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Many years ago, I expressed a desire that someday we could have a red star placed above our Mission Arlington® offices. Time went by, and early one morning, a group of men were busy putting up a 12-foot, red star over our building. It lighted up, and it could be seen from many directions.

A newspaper reporter stopped in my office one day and said she had been driving down Abram street late one night. She saw the star and wanted to know if it had "a meaning." I asked her if she knew the story of the Star that was over Bethlehem. She paused, and I said, "It lights the way." The headline in the newspaper the next morning was, "STAR LIGHTS THE WAY."

That is our message to you, dear friends. As you have given, prayed, served, and worked so hard, so that all who come to *the Mission* in need are able to find their way.

A family of five this past week came in to bring a turkey. They shared that many years ago, they had received turkey dinners from us. But this year, they could give and not take one. What a blessing.

You would probably want to know that this Thanksgiving God used you to help us serve 6,953 families (28,099 people) and more than 4,600 of you came to serve! Wow!

MERRY CHRISTMAS! WE DO THANK GOD FOR YOU.

Tillie Burgin

MISSION ARLINGTON'S FREE CHRISTMAS STORE



Gift Wrap

Our free Christmas Store runs from December 9th through December 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, excluding Sundays. Last year, 26,481 children received gifts.

Volunteers are needed in every area of the Christmas Store, from childcare, to gift wrap, to shopper-helpers, to stocking of the store.

Toys and Christmas gifts are needed.

For children of all ages, new or nearly new gifts make a difference in the life of a family in need. You can find a listing of gifts, plus an "Amazon wishlist," on our website at missionarlington.org.



Keeping shelves stocked



Great Gifts for kids

THE MISSION IS. . .

- **A Ministry of Ones** - Every life is important, and everyone deserves to be treated with dignity & respect;
- **Faith-Based** - We want people to know that God cares about them. We sponsor Bible studies and congregations in over 350 locations;
- **Humbly grateful** - We don't sell or re-sell anything you give. 98.5 cents of every dollar donated gets to the people. We are simply amazed by your generous hearts.
- **Making a Difference** - With many ministries, 100s of people receive help here every day!

28,099 PEOPLE RECEIVE MEALS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVES

We could give, because you gave it first.



Companies

Families



Ashworth Elementary

Schools

VOLUNTEERS PACK FOOD BOXES

6,953 food boxes prepared for the big day.



THANKSGIVING DAY DELIVERIES TOUCH THOUSANDS

4,668 volunteers delivered food to 6,953 families on Thanksgiving Morning.



THANK YOU!

You made the difference!



The need this year was greater than ever before. This was true in your lives too, but you gave anyway.

You drove by - day after day - with turkeys and Thanksgiving food, making it seem like "no big deal," but your trunks were full.

Thousands of you, young & old, showed up early on Thanksgiving Day to help us deliver meals to people in need. You amaze us, and we are so thankful.