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Providing Hope with Love

East Dallas Networking Continues It's Support



Pictured are Emily Cassady, President of the Board of Directors of the White Rock Center of Hope and Dr. Chuck Kobdich, Backmenders Chiropractic & East Dallas Networking

Once again East Dallas Networking selected the White Rock Center of Hope as a recipient of a year-end grant. East Dallas Networking began their annual grant program eight years ago at which time the Center was the very first recipient. East Dallas Networking has selected the Center as a recipient each year since the program's inception and has donated \$9,000 to the Center via it's year-end grant program.

On Thursday, January 4, the members of East Dallas Networking donated \$7,000 to 5 local organizations helping our friends and neighbors in need. In addition to the center, the following grants were made: East Lake Pet Orphanage - \$750, Ferguson Road Initiative - \$1,000, Good Local Markets - \$1,250, Dallas Academy - \$1,500 and the White Rock Center of Hope—\$2,500. Since 2010, EDN has donated \$31,600 to charities like these, making East Dallas a better place to live, work, and play.

East Dallas Networking was created as a small business networking group, specifically for East Dallas business owners. From it's humble beginnings

EDN now ranks as one of the premier networking groups in Dallas. EDN has grown to a weekly attendance of 55-65 invested and fiercely loyal networkers - dedicated to helping one another build their businesses. To consistently have attendance at capacity with no attendance requirements whatsoever, EDN is obviously doing something right! While EDN began as a group focused solely on business networking, it has since expanded in scope to include community advocacy and business education. In addition to it's grant support, East Dallas Networking holds semi-annual food drives in support of those served by the Center.

EDN meets every Thursday from noon to one in Highland Park Cafeteria's Shakespeare Room. EDN has no membership dues, no attendance requirements and no expectations. Find EDN online to learn more.

The Boy Scouts Annual "Scouting For Food" Drive February 16 & 23

On Saturday, February 16, the Boy Scouts will go throughout the White Rock neighborhoods distributing bags and flyers listing the center's food needs. On The following Saturday, February 23, the Scouts will return to collect the bags and their contents, which will be brought to the center. Scouting for Food is an annual National Good Turn Project that has been conducted by the Boy Scouts of America for over 25 years and for more than twenty years the Scouts have donated the food they collect to the Center.

Last year, our Tejas-Caddo District Scouts collected over 15,000 food items. Thank you for your donations and thanks to Scouts for helping to feed families in need.

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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

From The Director's Desk

Recently, we lost three of our long term volunteers who are remembered in this issue. The other day I read something that spoke directly to our responsibilities as Christians and it reminded me that these three and all our volunteers take these responsibilities more as a God given opportunity. So I thought I would share it with you. I hope you find it as relevant as I did.

"It is undoubtedly true that each of us, men and women, irresponsible and thoughtless as we often are, hold within our hands the happiness and sorrows of others. We cannot help it or escape from it. The power is in us inalienably almost from birth to death -in us, because we

are persons-and we are responsible for the use we make of it. Indeed, so mysterious is this power that the very presence of a person who does not realize his responsibility is often the source of the keenest pain of all . . . The failure to exercise the power to give happiness to others is not merely negative in its results; it is the source of the most positive suffering of all. Thus there is no escape from the responsibility involved in the possession of this power. *Not* to use it where it is due is to destroy all happiness. Strange power, indeed, to be committed to such weak and unworthy hands; yet there could be but one thing worse: that none *could* interfere with the joys and sorrows of others. We might envy their happiness and pity their sorrows, but we could not help them. It would be a world of isolated individuals wrapped in inviolable selfishness; each must take care of himself and the world must go its way." - An excerpt from *Christian Self-Mastery*

A Valentine's Day Tale

We Met at White Rock Center Of Hope..
On 12/27/16..never Thinking .. we'd Meet Again!..
Perhaps, led by Guardians Of Another Day
Brought together by Hope... Held Together By Love ..
Two Strangers Lives Changed Forever ..
All of our Lives, take so many Turns ..
Turns, we are Blind to see, what the Road Holds for Us..
I'm Driven to Chronicle what I find on this ..
Journey Of Life, it's So Special..
if, we Only, Allow it to Be! "Rewards Of The Heart"... ,
is What lies In the wake of Two Lives, Who's Journey Came Full Circle..
The Vision is Clear ...
For those who Wish to see..
Love is the Answer..
Open Our Hearts.



Cecilia & Clint Barrett pictured with Tracee Bond, our Resale Store Manager

Jennie Free



Jennie was born on November 6, 1928 in Siloam Springs, Arkansas and passed away January 18, 2018. For more than ten years Jennie was the sole data entry person for the center. She would come in once a week and enter all the client and volunteer records into our data base. Jennie was preceded in death by her parents, Sumner and Julia Thomason, her husband of 54 years, Matthew Free, her two brothers Howard and Orville (Newt) Thomason and her sister Betsy Sonder. She is survived by her nieces, nephews, and a host of great nieces and nephews, great-great nieces and nephews, and loving friends. Jennie graduated from Denison High School and worked as a dental assistant until her marriage to Matt Free. She then worked for the government and retired as Administrative Officer for the Dallas Regional Office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Jennie was twice president of the Book End Review Club, a long time volunteer of the White Rock Center of Hope and a member of First Baptist Church of Garland.



Rita Boyer



Rita Boyer a long time volunteer and founding manager of our Resale Store passed away on November 30, 2018. When Rita started volunteering at the WRCH the time the center was supported by 20 churches and raised money by holding garage sales with donated items. Rita became involved and told them that they could make a lot more money by having a store and selling the donations there. Rita started the store in the basement of the old Colonial Presbyterian Church on Garland road. When that building was sold in 1998, the center relocated to its present home and Rita set up shop there.

As the executive director of the center, I have known the Ed and Rita Boyer for twenty years. When I started, Rita was the first person I would see in the morning and Ed was the last. She would be working to price items for sale and stocking the store before opening. Ed would be there at closing, counting the money. My day began and ended with them. It was apparent that theirs was labor of love which in some ways rubbed off on everyone at the center and has had a dramatic impact on the needy families in east Dallas. She saw the store become the number one source of revenue for the center, growing from \$30,000 a year to over \$400,000. Money, she helped raise food, clothing, and provided rent and utility aid to over 450,000 people in more than 160,000 families. Rita's was a life well spent. The center and the White Rock Community were blessed to have had Rita with us.

Jim Royer



Jim Royer passed away peacefully at age 93 on November 22, 2018 in Dallas, Texas. He was a volunteer for 24 years at White Rock Center Of Hope. For many years he was in charge of the men's department for our clothes closet. Jim was the loving husband of Mitzi Weber Royer, another long term clothing closet volunteer and board member. Family and friends remember Jim for his generosity, sense of humor (who else would have everyone sing "Home On The Range" at his memorial service) and values that he carried throughout his 93 years.

A graduate of Indiana University in 1951 with a BS in Business, Jim served in the Navy from 1943 to 1946, was honorably discharged Yeoman 2nd class and awarded the Victory Ribbon World War II. He continued service in the Navy Reserve from 1946 to 1952. He worked as a buyer for Collins Radio Company, Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation, Wholesale Electronic Supply and Southwest Electronic Industries, Inc. Jim received numerous awards in the electronics industry, and worked at Compar Southwest as a manufacturer's representative, eventually purchasing the company where he remained as President until retiring in 1991.

Community Impact for November, 2018 – January, 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
FY 2019 TOTAL	1,599	3,870	1,533	129,010	19,981	11,761	10,465

Remember The White Rock Center of Hope 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.

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White Rock Center of Hope
Resale Shop
10017 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 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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Volunteers needed

If you donate one day a week or month to this effort you would be doing a great service to our community and obeying Jesus' command to "Feed My Sheep."

Resale Store Staffing— we need people every day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. You can work all day or half days.

We need help for the following:

Interviewers on Friday, Wednesday & Tuesday
9:00 am to 2:00 pm,

Pantry Worker on Friday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm,

Clothes Closet Client Helpers on Monday & Friday and

Interviewers, clothes client helpers and food pantry assistants on the 1st Saturday of every month 9:00 to Noon

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

Canned: corn, green beans, tomato products, other types of canned beans & veggies (peas, carrots, mixed etc.).

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CANNED MEAT PRODUCTS (chili, chicken, Chef Boyardee, ham, etc.).