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I'd like to share a note that came to us recently:



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"I was an observer who stood back and watched what was happening one day at Mission Arlington. People were coming in and going out of the Mission Arlington office – some were dropping off clothes or furniture; some had checks to be given to help the people who were waiting for some kind of help. I saw everyone being treated with love and care - not seen as poor, or black or white, but as a person, just as God sees us. I am one who stood in the medical clinic line and received help many years ago, and the Mission has not changed. Everyone should come by the Mission office and experience God's love."

Thank you, my dear friends. You help, you share, you give. It is that HOLIDAY time of the year when so many are trying to adjust to the many demands of the holidays.

Thank you for all you do, and God bless you.

Join with Mission Arlington this Holiday Season!

On Thanksgiving Day, Mission Arlington volunteers will deliver food to 5,000 families.

We need your help with the following items: turkeys, canned vegetables and fruits, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, macaroni and cheese, and mashed potato flakes. Food can be dropped off at Mission Arlington's offices seven days a week. If you would like to deliver food to a family, come volunteer with us on Thanksgiving Day. We will send out the first deliveries at 8 am and be finished by noon.



2011 Volunteers
preparing to
deliver turkeys



Volunteers help
guests choose
gifts in 2011's
Christmas
Store.

Mission Arlington's Christmas Store will be open December 8 – 21 (except Sundays) from 10 am – 6 pm to provide free gifts for low-income families. Last year, we provided presents for 35,000 people. You can help by volunteering in the store or by donating new, unwrapped toys. Toys can be brought to the offices of Mission Arlington seven days a week.

Your Gifts Make Such A Difference



Free dentures provided by the Allan Saxe Dental Clinic



New hats for children, donated through Mission Arlington.



Swift Elementary students donate food



Young girl on her new bed, received from Mission Arlington.

Creative Ways You Can Help

Gene Allen's is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Food Drive for Mission Arlington November 23rd-25th (Fri-Sun.)

Bring 5 non-perishable items and get 20 percent off.



Arlington's "Trail Dust" Steak House opens from 6 to 9 p.m. on December 11th to support Mission Arlington. Bring the equivalent of \$15 worth of toys or \$15 cash and eat a free buffet.



Fall Fun for Kids

Mission Arlington loves to care for the children in our community.

Nearly 2,000 children (with their families) attended our Fall Festival on October 27th.



College Students serving at Mission Arlington.

Transparent & Accountable

Mission Arlington works hard to make sure that your gifts get to the people. According to our auditors, **97.8 CENTS OUT OF EVERY DOLLAR** you give goes directly to people in need. Our administrative overhead is 2.2 percent. Mission Arlington does not sell anything you give. We do not have re-sale shops. **IF YOU GIVE IT, WE GIVE IT AWAY.**

Mission Arlington is 1) led by an independent Board of Directors who meet monthly, 2) audited annually by a local, well-respected auditing firm, 3) and voluntarily partners with accountability organizations, such as ECFA, Charity Navigators, and the Better Business Bureau. **WE ARE IN GOOD STANDING** with each entity.

For the sixth year in a row, Charity Navigator has honored Mission Arlington with 4 Stars, its highest rating, putting us in the **TOP THREE PERCENT** of the charities they rate nationwide.

Finally, Mission Arlington annually **PUBLISHES THE RESULTS** of our ministry on our website, available for all to see. We sincerely attempt, in every arena, to be as transparent and accountable as possible.

Mission Arlington does not employ professional grant writers, and we don't attempt to "raise funds." As simply as we know how, **WE OPERATE BY FAITH**, trusting the Lord to provide. In 26 years, He has never failed.

We want you always to know how grateful we are for your financial support. Your gifts mean so much to us, and to the people we serve. **WE THANK GOD FOR YOU** every single day!