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As you read this newsletter, my prayer is that you see how important your gifts are to us. How could we have given gifts and toys to 34,000 children had you decided, “Oh, someone else will help.”?

How could we have provided coats, hats, warm clothes, food and bicycles had you not given? What would it be like for 1,000 people a day in our front room if you did not provide dishes, pots and pans, furniture of all kinds, food – and dollars for rent and electricity assistance?

One mom and her three children stopped by to see if we had any beds. “We are in an apartment,” she said, “but we had to sell everything to pay the rent.” Because of donations of furniture we were able to help this family, along with hundreds of others who come in every week.

One of our volunteers was delivering a bed. As he was carrying the bed into the home, a little boy ran up to him and jumped in his arms on the bed, squealing with excitement. The volunteer said, “*I will never be the same. I did not know there was such need out there.*”

**PLEASE KNOW WE DO NOT TAKE YOU FOR GRANTED. WE PRAY AND THANK GOD FOR YOU.**

## A New Year Begins: Please come see us!

### Important Upcoming Events



1. **CHILDREN'S BASKETBALL:** Saturdays in February; 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.;
2. **RAINBOW EXPRESS:** Begins in March. Snacks and crafts are needed.;
3. **EASTER STORE:** March 27th & 28th; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. New clothes/Easter baskets are needed.;
4. **“WORLD'S LARGEST” EASTER EGG HUNT:** Saturday, March 30th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Candy is needed.
5. **YOUTH BASKETBALL:** Friday nights in April (6:30 p.m.).



**FOOD**  
THANK YOU,  
PRIMROSE  
STUDENTS

*The hearts of children are a big reason we have food to give away. Individual families and school food drives truly help.*



*We pick up donated items from you and give it straight to the people. Chesapeake's gift of a 2010 truck made that a lot easier. **THANK YOU CHESAPEAKE FAMILY.***

### FINANCIAL COME JOIN THE FUN!

Our administrative overhead is still **2.2 percent**. Your financial support helps families to stay in their homes, to keep warm in the winter, and to have running water. **THANK YOU!**



# Overwhelming Generosity: The News Story of 2012

**I**n days where news is overwhelmingly negative or tragic, Mission Arlington's "News Story of the Year" is about you. Even in difficult economic times you continued to give, and to give sacrificially, so that families experiencing hard times, and especially their children, could get real help in their time of need. Thank you. Our prayer is that the blessings of your faithful giving return to you and your family in meaningful ways. May God bless you and your family through this new year!



Children use their birthdays to benefit Mission Arlington.



The Six Flags family brought gifts, making Christmas special for our community's children.



Volunteers share the Christmas Story.

## CHRISTMAS RESULTS

- 8,597 families helped;
- 33,925 children and youth received gifts;
- 3,000 bikes delivered.

A Pantego neighborhood comes together, bringing more than 500 bikes to Mission Arlington for the children.



Randal Rose unloads a bike at Mission Arlington.



Chase bank employees donate bikes for children



General Motors' Santa



General Motors' Christmas Party for kids

The General Motors' family gives more Christmas gifts than ever before!



Thank you, GM family!