



Hopescope

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Providing Hope with Love

Looking Back

Since opening in 1988, the number of families we've helped has grown from 1,350 to 8,337 last year, the number of individuals increased from 4,073 to 20,484. As the number of people increased so has the aid we provide. The food we distributed has gone from 90,570 pounds to over 716,000 pounds; clothing from 43,103 items to over 91,000 items. In fiscal year 2017, thanks to your generosity, our financial aid program helped 349 families with \$68,287 in rent and 316 families with \$41,301 in utility assistance. Each fall we distribute supplies directly to DISD schools in the area. Toys at Christmas may not be a basic human need, but it is our goal to share the joy and promise of His birth with our families and their children and make the holiday a little brighter for children whose families are dealing with economic issues. This past year we distributed 9,320 toys to 926 children in 305 families. In FY 2017 we provided 3,800 bus passes for trips to and from work, job interviews and medical appointments. We also refer clients to other agencies and governmental service programs that might be of assistance to them and their families.

What's Next?

“To a certain extent, we are a victim of our success. Everyone here can attest we are busting at the seams. Each and every department is looking for more space. Plus, the client hallway is a whole other set of challenges. People coming in compete for space with those going out with food carts and clothing bags. By now you may have noticed that the restaurant which occupied space in the front of our building is gone and we have replaced their sign with one which bears our logo.”

Those were the words which appeared on the front page of the Hopescope a year ago. We can now report that on May 1 of this year we finally began the renovations which will hopefully see the center prepared to deal with the need in our area for the foreseeable future. Gone will be the cluttered hallway mentioned above. There will be a new entrance, a larger waiting room and two new interviewer offices. All of which will make the clients' progression through the center much simpler and orderly. The front office will be rearranged to complement the new entrance and facilitate better client privacy. The pantry will be relocated and enlarged to better serve our neighbors in need.

The primary source of our cash support, the resale store, will take over most of the space formerly occupied by the restaurant in the hope of increasing our revenues. As ninety-two percent of our expenses go directly to benefit our clients, this expansion should enable the center to do even more than we have in the past.

Future newsletters will keep you advised of the progress of the renovations. We hope to have a ribbon cutting and open house to celebrate our thirty year anniversary and the opening of our remodeled facility.

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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

The Center has lost three Volunteers



Jan Keitch



Winston Graham



Martin Moreno

In less than two weeks we have lost three of our friends and fellow volunteers. Jan Keitch was driving force at the center. Rare was the day that she was not at one of her tasks here. She was a clothing sorter, a client clothes closet worker, and a resale store cashier. In addition she was the leader of our toy program for the past several years. Martin "Chicho" Moreno worked in our resale store and food warehouse. He worked at the counter in the store and at the receiving door helping donors with their donations. Chicho was also a food warehouse volunteer assisting with one of the myriad tasks there. Winston Graham was a food pantry volunteer and one of the bright lights in that area. He was always ready with a quip or joke while at his job. Winston once commented to me that working at the Center was the highlight of his week, and it wasn't uncommon for one of Winston's comments to be the highpoint of my week. Like Winston, they all enjoyed their time here. They made our lives and the lives of the people we help brighter. One of the blessings about being here is getting to know people like Jan, Winston and Chicho and the hardest part is having to say good bye until we meet again.

The Boy Scouts Annual "Scouting For Food" Drive And the Center are Featured on WFAA-TV Channel 4

If you tuned in to WFAA early Saturday morning on February 17, you saw four segments broadcast live from the Center about the Boy Scouts of the Tejas Caddo district in the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America and their annual food drive benefitting the Center.

The Council selected the Center because of the activity that takes place here on the day of the drive. The Scouting for Food drive is a mammoth undertaking. More than six hundred scouts from thirty units along with three hundred adult volunteers distribute thousands of bags the Saturday before the collection. These same teams return the following Saturday to gather the donations, which are then brought directly to the Center. At the Center fifty plus volunteers from Shiloh Road Baptist Church sort, box and store the donations in the center's food warehouse. The end result, in roughly six hours, twenty thousand food items are ready for distribution to families in need! While today this has become a routine procedure for our Scouting for Food drive, it is a far cry from the end result fifteen years ago when it took us two months to sort and stock the donations.



Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Every year the Center hosts a luncheon to show our appreciation to the many men and women who make it possible for the Center to assist our neighbors in need. In fiscal year 2017, one hundred and seventy-one volunteers donated 41,007 hours, valued at over \$750,000, to help more than 8,000 families receive food, clothes and financial aid.

This year the leader in the number of hours served was Elise Phillips with 2,446 hours of service. As is our tradition, we recognized several volunteers as Volunteers of The Year for outstanding service in their areas. Recipients are nominated by their fellow volunteers. The following are this year's **Volunteers of The Year**. **Mark Lovins** mans our receiving door assisting donors with the drop off of their donations in addition to policing the area around our drop off and dumpster. **Barbara "Bo" Currin** spends several days a week working as a clothes sorter getting items ready for our clients. **Dorothy "Dody" Thomas**, also a clothes sorter, started volunteering with her friend Vivien on Fridays. Now, like Bo, she's here several days a week. **Robin Brock** volunteers just about every day working in our food warehouse. Robin's primary task is dividing larger bags of rice and beans into one pound packages for distribution to clients. I've asked her if she sees those items in her sleep. Entertainment was a style show put on by the Center's resale store. Models included Marsha Sechrist, Aurelia Martinez, Mitzi Royer, Nel Cahill, Jennifer Green, Elise Phillips, Emily Cassady, Kimberly Humphries, Neoma Humphries, Wilma Judie, Patty Spieker, Meredith Moore, Chris Denis and his family.

Once again we are indebted to Father David Houk for allowing us to use St. John's Episcopal Church's beautiful facility and for opening our luncheon with a prayer for Our Lord's continued blessing of our Center. Thanks go to Tracee Bond and Patsy Chalmers for going above and beyond to decorate the tables with truly wonderful and unique items that gave the room a special WRCH atmosphere, and to owner, John Touris and his Chubby's Family Restaurant crew who prepared and served the delicious luncheon fare. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to Jim Rollins for sharing his piano playing talents with us during the lunch.

Community Impact for November 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

Month	Families	Individuals	Children	#'s of Food	Clothing	\$ Rent	\$ Utilities
November	827	2,023	812	66,115	9,408	5,333	3,108
December	706	1,847	803	60,200	7,895	3,865	4,427
January	775	1,824	682	61,040	8,043	5,438	3,787
February	601	1,357	500	45,710	6,519	3,278	4,728
March	562	1,280	463	42,525	6,561	4,716	4,074
April	561	1,215	442	40,495	6,089	5,657	2,497
FY 2018 TOTAL	4,032	9,546	3,702	316,085	44,515	28,287	22,621

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
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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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Volunteers needed

Due to the growing number of families seeking aid we are in desperate need of interviewers. 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
Clothing sorters on all days, 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.).