



Hopescope

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Providing Hope with Love

2017 Volunteer Luncheon

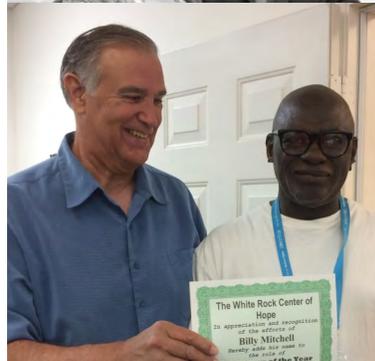


Clockwise from the top left:

Jim & Beth Hilliard, Vivian Curry, Billy Maxwell, Bettina & Herman Lang



Honoring those compelled to obey God's command to "Love Thy Neighbor."



The Lord provided a beautiful day to show His appreciation for the efforts of our volunteers. Redeemer Bible Church donated their beautiful facility for the luncheon. George Touris and his caterers from Chubby's Family Restaurants really went all out. The lunch featured a great meal of fried chicken with all the trimmings and peach cobbler for desert. Tracee Bond, Emily Cassady & Beth Hilliard decorated the hall in a wonderful springtime theme with centerpieces and raffle items that volunteers could take home. There were more than a few "to go" boxes that went home with those who found the meal a little too much for them to handle at one sitting.

As usual the focus of the event was the recognition of our volunteers. In 2016, 250 plus volunteers donated over 39,000 hours to staff the center's client services programs and resale store. Of these, 43 persons donated more than 250 hours to the center's mission. Heading the list with the most hours was Patsy Chalmers who donated over 1,800 hours to the Center!

The highlight was the presentation of our **Volunteers Of The Year** awards. This year's recipients were **Beth & Jim Hilliard, Bettina & Herman Lang, Billy, Maxwell and Vivian Curry**. They are a constant source of ideas, help and an inspiration to all. Each personifies the one trait that is vital to the success of the center, specifically compassion. Thank you for your time, example and care for our neighbors in need.

This year's entertainment was provided by our Thrift Store manager Tracee Bond and her traveling style show. Tracee and her crew showed off some of the fashionable clothing items available in the store. Thanks to Elise Phillips, Emily Cassady, Jan Keitch, Catherine Ellis, Nina Hall, Marsha Sechrist, Neoma Humphries and "Marvelous" Marvin Blakely. Without a doubt they entertained us with equal parts of style and bravado.'

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



From The Director's Desk



Ted Beechler
Executive Director

The center is a wonderful place. For those of us who work there, every day is a reaffirmation of God's love. It goes beyond our traditional services and relationships whereby the community exemplifies God's love by sharing and caring for one another.

I tell people that if you don't believe in God just hang around the center a while and you'll change your mind. Without fail whenever we needed something or someone it or they would mysteriously appear. For example, Tom Artificavitch, the volunteer who created and sponsored our website had recently decided to retire from the business. Within days of his decision, one of our Saturday volunteers, Brent Erskin, contacted me about his interest in designing us a new website. Coincidence, maybe, but every time one of these timely occurrences came to pass Gordon and I would look at each other and say that Donagene was working overtime.

Recently, we have been in discussions with various banks investigating a potential \$150,000 loan to assist us in the renovations and repairs mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter. Given the center's financial position, we would have no difficulty in acquiring and servicing such a note. We hoped to close the loan by the end of June so that the work could start sometime in July. In the midst of these discussions, we learned that a longtime supporter of the center passed away and that the center is to be the recipient of a rather large bequest from her estate. The amount of which more than eliminates the need for a loan. Another phenomenal coincidence? Considering Gordon's recent passing, I'd prefer to think that both he and Donagene are still at work!

Take time to remember the

White Rock Center of Hope in your will.

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.

For more information contact Kimberly at 214-324-9285.

Volunteers Mark Your Calendars

Our annual mandatory training sessions will begin in July. Please plan on attending one of these afternoon sessions, so that you can be current with our policies.

Client Services Report

First Seven Months of FY 2017

Month	Families	Individuals	Children #'s	Food	Clothing	\$ Rent	\$ Utilities	Vol. Hrs.	Toys
November	800	2184	776	76020	8913	4458	3266	3251	0
December	712	1999	728	67480	8391	5304	2020	3737	9360
January	797	2047	787	69895	7204	4287	3710	3467	0
February	611	1279	442	42560	6011	4793	4200	3430	0
March	655	1429	501	51520	7015	5403	3064	3622	0
April	650	1566	612	54285	7198	5318	3449	3131	0
May	688	1624	620	53725	6782	5501	3358	3551	0
TOTAL	4913	12128	4466	415485	51512	36280	22867	24189	9360



New website launched – please visit www.whiterockcenterofhope.org and provide your feedback. Also check out the Facebook page like and love for latest store sales and events... Summer is always a great time to catch the Christmas Sale!!

Summer Slump – Food Needs

We were grateful to receive food collected from two local post office stations Mother's Day weekend. We gladly went to collect it Monday, as summer tends to be a slow time for the food pantry in terms of donations. Unfortunately, it's also a time when demand for service is up as children who usually benefit from in-school lunch or snack programs are home for the summer. It's a struggle for food pantries across the country to meet demands as many regular supporters, such as schools, churches and clubs, tend to quiet down for the summer months. "While we're happy to have received all of this food, we need to let people know they can donate year round," said one pantry volunteer. "If anyone, or any group, is interested in doing a collection in July, it would be greatly appreciate as the needs during the summer months do not diminish; hunger does not take a vacation, but donations tend to taper off from now until Thanksgiving." Soups containing meat and tuna fish are always needed, along with mac-n-cheese and hygiene products.



Networking Works! You Make It Possible.

The 'Women Who Work' networking group recently collected 36 pair of new underwear at their happy hour event in May. This partnership not only provided the group with some hilarious tag lines for their meeting flyer, results now provide a clean foundation for dozens of needy women to dress for success!

The 'East Dallas Networking' group hosts two food drives annually and has historically offered a year-end cash donation to the Center. They meet for lunch on Thursdays at the Highland Park Cafeteria, and someone almost always has a donation for the store.

'Dallas Referral Network' is an early riser, morning gathering of business networkers. Breakfast typically ends with a trunk to trunk transfer of goods for the store and the food pantry.

Relationships made at these events have helped the Center with hundreds of dollars in products and services through cost savings. We truly live, work and worship in an amazingly generous community.



Back to School - as you clean out closets this summer, remember we collect notebooks, binders, rulers, pencils, crayons, scissors, backpacks, and school uniforms all year long and pass them along to teachers with children who need them.



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White Rock Center of Hope

Resale Shop

10017 Garland Road
Open 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Monday Thru Saturday

214-324-2020

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

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Contact Tracee Bond at 214-324-2020.

In the Center, we need help for the following:

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

Monday & Friday clothes closet client helpers.

1st & 4th Saturdays 9:00 to Noon: interviewers, clothes client helpers and food pantry assistants.

Clothing Sorters on all days except Thursdays.

**Founder - Donagene Christian
Executive Director - Ted Beechler**



The Bare Pantry Fare

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

Canned Beans (other than green beans), Canned Veggies (other than corn & green beans) Boxed Mac & Cheese, Canned Soup, Canned Tomato Products, Canned Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly & Feminine Hygiene Pads. We also need Plastic Grocery Bags

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