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Tillie Burgin, Director

I am writing this note to you in a very personal way, because as I pray for you (and thank God for you) I want you to see through this newsletter the many different ways your resources are helping us keep children safe, and that teenagers are learning to serve, and that adults are finding ways to be significant and successful.

There are, of course, many of the ministries that we do that we could not fit into this amount of space, but if you look at the pictures and see yourselves and this city coming together to give and serve others, then we bow in thanksgiving to God and for you.

Two young men stopped by this week and said "I know you do not recognize us, but you came when we were little boys abandoned by our dad, and you found our mom walking miles to work early in the morning and Mission Arlington® rescued us. 20 years later we are doing well." The word "rescued" meant **because you give** we were able to get their lights on and pay a month's rent, get the kids in school and provide transportation, so mom could keep her job. As these men left and waved - "Merry Christmas" were their parting words. By the way, they put 20 dollars each in my hand and said "find another couple of boys like us. We will be back."

Tillie Burgin

Join with Mission Arlington® this Christmas



Carrying toys into the Christmas Store



Parents choosing toys for their children



Santa helping Mission Arlington deliver gifts

MISSION ARLINGTON'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS STORE opens to the public **DECEMBER 13 - DECEMBER 23** (except Sundays) from 10 to 6 every day. In 2013 we gave toys to **33,991 children**. Give us a call at 817-277-6620 to discover how you can help children to have a wonderful Christmas.



Your Help at Year-End Matters

Your financial support of Mission Arlington® at the end of the year really does matter. According to our auditors, nearly **97 percent** of every dollar you give directly ministers to people in need. Your generosity makes such a difference. We are so grateful for you. Go to www.missionarlington.org to find ways to help.

A SEASON OF THANKSGIVING AT MISSION ARLINGTON®

Six thousand volunteers delivered food on Thanksgiving morning.



On Thanksgiving morning, volunteers delivered Thanksgiving food to **5,753 families**, representing **23,404 people**. Because we deliver to homes, people in need can eat with their own families around their own kitchen table. We are grateful for such a generous, giving community who makes this possible. Thank you.

STUDENTS CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY



Above: Ellis Elementary collecting food to give to Mission Arlington.

Right: YMCA volunteers sorting food donations.

Below: Students from Primrose school donating turkeys.

We are so grateful!



GOING STRONG



Tillie Burgin with 2 children whose school donated 1,000 cans of food.

Mission Arlington® started in August of 1986, twenty-eight years ago. Our heart has been, as this picture depicts, to hold our community close.

We are ordinary people who have the double blessing of receiving from a generous community, and then turning around to give what is provided to ordinary people who are in a moment of need. That summarizes what we get to do day after day.

We appreciate getting to do this work with you.

Your extra gifts here at year's end truly help us care for people in need. Thank you so much!