



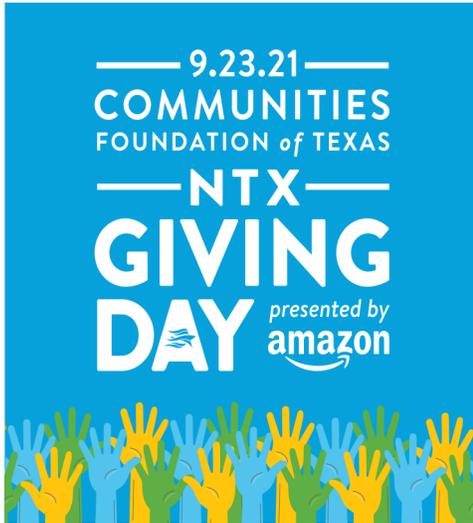
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Summer 2021

Providing Hope with Love

Give Your Best Gift — HOPE!



Please mark your calendars now! North Texas Giving Day presented by Amazon, is fast approaching. The 13th annual North Texas Giving Day is September 23, 2021, and your support is vital. This year's goal to help meet neighbors' needs is \$60,000.

To date, the following local businesses have agreed to match your donations dollar-for-dollar, enhancing the power of your generosity. Each gift is multiplied, ensuring there is enough for the needs of neighbors.

“The more we give, the more we receive!”

Thank you: **Cheryl Drane Your House SOLD Name**, and **Lakewood Dental Group**, Drs. Sigurdson and Patel, for being **\$1,000 match** sponsors! Thank you also to the special **Friends of Becky Pate** for a \$5,000 match.

This year, **early** scheduled **giving** is back! Online scheduling **starts September 1**, and donations will automatically process at 6 a.m. on September 23. To be eligible for bonus funds, donations must be \$25+ and made online at **www.northtexasgivingday.org**. Search “WRCH” to quickly find White Rock Center of Hope.

Every online donation made through the NTGD website during this event will receive a portion of bonus funds. Bonus funds are NOT a dollar-for-dollar match, however, **since the time of press, WRCH has received pledges for matching funds that will double \$50,000.**

North Texas Giving Day is not just a day. It's an opportunity that inspires and unites neighbors to support each other. **Just as neighbors count on us, we are counting on you! Your support makes a difference in east Dallas every day.** You make it possible for needy neighbors to receive food, soap, and toilet paper... You are AMAZING!

For your convenience, you can donate from home, phone, or in the thrift store on Thursday, September 23. Stop by for prizes and surprises. Be sure to LIKE us on FACEBOOK to keep up with the latest. Giving is not just about making a donation, it's about making a difference. Thank you for caring.

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UPDATE: SINCE GOING TO PRESS WRCH HAS SECURED \$50,000 IN 1:1 MATCHING FUNDS THE GOAL IS TO RAISE \$100,000 TO HELP OUR EAST DALLAS NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Pickups are available. To schedule call 214-324-2020.

Thrift Store Hours

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri and Sat.

Donations close at 3:45 p.m.



Dr. Greg Smith
Executive Director

From Director's Desk

In the two months I've been your Executive Director quite a bit has happened. Before sharing those organizational updates, I'll start my first column with words of thanks.

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the Selection Committee: Beth Hilliard, Sue Fisette, Rev. Chris Holder, Shelley Meyer, and Mary Jo Sparks. While I saw only a small portion of the significant work they did, I want you to know that the way they interviewed me told me as much about WRCH as the questions they asked. After that experience, I knew WRCH was the place for me!

Thanks to the Executive Directors who have gone before me: Donagene Christian, Debbie Batson, Virginia Nathan, Regina Coreil, and Ted Beechler. Their tireless labors of love helped build a strong foundation and ensured that we could carry out our essential work – even during a pandemic. Thanks also to Tracee Bond for stepping up and serving as Interim Executive Director in the months from Ted's retirement until my arrival.

And, the biggest thank you of all goes to you! Thank you for warmly welcoming me. I deeply appreciate both the welcome reception on my first day and the dozens of personal welcomes I've received from so many of you in the weeks since. (If we've not yet met, I look forward to meeting you very soon.)

Agency Updates

In response to an extended decline in COVID-19 cases and the implementation of safety protocols at WRCH, a plan to fully reopen both neighbor services and our thrift store on August 1, 2021, was developed and publicized. Before that date arrived, the Delta variant began spreading throughout North Texas. Continuing to prioritize the safety of all stakeholders, we opted to delay that step until a dramatic decline in cases is realized. Despite this new challenge, we've been able to offer our full complement of neighbor services.

Food. We continue to distribute food five days a week by appointment. Interviews occur by phone, and volunteers prepare the groceries then deliver the cart outside.

Clothing. After being closed for more than a year, the clothing closet reopened one day a week in June, expanded to three days a week in July, and is currently open four days a week by appointment. Interviews occur by phone, and volunteers serve one family at a time in the clothing closet.

Shelter. We continue to provide financial assistance five days a week for neighbors who are at risk of eviction or having their utilities cut off. Interviews occur by phone, and most neighbors submit documents via e-mail or fax.

Additionally, we are leveraging partnerships to expand our impact beginning with hosting pop-up COVID-19 vaccine clinics.

And, we are now operating the thrift store five days a week: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The store is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the donation door closes at 3:45 p.m.



Volunteering Is For Everyone



Bethel Lutheran Youth Summer Service Day



White Rock Center of Hope Board of Directors meeting at Bethel Lutheran Church, July 2021



Rogers Benefit Group Service Day

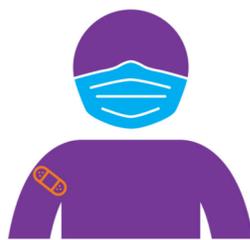


Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic at WRCH

Love your neighbor

- Get vaxxed
- Wear a mask

1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
8/26 & 9/23



#stopthespread

Moderna - 18+ years old eligible (1st or 2nd dose)
 Johnson & Johnson - 18+ years old eligible (single dose)
 • NO COST to patient • Scheduling NOT required
 Protect yourself and your family by getting vaccinated.



Catalyst
HEALTH NETWORK



Stay connected with WRCH online

- ◆ Check out our recently updated website - whiterockcenterofhope.org - which now includes updated statistics and a new page listing all Board Members and senior staff
- ◆ Like us on Facebook - facebook.com/wrchedallas - and remember to stop by regularly for new content
- ◆ Let us know your current e-mail address so that you're included on future WRCH e-mails in between editions of the HopeScope. To add or update your e-mail, contact Kimberly Patterson, Development Director: kimberly@whiterockcenterofhope.org

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White Rock Center of Hope
Thrift Shop
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Selling gently used clothing,
household items, jewelry and
collectibles, donated by
neighbors to benefit
neighbors in need!

White Rock Center of Hope is a non-profit, ecumenical organization that makes a difference in peoples' lives by providing a place where the community can share God's blessings by satisfying basic human needs.



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There is room for you - individual and group opportunities available!

The Bare Pantry Fare

Bath Bar Soap

Canned Soups

Canned Corn

Canned Meat

(Chili, Spam, Chef Boyardee)

(current needs)

Neighbor Services - Thrift Store - Administration

Clothing Closet

Sales Floor

Data Entry

Food Interviewer

Donation

Marketing

Receptionist

Pricing Assistant

Spanish Translation

We have a place for you to serve, 2, 4, or 6 hours a week.

**Your time can make all the difference
in the life of a neighbor.**