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Providing Hope with Love

North Texas Giving Days

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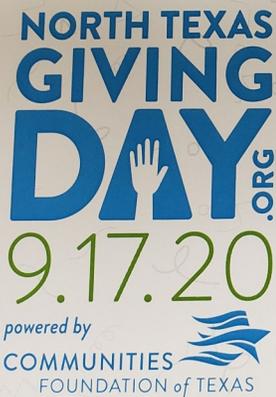
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Funding Recap: Unprecedented TWO NTGD Events in 2020

You and your neighbors continue to step up in amazing ways! In early May, 189 people donated

\$35,700 to secure a \$25,000 matching grant

on North Texas Giving Tuesday. Those generous gifts sustained the Center's capacity to feed and shelter neighbors through June. We were able to reopen the Resale Shop on June 15 and assist clients with rent and utility bills once again. Sensitive to donor fatigue, yet facing a tsunami of potential evictions, your September North Texas Giving Day assistance was over \$25,000. Thank you for continuing to show up in support of one another! Covid-19 can't kill hope, and your giving has a huge impact on hungry families and those facing eviction or utility disconnection.

In September, company matches from **Junk King-Dallas, Lakewood Dental Group, Drs. Sigurdson and Patel, Paradigm Family Health** and **Jesse's AC & Appliance Services**, were all fully met and went to the neediest in the community. The COVID-19 pandemic demanded swift and dramatic change in operations, how we serve, who we serve, and our ability to help friends, and neighbors. It goes without saying, we're all walking through an unprecedented time. We are challenged and working daily to navigate this "new normal" like many of you. Thank you for walking with us.



To schedule pickups for donations of large items call the store at 214-324-2020. Due to the pandemic, the Resale Store is open 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Donations can be dropped off until 3:45 pm on those same days.

From The Director's Desk



Ted Beechler
Executive Director

Without a doubt, this is the most difficult column I have ever written. Twenty plus years ago Harry Bowen phoned me to discuss the executive director position at the White Rock Center of Hope and the rest as they say is history. It is with mixed emotions that I have informed the board that I will retire as of January 31. Years ago a volunteer put the cup you see in the adjacent photo on my desk. I'm pretty sure it



was meant in jest, however it has sat on my desk every day since. You see it truly does voice how I feel about my time as the center's executive director.

Six months after accepting the job, Harry asked me if I would have taken the position if I knew what the job was really like. I told him I knew what I was getting into. I knew that if something absolutely had to be done and there was no one else to do it, I'd be the one to do it. Thankfully, that list of "absolutes" has diminished as more and more "charming co-workers," the center's volunteers, have stepped up to help. It would be impossible for me to thank each one individually in the space of this newsletter, but know that I thank the Lord for each and every one. Together, with the support you have provided, we have accomplished much in striving to attain Donagene Christian's plan to "Feed My sheep."

I have no grand retirement plans. It would be foolish to even contemplate such during this pandemic. In my remaining time as executive director, in addition to my regular tasks, I will endeavor to assist the board in hiring a new ED. Please know that I will always be grateful for your prayers and support of the White Rock Center of Hope. May God bless each of you and your families. May He see us safely through this pandemic.

Community Impact for November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2020

Month	Families	Individuals	Children	#s of Food	Clothing	\$ Rent	\$ Utilities
November	522	1,322	501	45,115	6,672	2,686	3,123
December	394	946	360	32,025	4,818	5,146	3,160
January	510	1,165	403	38,640	7,357	4,717	2,825
February	417	941	303	31,675	6,608	3,517	4,721
March	228	473	138	15,575	2,387	2,803	2,496
April	382	1,123	437	39,305			
May	277	841	349	29,435			
June	257	674	228	21,910		10,607	659
July	268	843	351	26,985		17,351	1,930
August	366	1,094	364	36,190		9,909	1,292
September	387	1,336	591	45,465		4,058	1,161
October	431	1,390	609	46,200		2,820	2,226
FY 2020 TOTAL	4,439	12,148	4,634	408,520	27,842*	63,624**	23,593**

*Due to the Covid-19 staffing restrictions, the center is unable to distribute clothing.

**Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the resale store was closed April and May. This loss of income forced us to cease financial aid in those months. Subsequent funding from the EFSP and grants, have allowed us to resume rent and utility assistance, and the aid provided in the subsequent months has made up for the assistance not provided in April and May.



A Message From our New Board Chairman Elise Phillips

Several years ago, I read an article in the Dallas Morning News regarding the good work that the White Rock Center of Hope does for the surrounding community. In 2014 I started volunteering here and have worked in most areas of the Center. I joined the Board as an active director in 2017. I trust my past business and management experience will allow me to bring new knowledge and experience to move the Center forward.

As the new Chairman of the Board, I am looking forward to a very exciting and successful year for the White Rock Center of Hope. Despite the challenges associated with the Coronavirus pandemic, we continue to provide food and financial assistance to many in our community. Under new safety guidelines, the center could no longer welcome clients into the building. We developed a way in which we could still meet the food needs of families dealing with the loss of jobs and incomes. Like many businesses whose employees are working from home, we set up a "remote" food distribution. Now, clients can simply phone and speak with an interviewer. The client can provide the necessary information and together the client and interviewer schedule a time for the client to pick up their food order from the center. The family still receives an order prepared especially for their number and needs by our pantry volunteers, not some randomly assembled box of groceries. After a three-month closure, our Resale Store was able to reopen which brought in much needed financial support for our neighbors needing assistance. We have resumed providing financial assistance relying on similar "remote" application processes.

In 2020, the Board was able to update its Bylaws making them more appropriate for the 21st century. We were also able to approve upgrades to our website to make it more user-friendly. In the coming year, we hope to renew our Board standing committees and staff them with individuals who care as deeply as we do about the Center. Once again, Board members and member organizations will pledge to ensure the Center has the resources needed to continue its mission.

We are committed to doing even more with your help and support, especially during this unique year. We would love to expand our volunteer family with individuals like you. If you care as deeply as we do about the Center, please call us for a tour of our Center. We can use individuals to staff our client areas, the Store and our Board committees, all in a safe environment, to continue our mission. Please know that the Board is working diligently to provide our community with the assistance they need in these uncertain times.

We wish you many blessings and a happy holiday season.

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 support 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.

Contact Kimberly Humphries at 214-324-9285 for more information





The Bare Pantry Fare

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

Canned Meat Products (Chili, Chicken, Ham, Chef Boy-ar-dee)

Boxed Shelf Items (Hamburger/tuna Helper, Suddenly Salad, Jello, etc.), Canned Green Beans, Canned Corn, Canned Fruit, and Jelly

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

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White Rock Center of Hope Resale Shop

10019 Garland Road
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Selling antiques & collectibles, crafts, jewelry, gently used clothing and household items donated by neighbors to benefit neighbors in need!

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday
& Saturday 9:00 AM to 4:00**

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.