

# MISSION ARLINGTON® MISSION METROPLEX

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## TILLIE BURGIN

has been leading and serving at Mission Arlington® since August 1st of 1986. We have just started our 31st year.

**T**hank you for the way you support and care for the people who are in crisis. Many of the families are in need temporarily, and because of the assistance they received, they want to come back to show their gratitude and tell us their story.

One young man came by and said, “We will never know who gave the money to pay our rent when I was a kid, but I just wanted to stop by to see if you could say to everyone, THANK YOU!” Today this young man has his PHD and is teaching at a university, but he remembers well coming to the Mission with his family to request assistance. Then he gave \$100.00 to help someone else.

This kind of gratitude helps show us that their lives were impacted by the support they received. You make a difference as you give to Mission Arlington / Mission Metroplex.

When you come by, let us personally say thank you for your tangible gifts of love. Come as often as you can - we appreciate the hugs.

## UPCOMING HOLIDAY EVENTS



### FALL FESTIVAL AT 1516 W. PIONEER,

(Arlington) Saturday, October 29th, from noon to 4:00 p.m.; a family-friendly event which includes food, games, hay rides, bouncy houses, prizes, and lots of fun. To help, **please bring candy** to our office or call 817-277-6620 to volunteer.



**THANKSGIVING:** On Thanksgiving Day, beginning at 8:00 a.m., volunteers are needed to deliver turkeys, turkey baskets, and cooked meals to 6,000 families. Prior to that day, you can drop off turkeys and Thanksgiving food at

the office. You can also drop by anytime (by yourself or with your family/team) to help us get ready for that day.



### CHRISTMAS STORE at 400 W. South Street:

December 10th - 23rd, 10:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. (Sundays not included). Please let us know of families needing help. Childcare is provided. Please come down anytime to help us get ready for this important ministry. We are grateful for each of you.

## VOLUNTEERS MATTER



Pictured here, a Dallas Baptist University student serves with us in the community. The tender care given here is the kind of support our volunteers provide on a regular basis. Thanks to each of you who pray, give, and help, so that others can be blessed. We are so thankful!

**O**UR BIGGEST CURRENT NEED is “AFTER SCHOOL” TEACHERS, and DRIVERS. Please call if you can help.

## A FULL SUMMER OF MINISTRY

### SUMMER CAMPS WERE A SUCCESS



Zip Lines

Sports

Climbing

Meals

Volunteer drivers on donated buses took **1,377 children & youth** to 7 age-graded camps this summer. In partnership with **Camp Thurman**, zip lines, swimming, climbing walls, food, and more were all part of the fun.

### RAINBOW EXPRESS® FINISHES UP



Rainbow Express

**28,668 children & youth** attended Rainbow Express® this year in **401 places**. The Rainbow Express® experience involves 4 days of snacks, crafts, Bible stories, activities, music, and lots of love. Overall, 407 groups (11,399 people) from 16 states and 51 Texas cities came to help this summer. Wow!

### THOUSANDS RECEIVE SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Because of your generosity, and faithful support, more than **9,000 A.I.S.D. students** received the school supplies they needed to start the school year. On the left, a beautiful expression of what students want you to hear. On the right, Arlington PD's Hispanic Police Officer's Association brings supplies.

### HUNDREDS ATTEND SUMMER PROGRAMS



**Summer Missionary** Vicki, from the Rio Grande Valley, was among **30 students** who left home to volunteer here for all, or for part, of the summer.

Pictured here is a summer program in central Arlington. These programs happened all summer long, several days a week, across our community.

## MULTIPLYING YOUR GIFTS

### Grocery store partners provide support



Your eligible purchases through Tom Thumb and Kroger can help families in need. At **TOM THUMB**, simply take your



reward card to the customer service desk and ask them to link it to Mission Arlington®.

Our customer number is 653.

**KROGER's** process is similar except that they require you to re-enroll after August 1st each year. You can do this in person, or online at [www.kroger.com](http://www.kroger.com). Choose "Mission Metroplex," or use 80429. For specific instructions, link to our website, or call Debbie at 817-704-6141.

### "Amazon Smile:" You shop. Amazon gives.

When you purchase from [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), and choose Mission Metroplex® as your charitable beneficiary, Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of each purchase to help people in need. Amazon Smile is the same Amazon you know, but with Amazon Smile, your purchases support the ministry here.

### North Texas "Day of Giving" - Sept 22nd

The North Texas Giving Day is coming soon. You can support Mission Arlington® on Sept. 22nd (6 a.m. to 12 p.m.) by contributing online at this link: [www.northtexasgivingday.org](http://www.northtexasgivingday.org). Search for, select, and donate online to Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex. The organizers of this event will add a percentage to your contribution (7.5 percent last year), so that your gift does more to help people in need.



### A Direct Gift to Mission Arlington®

**W**e stretch your direct gifts to Mission Arlington® in many ways:

1. 96.8 percent of every dollar gets to the people;
2. On average, 500+ people a day receive help;
3. A "One-Stop" Shop: twenty+ services happen here under one roof.



A future *Mission Arlington®* leader giving direction.

**WE ARE GRATEFUL!**