DEAR FRIENDS,

Thank you for making it possible for Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex to help others in our city understand that they too are cared for. I know many of you give just trusting and praying your gift will make a difference. Let me assure you that it does.

This week a donation of used toys came in, and I watched as a family with 5 children ran to the toy shelf. They got so excited. Before the donor left, the children had the toys and were playing as if they had never had a toy before!

Another family, on the same day, came by with their children because their house had burned. They had received the help they needed for everything except bicycles that the two young children lost. As I was standing in the alley listening to their story, one of you drove up with two bicycles in the back of your truck. You know the rest of the story -- “they were just right!”

As you begin to celebrate this Thanksgiving season, please know you are top of my list to say “Thank you!”

GOD BLESS YOU,

TILLIE BURGIN
IN OUR 31ST YEAR

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”
1 Chronicles 16:34

Christmas 2016

ON THANKSGIVING DAY, we need your help to deliver turkeys, turkey baskets, and pre-cooked meals to more than 6,000 families. Please arrive at 8:00 a.m. at the mission offices. You will make your deliveries, and be finished by noon.

BEFORE THANKSGIVING DAY, we need your help to sort food and to build Thanksgiving boxes. Come on your own, or bring your team to lend a hand. Stay for an hour or for the whole day. We love the way this community comes together to help people in need. Thank you!

TURKEYS & THANKSGIVING FOOD: It takes 5,200 turkeys to provide food for 25,000 people. Other Thanksgiving food is also needed: canned vegetables, fruits, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, stuffing, macaroni/cheese, & mashed potato flakes. Please drop off this food at the Mission Arlington offices any time.

CHRISTMAS 2016

OUR “CHRISTMAS STORE” OPENS

* December 10th - 23rd, (except Sundays) from 10:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. every day. It’s the “store” where everything is free. 30,514 children received toys, bikes, & trees last year. Come help us get ready!

YOU CAN HELP

1. Christmas gifts are needed for children of all ages. Please see our website for a full listing;

2. Volunteers are needed, all ages, to help us prepare for Christmas and to operate the store. So much fun!

Ditto Elementary Student Council collected items for families in need during the Christmas season last year.
**OUR 31ST YEAR: MISSION ARLINGTON® IN THE FALL**

We transport parenting teens to school and their child to daycare, to support their desire to stay in school.

We take students to school

**Homework Help "After School"**

1,500 students each week receive support with tutoring after school. Can you help?

**Transportation Is An Important Part Of Our Work.**

In 2016, through September, we have transported 520 people on 19,205 different trips to get them where they needed to go.

**Food**

**Health Clinics**

**Christmas**

**Children**

**Clothing**

Bringing a group to Mission Arlington® is easy, rewarding, and fun. Through September of this year, **22,605 people** have served from one of **853 different teams**. Young or old, experienced or not, we have a place for you. Working together as a community to help people feels good. Together we can do more! Thank you.

**Students from Colleyville**

**Bowie HS Students**

**Federal Express**

**DBU Students**

**Nolan Catholic HS**

**eCheck Donations**

Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex can now accept eCheck donations through our website, in additional credit card donations. Also known as an **Electronic Fund Transfer** (EFT), eCheck is a payment method that electronically draws directly from your checking or savings account.

Many of you have asked about this option as an alternative to using a credit card (which has a higher processing fee and where numbers are constantly changing)! If this is a giving option that works better for you, please visit our website at: https://secure-q.net/donations/Metroplex/1096

Or call Debbie Musgrave at 817-704-6141 and she will help you get this set up.

Thank you for your faithfulness to support Mission Arlington/Mission Metroplex. Your support matters!

**Spring Creek Benefit**

We are grateful to Chris Carroll and the Spring Creek Barbeque family for hosting a benefit this Fall. Thanks also to each of you who came out in support. We received a check this week for $5,000. Wow! We are so thankful for your support.

**A crowd turns out to provide support**

**Wrestling League begins again in November.**

**Baseball Academy**

45 children & youth on Saturdays in October learned how to catch, hit, & field. They also heard lessons from God’s Word.

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