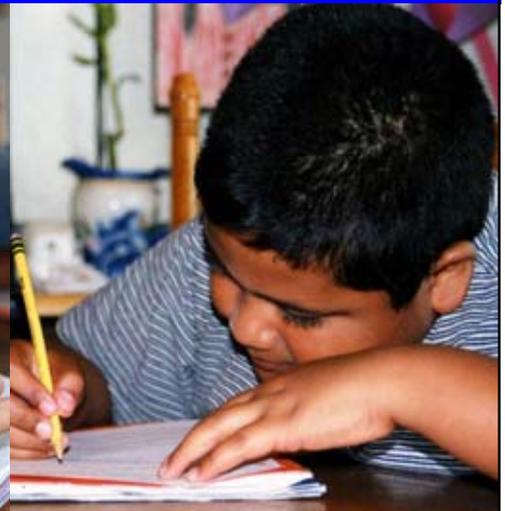
## Fall Festivals



**M**ission Arlington provides safe and fun alternatives for families during the Halloween season.

**You can help by bringing:**  
*Bags of individually wrapped candy to the Mission Arlington offices before October 31st.*

## "AFTER SCHOOL" MINISTRY IS GOING STRONG



**M**ission Arlington believes that it is important to help our students be successful in school. In FORTY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, Mission Arlington leads "after-school" programs. More than 800 STUDENTS attend these after-school events each week.

Teachers give individual attention to each student, helping them to complete their daily homework assignments. Where possible, teachers also help reinforce key academic concepts. Students are encouraged to bring their report cards at the end of each reporting season. Refreshments and different activities are also a part of the fun.

# MISSION ARLINGTON'S MINISTRY TO SURVIVORS FROM HURRICANE KATRINA

## THOUSANDS TURN OUT TO HELP HURRICANE VICTIMS.



## MANY DIFFERENT SERVICES WERE PROVIDED.



Dental Care

Medical Care

Church Shelter



Clothing

Food

Childcare

## MORE THAN 11,000 EVACUEES WERE HELPED.



Smiles all around from Hurricane Katrina Survivors

## PEACE THROUGH THE STORM

### A UNITED FAMILY

You came to help. You came as individuals. You came as families. You came with your employer; you came with your church and your civic organizations. You didn't just phone in your support; but you showed up by the thousands. Because of you, hurting people received real help at their greatest point of need.

### SHELTER FOR EVACUEES

Mission Arlington converted a gym and a church building into shelters for nearly 200 Katrina Evacuees. They had survived not only the hurricane, but also the tragic Superdome experience. Because of your loving help, Mission Arlington was able to provide a place to stay, soft beds, warm showers, three meals a day, and a safe, loving environment, and so much more.

### BASIC NECESSITIES

During the first week of the crisis, Mission Arlington helped more than 800 families with food and clothing. For many days afterwards, more than 100 Louisiana families each day were coming through Mission Arlington's front room.

### HELP STARTING OVER

One hurricane survivor told her story. She was able to get only three things out of her house. When she picked up the first item, the water was at her ankles. By the time she acquired the third item, the water was over her shoulders. She was barely able to get to the roof of her home with her children safely.

Evacuees came to us empty handed, and they were received with open arms. Mission Arlington provided transportation, help with identification and drivers licenses, beds, furniture and more.

### HEALTH CARE

Mission Arlington's volunteer doctors, dentists, nurses, and a host of other health care providers worked daily to meet the medical needs attendant to this crisis. Hundreds of people were seen, and continue to be seen, on a weekly basis.

### CONTINUING CARE

Because of the way you give, Mission Arlington will continue to be here into the future to meet the needs of hurricane survivors and others who hurt in our community. With God's strength and your support, we can weather any storm. Thank You.