



Hopescope

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Providing Hope with Love

North Texas Giving Day September 19



The 11th annual North Texas Giving Day is **September 19, 2019** and your support is vital. We're looking forward to another fun event with the return of **dj.Deluxe**, Mark Ridlen, and added bling from **Marci Lou's Glitter Tattoos**. The following local businesses have agreed to match your donations dollar-for-dollar, up to \$500 per sponsor, in a 'miracle of math' displaying the power of generosity! Each gift is multiplied ensuring there is enough for the needs. "The more we give, the more we receive!" Thank you: **Weber's Computer Services, Cheryl Drane Your House SOLD Name, Junk King, America's Greenest Junk Removal Service, Lakewood Dental Group**, Drs. Sigurdson and Patel, **Kelly Harris Farmer's Insurance, Paradigm Family Health** and **Jesse's AC & Appliance Services** for matching gift support!

Giving is not just about making a donation. It's about making a difference. Last year, WRCH received 100 gifts totaling over \$17,000 to benefit hungry families in five east Dallas zip codes. Eighty-two percent of donors opted to include the processing fee with their gift. (Thank you!) That extra 'click' maximizes funds available to meet client needs. This year, scheduled giving is back! Online scheduling starts September 9th; and donations will automatically process at 6am on 9/19. To be eligible for bonus funds, donations must be \$25+ and made online. Search "WRCH" to find **White Rock Center of Hope** at www.northtexasgivingday.org.

Every online donation during this event will receive a portion of bonus funds. Bonus funds are NOT a dollar-for-dollar match, however, at the time of press, **WRCH has** received pledges for **matching funds** that will **double \$3,500 dollars** (so far).

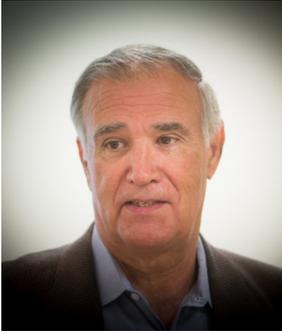
The NTGD bonus percentage for 2019 is announced on September 20, after all the donations across north Texas have been tabulated. Last year bonus funds covered remaining processing fees *and* added money to the grand total. NTGD is not just a day. It's an opportunity that inspires and unites neighbors to support each other. **Just as neighbors count on us, we are counting on you! Your support makes a difference** in east Dallas every day. You make it possible for needy neighbors to receive food, soap and toilet paper... You are AMAZING! For your convenience, you can donate from home, phone, and **stop by** our Resale Store on **Thursday, 9/19** for prizes and surprises. LIKE us on FACEBOOK to keep up with the latest!

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Pickups for donations of large items are available; to schedule a pickup call the store at 214-324-2020. The Resale Store is open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday through Saturday.



Ted Beechler
Executive Director

From The Director's Desk

Our Lord's story of the good Samaritan has always been a favorite of mine. Few of us actually have the opportunity to assist a victim such as the Samaritan helped, but you do have the opportunity to assist people in need of basic necessities. Every day the center offers you the chance to help with your time or donation as the Samaritan did.

It is a fact that without our volunteers the center could do little if anything to assist our neighbors in need. Every day between 20 and 30 people donate their time to feed, cloth and provide financial aid to families experiencing hardships. Last year alone the center's two hundred plus volunteers gave over 35,000 hours of their lives towards helping over 17,400 people in more than 7,400 families. They distributed over 573,000 pounds of food, more than 77,000 clothing items and paid \$100,000 in rent and utility assistance.

As we celebrate our thirtieth anniversary and reminisce about the past years, many things come to mind. None of the accomplishments of those three decades would have been possible without the many faithful and dedicated volunteers who made the Center their own personal mission. Many of those dedicated volunteers whose long-term services to our community have gone to their final reward.

The value of the work of these volunteers is best stated by one of the center's clients who wrote, "You have no idea what a joy it is to look in my pantry and find food! The Lord has provided for me through you, and neither He nor I will forget your kindness. Mere thanks are not enough. Someday I will be able to help someone else along and that is what I will do in honor of you. You are all God's angels." There can certainly be no doubt as to just how accurate that last sentence truly is.

Please consider supporting us in our mission and like the good Samaritan help our neighbors in need.

What the Center Means to Those in Need

People sometimes come to the center after it has closed. Often I find them reading the various notices posted on the door. If I happen to be in the front office after hours and see them pull up to the center, I always take the time to ask them what they need. If they need food I will provide them with food. If they need clothes and or financial assistance, I will schedule an appointment for them. These after hours visits give me an opportunity to experience what our volunteers do every day. I would like to share one of these visits with you.

One afternoon, about 3:00 pm I happened to see a pickup truck pull up to the center. In the front seat I could see the driver and a woman passenger. As soon as the truck stopped, the male driver immediately lowered his head on the steering wheel, obviously disturbed by the fact that they had arrived too late. I went out and managed to get their attention before they drove away. When I got to the truck I noticed a toddler and an infant in the rear seat.

I asked what we could do for them. The driver replied that they needed food for the kids for a few days and diapers for the baby. Together the five of us went to the food pantry. It seemed strange that they did not ask for food for all four, so I asked what the two of them were going to eat for the next "few days." "We'll be OK without any until I get paid later this week," was his reply. I told them that was foolish and with the help of my new toddler friend we proceeded to box the food and other items necessary to care for them until the paycheck arrived. While doing this we talked about their situation. It seemed he had been out of work for a few weeks, but was now employed and should be back on track with bills and expenses before the month's end. We loaded the boxes and the kids in truck and before he got behind the wheel he asked if he could shake my hand and said, "I don't know what we'd have done without you." As he got in the truck, I could tell he was holding back the tears. His wife was already sobbing as she asked if she could give me a hug. After numerous "Thank You's" and "God Bless You's" they drove off. It's hard to describe how I felt watching my new toddler friend waving furiously to me in the rear the truck's window. This family is like many of the families who come to the center. Good people experiencing a setback. It might be unemployment, or expenses due to an unexpected illness or car repair. Whatever the cause may be, what you need to know is that like the father in the story, we and the families we help don't know what we would do without YOUR SUPPORT!



Volunteers put your In-Kind Donations to use

Our center would not exist without our volunteers. This small army staffs every aspect of the center's mission. These wonderful individuals graciously donate an average of 3,000 hours a month to help their neighbors in need. They staff the center as receptionists and interviewers, sort food items in our warehouse, prepare food orders for distribution, and sort clothing and household items for resale or for distribution to our clients. They price merchandise, stock shelves and man the sales counter of our resale store. Based on the U. S. Government's estimate of the value of a typical volunteer's hour of service, it would cost the Center **\$950,000** a year in salaries to hire a staff to provide these services!

Donations of food, clothing and household items play key roles in the center's mission. Sixty-five percent of the food we distribute is donated to the center. The food comes from member churches, member organizations, individual donors and the annual Scouting for Food drive conducted by the Boy Scouts in February. These donations enable us to distribute an average of thirty-five pounds of food per person. Now a family of three, which is the size of most of our families, now receives over a hundred pounds of food. This year we anticipate distributing **\$1,000,000 worth of food**.

Similarly, the overwhelming percentage of the gently used clothing we distribute is also donated. Here again, we were able to increase the number of outfits available for distribution thanks to your generous support. Clients are eligible to receive clothing every three months so we are now able to provide a family of three with as much as **sixty outfits a year**. We will distribute **\$250,000 worth of clothing** this year.

In addition to providing in-kind donations directly to our clients, many items find their way into our Resale Store. Here they are sold to generate income which is used to help our clients with financial assistance for rent, utilities, bus passes, etc. This year our Resale Store will generate over **\$400,000** in sales and is our leading source of cash support.

Thank you for your past and continued support of our center. While cash donations are important, your donations of canned goods, gently used clothing & household items are of great value to our neighbors in need.

Community Impact for November 1, 2018 – July 31, 2019

Month	Families	Individuals	Children	#'s of Food	Clothing	\$ Rent	\$ Utilities
November	641	1,581	640	52,885	7,871	5,261	4,173
December	462	1,139	460	37,905	5,538	3,699	3,960
January	496	1,150	433	38,220	6,572	2,801	2,332
February	470	1,091	405	36,610	6,302	1,670	3,361
March	391	761	210	25,935	5,568	2,267	2,446
April	479	1,095	395	36,505	7,048	3,444	2,547
May	465	1,078	405	37,205	5,690	3,393	2,265
June	503	1,144	385	38,185	5,505	3,662	2,312
July	495	1,197	427	40,775	6,618	1,645	1,793
FY 2019 TOTAL	4,402	10,236	3,760	344,225	56,712	27,842	25,189

Take time to remember the White Rock Center of Hope in your will.

Recently another of our volunteers came into my office to tell me that she had made provisions to continue to work for the center after her death. It reminded me of the gracious and generous acts of other volunteers who had done the same. Please consider joining our volunteers who have made arrangements to continue their efforts on behalf of their neighbors even after they have gone home to our Lord.





Volunteers Needed

If you can donate your time you would be doing a service to our community and obeying Jesus' command to "Feed My Sheep."

URGENT NEED

Resale Store Staffing

We need people every day from 9:00 to 4:00.

You can work all day or half days.

Call Tracee 214-324-2020.

We need help for the following:

Interviewers on Friday, Wednesday & Tuesday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, 3rd Saturday from 9:00 to noon

Pantry Workers on Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday clothes closet client helpers,

Clothing sorters on all days

For More Information please call Ted Beechler at 214-328-2978

Founder - Donagene Christian
Executive Director - Ted Beechler



There is room for your church or organization to join us in making a difference in lives through the White Rock Center of Hope

The Bare Pantry Fare

(or what we need in the way of food items)

Canned Meat Products: Chili, Chicken, Ham, Chef Boyardee) Canned Tuna, Canned Soup

Canned Vegetables (other than corn) Canned Beans (other than green beans)

Canned Tomato Products, Boxed Shelf Items (Hamburger/tuna Helper, Suddenly Salad, Jello, etc.)

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White Rock
Center of Hope
Resale Shop

10019 Garland Road
214-324-2020

Selling antiques & collectibles, crafts, jewelry, gently used clothing and household items donated by neighbors to benefit neighbors in need!

**Monday—Saturday 9:00 AM
to 4:00 PM**

The White Rock Center of Hope is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) ecumenical organization serving the east Dallas community by providing emergency basic human needs.