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**GIVE THANKS
WITH A
GRATEFUL
HEART!**

There is always excitement around *the Mission* when we see people getting the help they need. We are so blessed to be here. More than simply handing out what you so beautifully provide, it is important to us to treat each person with dignity & respect. We always hope that people will experience the Lord when they are here. We've noticed too that this is a place where you find people in need bringing comfort to one another.

One lady who was here for assistance recently said to another, "Aren't we grateful *the Mission* is here for us? I don't know why you are here," she said to the lady, "but I promise you that, even if you don't get all you need physically, you will be prayed for, and when you leave you will feel so much better." Then the lady said to her new friend, "If you don't have a ride home I will wait for you. *The Mission* is giving me a gas voucher so I can get to work, but I will have enough to take you home."

We love what we get to do here every day, and we are so grateful for the many different ways you make this journey possible.

Tillie Burgin

Thanksgiving 2023

ON THANKSGIVING DAY, we need your help to deliver turkeys, turkey baskets, and pre-cooked meals to more than **6,000 families**. 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.

TURKEYS & THANKSGIVING FOOD: It takes **5,200+ turkeys** to provide food for **26,000+ 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[®] offices any time.



Christmas 2023

* **December 9th - 21st** (except Sundays) from
* **10:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m.** every day. Also open
December 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. It's the "store" where **everything is free**. **26,481 children** received toys, bikes, & trees last year.

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.



VOLUNTEER TEAMS MAKE SUCH A DIFFERENCE HERE



Making a difference with your life is so much fun. Volunteer times at Mission Arlington are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Come join us!

YOUR DONATIONS STRENGTHEN AS NEED INCREASES

663 people a day came for help in September. Your gifts of food, clothes, household items, and furniture provide authentic support to families who are in a moment of need. **THANK YOU!**



Dropping off donations, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

1,155 ATTEND ANNUAL "FAMILY-FRIENDLY" FALL FESTIVAL



LUNCH BY CANDLELITE



The *Candlelite Inn* family prepares and provides a meal for over **200 Mission Arlington®** volunteers every Tuesday. So many from the community have contributed to be a part of this, and we are grateful for their support.

DR. GOODMAN STILL SERVES



Though injured in a high school football incident, Dr John Goodman established a thriving dental practice. Using braces to move himself about, patients were drawn to his effervescent personality and positive spirit. So are we.

Long a supporter of Mission Arlington® and our dental clinic, he volunteers with us every Tuesday assessing new patients. What a difference he makes. We are grateful.

MORE THAN 1,300 PATIENTS A YEAR RECEIVE DENTAL CARE THROUGH THE SAXE CLINIC.