

# MISSION ARLINGTON MISSION METROPLEX™

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## A SPECIAL INVITATION!

I would really love for you to stop by the Mission Arlington Office (210 W. South Street), and let me personally give you a tour of the facilities here. I thought you might find

it interesting to see the process of how everything works when you bring your donations or send a check.

When you come, you will be able to see the food and clothing being given to the people. One donor said, "I brought in some nice dresses and then saw one lady select the dress." She was so excited.

You will also see a check being written to a utility company or an apartment complex to keep someone from being homeless.

Words are not adequate to express our gratitude for what you contribute. People receive help and they are so appreciative.

Also remember Easter is coming soon!! We need plastic Easter eggs and candy to stuff the eggs. We will have the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday **March 22nd**. The Easter Store will be Wednesday and Thursday, **March 19th & 20th**.

*Please come to see us when you can!*

## Mission Arlington Prepares for Easter



Children race toward eggs at 2007's Easter Egg Hunt

**E**aster is always a special time for the Mission Arlington family. We expect that **3,500 children** will gather for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Easter Store will be open March 19th and 20th. On Easter Sunday, thousands of people will gather in Mission Arlington congregations to worship a risen Lord.

## Students Are On Their Way

**1,200 students** are on their way to Mission Arlington to help during Spring Break.

They will join hands across our community to teach children and youth.

These students come to volunteer, because they want to make a difference in our community.



## It's Time for Rainbow Express

Rainbow Express is a program of games, puppets, and Bible Stories in apartment communities. Last year, **12,845 children** and teenagers attended. Our 2008 season begins **March 1st**.



Volunteers lead craft time at a 2007 Rainbow Express

You can help Mission Arlington this Easter by bringing Easter eggs and candy to the Mission Offices.

## Mission Arlington's Christmas Store

Waiting to get into the "Christmas Store" on opening day!



Because of your generosity, Mission Arlington provided Christmas gifts last year to 7,000 families. This means that **28,018 children and youth** had gifts under their Christmas tree because of you. The people who received help expressed their gratitude for your gifts.

## Basketball Star Gets Involved



Josh Howard, starting forward for the Dallas Mavericks, came to Mission Arlington in early January.

Howard distributed boxes of food and toiletries to more than 400 families.

Howard signed autographs, then left a note of encouragement for the Mission Arlington family.

## Saturday Sports Leagues



Nearly 200 children have gathered every Saturday during the month of February for Mission Arlington's Basketball leagues. Teamwork, building relationships, and having fun are all part of this special time with our children.

## Mission Arlington Loves to Help!

Because of you, more than **50,000 families** received emergency support from Mission Arlington in 2007.



The people on the right came here on a cold afternoon

to get food. Overall, people received help from Mission Arlington **194,000 times** this past year.

## A Six Million Dollar Milestone



The Allan Saxe Dental Clinic opened in 1993. Because of a dedicated team of volunteer health professionals, the clinic provides thousands of dollars of free dental care each month. In January of 2008, the clinic surpassed the **six million dollar** mark in free dental care. Congratulations on a job well-done!

## Ministry is Still Strong and Growing

Ministry	2005	2006	2007
Thanksgiving	11,534	14,000	17,000
Christmas	22,694	25,474	28,018

The chart above illustrates that more people each year are coming through Mission Arlington's front doors to receive help.

**Because of your faithful support**, the Mission Arlington family has always been able to respond to the need. God takes what each of us has to give and multiplies it to take care of children, youth, and their families in our community. Thank you!