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THE NEW YEAR BEGINS

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PINNACLE CORPORATION

Bob Johnson with Tillie Burgin

We have had a wonderful Christmas, and we are now going into the spring events with Easter, basketball and Rainbow Express.

We are so grateful for the way you gave at Christmas. Literally, thousands of children and families were able to receive help.

One young lady wrote that the dream of her life was to help people, but she did not know how.

She stopped by the Mission, handed out food, and heard words from our guests like “Thank you” and “God Bless You,” and was given hugs of gratitude.

She said, “I left the Mission, seeing people receive help with every need



21,821 PEOPLE RECEIVED GIFTS

Two families receiving help at Christmas.

one might have in their lives, and I just wanted to go out into the streets and neighborhoods and tell everyone, ‘Come to Mission Arlington; you will be loved and cared for!’”

Thank you, and we look forward to partnering with you in the coming year.



MARTIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



HILL GILSTRAP CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER DURING THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



GENERAL MOTORS EMPLOYEES

GM partners again with the Christmas Store, making a difference for children.



THE ARLINGTON BAR ASSOCIATION

Mark Massad and Beth Poulos help out with a Christmas party for mission kids.



MISSION ARLINGTON BIBLE STUDY

At the Christmas Store

Mission Arlington is able to make a difference in the lives of so many, because of the faithful community that surrounds us. Fifty different schools, both public and private, seventy-five different churches, and forty-seven companies participated in Mission Arlington’s Christmas Store. Fourteen Scout troops also joined in. Close to 1,500 people volunteered in the store. An additional 136 companies and individuals adopted a family. Altogether, 21,821 people received gifts. 270 people made spiritual decisions.

RAINBOW EXPRESS BEGINS SOON




At Rainbow Express, we have Bible stories, snacks, and crafts. We start again in March. **You can help with much needed supplies** by providing *batteries (c & d), Ziplock sandwich bags, Scotch tape, crayons, scissors, and glue.*

THE "EASTER STORE:" MARCH 23RD AND 24TH
10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



WORLD'S LARGEST EASTER EGG HUNT
COMING UP: SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH, 2005



Yes, it will be Easter before we know it. On March 26th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Mission Arlington will host our annual Easter egg hunt. In 2004, over 3,000 people hunted for 60,000 eggs. 

You can help by bringing the following items to the Mission office: PLASTIC EASTER EGGS; INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED HARD CANDY; EASTER BASKETS; HOT DOGS; HOT DOG BUNS; NON-TOXIC WASHABLE MARKERS; INDIVIDUAL PACKS OF CHIPS OR CRACKERS.



Emily with Vanessa

Thank you, Miss Emily
An excerpt from a letter received in the Mission Office

“Dear Miss Emily,

I just want to stop and thank you for all you have done. I was thinking to myself about how these apartments would be if Miss Emily weren't here.

Well, Miss Emily, I figured it out. I have a list of things to write about. Thank you for giving me my Christmas gift which was a bike! My mama had went bankrupt, because she bought us other gifts, but what I wanted mostly was a bike, and that's exactly what I got from you, Miss Emily. I couldn't have gotten it any other way. Thank you.

Another thing to me is that you keep the peace in these apartments. If something bad was happening, you wouldn't just let it happen. You would do something about it. Thank you.

Another thing is that I would be walking to school every-day, but thanks to you I have a ride to and from school. And, not only that, but I can get on the bus without getting talked about or mistreated. Thank you Miss Emily.

But here is the serious part that I want to thank you for, Miss Emily. As I grew up, living with my granny, we would always have to go to church. I didn't understand what the preacher was talking about then. But as I grew up, and we moved to these apartments, I began coming to church in our club house.

That's when I heard you talking about being saved. I went home and thought about it that day and asked Jesus into my heart. Miss Emily, no matter how many churches I go to yours will be the one that I will always remember, because that is where I got saved.”

AUTOMATED MONTHLY GIVING



Because several of you have requested it, Mission Arlington now has the capability of setting up an **AUTOMATIC DRAFT** to assist donors who wish to give regularly, yet without the hassle of writing a monthly check. If you are interested in finding out more about this process, please contact Debbie Musgrave at 817-277-6620, ext. 203. Or, send us an e-mail to “mission@missionarlington.org. We will help you get started.

DID YOU KNOW?

224,430 people received emergency assistance help through Mission Arlington in 2004. Thank you so much!