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It is not unusual for someone to ask: "Just what is Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex?"

Recently, as two Mission Arlington workers stood in the middle of a very large store, someone asked that very question.

Before the workers could respond, the manager of the store stepped in and said:

"Let me answer that. When I was 9 years old, my family came to Arlington. Due to a variety of difficult circumstances, we were homeless. We went to Mission Arlington, not knowing what else to do. They helped us get into a place to stay and start over again.

Today, I am a manager of this store; and that, my friend, explains Mission Arlington."

I was so blessed to hear his testimony. Thank you for all you do to help the people in our community get back to being okay when circumstances are beyond their control.

We are so grateful for you.

KROGER CARD ALERT

When you connect to Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex through Kroger's "NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR" program, Kroger donates money to participating non-profits based upon the volume of your individual purchases.

Because of your support, Mission Arlington received \$4,232.50 from Kroger this past year.

Now, it is time to **RE-LINK** your Kroger "plus" card so that your purchase will continue to support the work of Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex.

Please take the barcode below to your nearest Kroger store in order to re-link. Thank you!

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CAMPS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Mission Arlington sponsors **SEVEN FREE SUMMER CAMPS** for children and youth throughout the month of July.

Last year, **1,331 students** attended one of these fun, and spiritually refreshing camp experiences.



Last year, because of your generosity, we distributed school supplies to **9,000 students**. Pictured to the right is a young lady who received school supplies from us last year.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE NEEDED RIGHT NOW. Go to our website (missionarlington.org) to find out how you can help, or call  817-277-6620.



EXPERIENCE GOD IN ARLINGTON

Students come to Arlington from across the US



Since Spring Break, **3,848 students** from 115 different groups have come to lead Rainbow Express in Arlington.

Visiting students worship outdoors at the Mission.

So far, more than **26,000 children and youth** have attended one of these Rainbow Express events.

GIVING BACK:

Our own youth grow up and give back



A group of youth from our North Arlington Bible studies spent a week "on Mission" in their home town. They taught God's word, had fun with puppets, and loved the children and youth in their own city. **877 people so far** have accepted Christ through Rainbow Express this year.

INTENSIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Thirty-one student missionaries are here this summer.

Thirty-one (31) students are here this summer, investing in the children and youth of our community, and learning a lot about themselves. Summer Missionaries have life-changing experiences at Mission Arlington.



Mississippians Cherlyn and Emily, teach children the Bible.

EXTREME "IT" MAKEOVER



Heartland Technology Group, Hewlett Packard, Microsoft, Intel, and the Arlington based VAR-NETWORKING RESULTS came together this past May to create the largest and most extensive "EXTREME IT MAKEOVER"

that they have ever done. And, they did it for Mission Arlington.

This makeover took Mission Arlington from 8 separate servers (some of which ran on PC Class machines) to much newer equipment.

Also, in conjunction with their national summit, 100 volunteers from Heartland Technology Group, along with representatives from each contributing partner, came to volunteer for an evening at Mission Arlington.

All of these volunteers were on hand for the "big reveal" moment when the bus - or in Mission Arlington's case - two trucks - were moved. Hundreds of balloons were released, as everyone shouted "MOVE THOSE TRUCKS!" It was a lot of fun. We are so grateful.



"Surprise:" New computers unveiled

HONORED

The Anson Jones Award

In early June, Fort Worth Scottish Rite Foundation, Inc. awarded Tillie Burgin with their highest honor, the Anson Jones award, for exemplary service to the community. We are grateful.



Mason, a young lady who helped Mission Arlington children, with Tillie Burgin