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November 2018

Providing Hope with Love

North Texas Giving Day 2018 Open House



September 20, was a big day at the White Rock Center of Hope! North Texas Giving Day attracted 100 gifts to the Center and culminated with a ribbon cutting by the **Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce** to celebrate the expanded retail space and Center renovations. Financial gifts dedicated to helping

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neighbors in need totaled over \$17,000. An open house, catered by **Go Girl Catering** with entertainment by **DJ Deluxe**, invited guests to wander through the space and visit areas of the building that are not usually available to the public. Informational signage along the balloon-lined route

created 'stops' for self-guided tours and strategically stationed board members were available to answer questions. Guests quickly realized extra snacks were located at various tour stops with the beverage station being the final stop on the route leading back into the store.

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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

As I begin my 19th year with the center, I can honestly say that 2018 has been the roughest year for the center. We have just received the certificate of occupancy which marks the completion of the center's renovations. As always, these changes were motivated by the need to better serve our neighbors in need, but they have come at a price. In addition to the planned remodeling, the city of Dallas required us to install a \$100,000 firewall plus parking lot changes which nearly doubled the cost of the work. Combine this with the loss of

\$50,000 in sales because of our resale store closings due to construction, and you can begin to see why 2018 was a challenge.

We could have covered part of these expense by reducing services to clients but that is contrary to why we were doing the work in the first place. We chose rather to use our cash reserves. For this reason, 6,958 families received over 572,845 pounds of food, 2,532 families received 76,938 clothing items, 280 families received \$59,229 in rental assistance and 277 families received \$40, 582 in utility aid. Every family that we helped received services on par with last year, despite the ongoing renovations. After all that's why we're here.

What I ask is that you consider helping to offset these expenses. At our training sessions, I remind the volunteers that the center is here to help provide a "bridge over the potholes in the road of life." During this Holiday Season think of how you too can be a bridge over a pothole in the road of life for some family. Please keep them and us in your prayers as we strive to help our neighbors to remember that God does care and provide for all of us.

Community Impact: November, 2017 through October, 2018

Month	Families	Persons	Children	#'s of Food	Clothing	\$ Rent	\$ Utilities	Vol. Hours
November	827	2,023	812	66,115	9,408	5,333	3,108	3,128
December	706	1,847	803	60,200	7,895	3,865	4,427	3,762
January	775	1,824	682	61,040	8,043	5,438	3,787	3,271
February	601	1,357	500	45,710	6,519	3,278	4,728	3,358
March	562	1,280	463	42,525	6,561	4,716	4,074	3,300
April	561	1,215	442	40,495	6,089	5,657	2,497	2,256
May	551	1,247	465	41,475	664	5,977	1,867	2,567
June	652	1,497	582	49,385	7,992	5,356	3,543	2,842
July	562	1,313	503	43,645	6,722	5,948	3,414	3,163
August	442	1,056	398	35,385	354	4,474	1,851	1,859
September	527	1,215	454	39,515	8,139	5,461	2,946	2,413
October	606	1,464	565	47,355	8,552	3,726	4,340	3,086
TOTAL	7,372	17,338	6,669	572,845	76,938	59,229	40,582	35,004

Remember The Center in your Planned Giving

A planned gift to the Center can ensure the continuation of our vital assistance to the people of East Dallas. Through your will, estate, stocks, financial holdings, or endowment gifts you can help us provide basic necessities, while leaving a legacy and achieving your own financial goals.

For more information contact: Ted Beechler at 214-328-2978 or Kimberly Humphries at 214-324-9285.



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Nearly fifty percent of the revenue needed to feed 700 families a month, clothe 200 families a month, and assist sixty households with partial payment of a rent or utility bill, comes from the sales in the Resale Shop. Neighbors and local businesses donate everything that is sold. Neighbors shop in the store. Neighbors help sort, price and stock the donations. Without neighbors who care, we couldn't care for neighbors. That is precisely how this has worked for thirty years.

Thank you for giving, thank you for shopping and thank you for caring for each other. You are the difference that makes far East Dallas the best place to live, work, and play.

Looking back on Fiscal Year 2018

To paraphrase Dickens, "2018 was the best of times, it was the worst of times". It was the best of times because it marked the 30th anniversary of our service to the east Dallas community, which was celebrated by an open house with tours of the center following a ribbon cutting hosted by the East Dallas Chamber of Commerce. It saw completion of the building's renovation to better facilitate services to our clients.

It was the worst of times because building code requirements doubled the original cost estimates and resulted in the significant depletion of our cash reserves. The construction forced extended closure of our resale store causing us to end the year in the red. Something which we have successfully avoided for twenty plus years.

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and your family during this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year.

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White Rock Center of Hope
Resale Shop

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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 that makes a difference in people's lives by providing a place where the community can share God's love and blessings by satisfying basic human needs.



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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, Chef Boyardee, ham,
etc. Any boxed shelf items, Helper,
Suddenly Salad, potatoes, etc. etc.
Canned Soup

Come and Join our Team Volunteers Needed

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

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, and on the 2nd and

3rd Saturday from 9:00 to noon,

Monday, Wednesday, Friday & 2nd Saturday clothes closet client helpers,

Clothing sorters on all day

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