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#### IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME.

- You give to those who are struggling so they can find a better
- You give to those who are grieving, so they can find peace &
- You give because you know it is "more blessed to give than to
- You give because God gave first.

**THANK** you for contributing to families who know what it is like to be in darkness and see no light. In fact, that may have been your experience at one time in your life too.

Let me assure you: Your heart - filled with love and compassion for "the least of these" - makes a real difference in the lives of those who need to receive some help.

**JOU** are loved by the Mission family for all you do - to help us help others and to love unconditionally. Tillie Bargin

## IT'S CHRISTMAS AT MISSION ARLINGTON®

CHRISTMAS!

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n the biblical story, it was angels who first heralded the good news of Christmas. In 2024, we invite you to share the news too, so that as many children as possible can experience the blessing of gifts under their tree.

Our free Christmas Store opens Wednesday, December 11th and closes Monday, December 23rd, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, excluding Sundays. Last year, 30,752 children received gifts. You can join the fun too!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED in every area of the Christmas Store, from childcare, to gift wrap, to shopper-helpers, to stocking of the store. Coming with a group? Give us a call at 817-277-6620. Coming with family/friends? Just show up, and we'll put you to work.

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

#### **DISTINCTIVES**

- <u>Faith-based</u>. We want people to experience God's love through every part of our work. People matter to God and to us.
- Wholistic a onestop shop, caring for people's physical, spiritual, emotional, and educational needs.
- Accountable. More than 98.5 cents of each dollar you give reaches people in need.
- Free. All of our services are provided at no cost. We do not sell or re-sell anything you provide.
- <u>Representative</u>-Embedded for a generation in a generous community, we simply pass along what we receive.

#### THIS BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY MADE THANKSGIVING POSSIBLE

You purchased the food and brought it here. You organized it, packed it, prepared it and delivered it on one crisp, beautiful Thanksgiving morning. We are so honored to serve alongside you day by day. Wow!



## THANKSGIVING DAY DELIVERIES TOUCH THOUSANDS

**29,495 people** (7,124 families) received a Thanksgiving meal.

On a beautiful, crisp Thanksgiving morning,  $5000^+$  volunteers (from 49 cities) showed up to deliver Thanksgiving turkeys, cooked meals, & a big box of Thanksgiving food. This is a fun day, and we love being with you.



### YEAR END HELP

You make the difference!



ission Arlington® simply receives what you provide, and then we give it away. "God gives."
You give. We give."
We believe we are a conduit from a faithful & generous community to people who are in a moment of need.

Your financial support provides groceries, rent & utility assistance, and so much more. Thank you!