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Mission receives donation of bus

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A month ago, one of Tillie Burgin's prayers was answered: A retirement facility presented Mission Metroplex of Arlington with a used bus it can use to transport low-income residents.

Burgin, the mission's director, said the 21-passenger vehicle from Arlington Plaza will be used to carry residents to work and their children to school.

Burgin said there's clearly a need for the bus.

Last month, mission buses made more than 3,000 trips taking people to school and work. She estimates that 55 to 60 children from low-income families ride the buses to school every day.

"We decided to give them the bus because they do so much work in the community," said Joann Shively, manager of Arlington Plaza. "The mission does church services for us every Sunday."

Lynne Prater, a Mission Metroplex volunteer, said she sometimes conducts worship services at the retirement center because many of the residents are not physically able to attend church.

The retirement center will formally donate the bus to the mission on June 6 at 3 p.m. during an open house at the retirement facility.

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