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Dear Friends,

I always enjoy writing to you to express our appreciation for your donations and gifts. We are grateful, not just for the gifts (even though they are important so we can keep helping others) but for your life and your desire to help someone else. That is why I am saying a very special "thank you". I love it when you come with your donation or your check comes in the mail. Someone will have a better opportunity in life because you took moments out of your busy schedule to share with us.

Recently we received a donation of men's and women's formal clothing. A local retirement center wanted to host a very special evening for their residents (who do not have many financial resources). The staff of the retirement center came to the Mission to see if we had "dinner wear". They found a number of nice suits for men and dresses for the women. Afterwards, we received pictures of the excited residents, all dressed up and with smiles on their faces. So, thank you, dear friends.

The Lord takes our "little" gifts and makes them big blessings in people's lives. That is one reason we, as Mission Arlington staff and volunteers, pledge to be faithful with little: so that He will allow us to be faithful with much.

Bless you,

## Thanksgiving is Near!

We are making preparations right now to deliver food on Thanksgiving day. You can help by volunteering and by collecting food through your office, church, or school. We especially need the following items:

**Turkeys, Stuffing Mix, Canned Vegetables, Canned Sweet Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Pie Filling, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, Beans/Rice, Rolls, and Pie Crust**



*A volunteer attaches "Happy Thanksgiving" cards to meals about to be delivered on the morning of Thanksgiving Day, 2006. Mission Arlington delivered food to 14,000 people last year.*

## Halloween is Here!

Every year, Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex hosts free Halloween carnivals for children. Last year, more than 2,500 children (including these enjoying the hayride below) found a safe place to be at these events. You can help make Halloween 2007 a safe and fun success. We need donations of wrapped candy and volunteers to staff the carnivals. For more information about how you can join in, call us at the office at 817-277-6620.





# Christmas is Coming!

We are preparing for our annual Christmas Store. Each year Mission Arlington provides free gifts for families that need a little extra help at Christmas time. Parents shop from donated new toys for their children. We would love for you to be a part of the Christmas store with us this year. You can join in a variety of ways:

**Volunteer:** We need volunteers to stock shelves, help people shop, care for children while their parents shop, wrap gifts, and tell the Christmas story. For information on volunteering, call us at 817-277-6620.

**Donate:** We need new toys and gifts for boys and girls, from newborns through teenagers.

**Pray:** We need your prayers! Pray that people who come to the Christmas Store will know how much God loves and cares for them.



## A Testimony from one Mission Arlington Volunteer

I am so blessed to be a part of the ministry of Mission Arlington because it continues to put the Good News about Jesus as the focus of all its activities. We, as leaders in the many churches meeting in apartments throughout Arlington, are the ones who get to see first-hand the way God works in life after life.

*Sue Brown* Thank you Mission Arlington for keeping the main thing the main thing!

*It takes an average of 2,000 volunteers each month to carry out the many ministries of Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex. Individuals just like you are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people. This is the testimony of Sue Brown, a volunteer who teaches Bible Study in an apartment community in North Arlington. If you are not already a volunteer at Mission Arlington, we would love to have you join us.*

Stay connected on-line: You can donate as well as find current news, prayer requests, ways to volunteer, and needs at [www.missionarlington.org](http://www.missionarlington.org)

## Thank You CitiFinancial!



*Tillie Burgin, with Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck, receives the check from CitiFinancial branch managers Bryon Wagner, Richard Heard, and Kalisha Beasley.*

This September CitiFinancial donated \$12,000 to Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex to be used for computers, calculators and other tools for our afterschool programs. CitiFinancial employees are also planning to provide free financial education workshops for the people Mission Arlington serves.

We are grateful to have such generous partners in this community.