

# MISSION ARLINGTON<sup>®</sup> MISSION METROPLEX

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**W**e would love for you to spend your holiday time at Mission Arlington<sup>®</sup>. You encourage us when you give, when you stop by, or send a note.

For 32 years now we have been in the center of our city helping people at a point of need in their lives. We keep our doors open 7 days a week, so we won't miss anyone who wants to give and/or who needs to receive.

As a family was bringing some donations by this week, the husband asked if he could just walk around *the Mission* a little. When I asked him why, he said "this is the first place we came after my daddy died when I was a child. I remember how cared for my family was, the toy I received, and even the ride back to our house. My mom said then that if we ever were ok again we would help at Mission Arlington<sup>®</sup>." As the family stood waiting to take a tour, the husband handed me a check.

## TILLIE BURGIN

You, along with this family, encourage us as you give. Remember, it is the Holiday season. We want every child and family to feel significant during days that could be difficult for those in crises. Thank you my dear friends.

Come by when you can. We would love to thank you personally.



## Thanksgiving 2017

**ON THANKSGIVING DAY**, we need your help to deliver turkeys, turkey baskets, and pre-cooked meals to more than **6,000 families**. Please arrive by 8:00 a.m. at *the Mission* offices. You will make your deliveries, and be finished by noon.

**BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY**, we need your help to sort food and to build Thanksgiving boxes. Come on your own, or bring your team to lend a hand. Stay for an hour or for the whole day. We love the way this community comes together to help people in need. Thank you!

**TURKEYS & THANKSGIVING FOOD:** It takes **5,200+ turkeys** to provide food for **25,000+ people**. Other Thanksgiving food is also needed: *canned vegetables, fruits, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, macaroni/cheese, & mashed potato flakes*. Please drop off this food at the Mission Arlington<sup>®</sup> offices any time. We are grateful for your support.



## CHRISTMAS 2017



### OUR "CHRISTMAS STORE" OPENS

\* **December 9th - 22nd**, (except Sundays) from **\* 10:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.** every day. It's the "store" where **everything is free**. 30,010 children received toys, bikes, & trees last year. Come help us get ready!

### YOU CAN HELP

1. Christmas gifts are needed for children of all ages. Please see our website for a full listing;
2. Volunteers are needed, all ages, to help us prepare for Christmas and to operate the store. So much fun!



**S**anta Claus came to a Christmas party at one of our central Arlington congregations last year.





# MISSION ARLINGTON® IN THE FALL



Taking church to the people - one life at a time - since August of 1986.

## TRANSPORTATION



Mission Arlington® helps parents by transporting their students to and from school every day.

## "AFTER SCHOOL"



An average of **1,600 students** attend our after-school programs each week. **Crafts**, like the one pictured here, are often part of the learning experience.

## "MARY'S TABLE"



In partnership with the *Baptist Center for Global Concerns*, women, teens, and children learn to provide their family with a **week's worth of healthy evening meals**. A book of recipes is presented to the ladies, along with a **week's worth of groceries** for their family.

## BASEBALL ACADEMY: SATURDAYS IN THE FALL



More than **100 children a week** learn how to bat, catch, and throw -- on Saturday mornings in the fall from 10 to noon. Teamwork, exercise, encouragement, and Bible study are part of the weekly routine. The Academy continues into the fall. **A special thanks** to all volunteers who make this possible for the children, and to each of you for your support.

**SO MUCH COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. THANK YOU!**



AHS Student Council



Truman Middle School, Grand Prairie

## HURRICANE RELIEF EFFORTS



Because you have given so faithfully, we have provided for hundreds of people displaced by the hurricanes from twenty-two (22) American cities and Puerto Rico. We have sent supplies into affected areas. Volunteers, like these teams & families above, have been here every day - making a difference in people's lives, and in ours too. We are grateful for your constant support. **Thank you!**