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On behalf of the local advisory board, we would like to start off this year's catalog by thanking everyone for making The Greatest Gift Catalog Ever™ such a success the past two years. Together, you have made over \$500,000 in total impact on these great organizations.

For those of you seeing the catalog for the first time, welcome and thanks for picking it up. What you have in your hands is a gift catalog like no other. Instead of kitchen gadgets, clothes or other tangible items, inside are opportunities to help those in need in our community. Give to the Lena Pope Home for tutoring of an underprivileged child or give to the Union Gospel Mission to provide a special Christmas experience for the homeless. There are 45 great ways to help.

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If you are giving a gift this year, why not make it a gift that counts? Purchase a GGCE gift card for someone special. The gift card recipient gets to choose their favorite charity to donate to and you get the tax deduction. How great is that? A detailed explanation of the gift cards is located on page 34 of the catalog. To quote one of our favorite teachers who received a card last year, "This is fantastic! I do not need another tin of popcorn."

We feel privileged to help coordinate this community wide effort again this year. There are many people that help make this program possible and the lists appear on pages 35 through 38. We would also like to acknowledge five special groups of people, who not only make The Greatest Gift Catalog Ever™ possible, but make it simply THE GREATEST GIFT CATALOG EVER! They include the newly expanded local advisory board, our media partners, the foundations who support the program, our sponsors and the organizations featured in the catalog. These organizations are focused everyday on making our community a better place and we appreciate them very much.

We hope you find a great project to support.

Heather and Elliot Goldman 2010 Program Coordinators

















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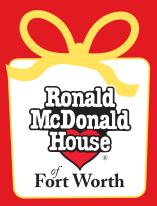
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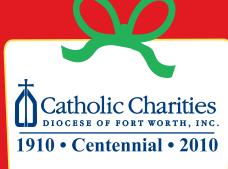
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Our Mission

Gill Children's Services is a funding source of last resort that provides a safety net for Tarrant County children whose medical, dental, physical, social, psychological or educational needs have not been met by other community resources.

An Example of What We Do

Local dentist Dr. Christopher Egede referred seventeen-year-old "Tim" to Gill Children's Services because the young man needed significant dental treatment due to severe, lifelong complications from a cleft palate. It would take three porcelain veneer crowns to anchor upper and lower dentures. Tim had been in treatment with Dr. Egede for several months in order to extract numerous teeth. During this period, he had been covered by Medicaid. However, when his parents reapplied to continue his Medicaid coverage, Tim was denied. He did qualify for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), but CHIP benefits are minimal and would not cover this type of treatment. Desperate to complete the treatment started by Dr. Egede, the family turned to Gill. With Gill's help and a new, winning smile, Tim now enjoys renewed self-confidence.

For many families, the cost for much-needed services is often out of reach. Gill provides assistance to fill gaps left by other agencies and programs. Families seek Gill's assistance when they have exhausted all other local, state, federal and personal resources. Gill provides the safety net so no child goes without the services he or she needs.

How You Can Help

- Allows a parent to receive their child's birth certificate in order to apply for services such as Medicaid, CHIP, housing and/or food stamps.
- Pays for one hour of applied behavior analysis therapy for a child with autism-spectrum disorders.
- Pays for a dental exam, two fillings and stainless steel crown for a child in pain.





Allows a parent to receive their child's birth certificate in order to apply for much-needed welfare services.



Pays for one hour of therapy for a child with autism-spectrum disorders.



Pays for a dental exam, two fillings and a stainless steel crown for a child in pain.



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Our Mission

Union Gospel Mission of Tarrant County (UGM-TC) is a local united Christian organization and ministry dedicated to providing love, hope, respect, and a new beginning for the homeless, offering a holistic program of care that leads to true, lasting healing. All Mission services aim toward productive independence for each individual, regardless of race or religious beliefs.

The First of Many Merry Christmases

The sight of a man pushing a baby carriage around a homeless shelter is rather unusual, but UGM-TC recognizes the growing need for shelter for fathers and their children to be able to stay together. Three rooms are now available to help fathers like Derek care for his baby girl, who is afflicted with sickle cell anemia.

After losing his business and his home, Derek came to UGM-TC for help in finding stable housing and steady work. "We're strong," he says, "We will come out of this. I'm just a dad and I am crying out for help. [People say] men don't care about their kids. I love my kids. I don't want to be like my father. I'm breaking the chain in my family." This father just wouldn't give up and give in.

We offer shelter for homeless mothers with children, single fathers with children, and individual men and women, as well as permanent supportive housing for senior ladies. Our goal is to address the barriers that contributed to a client's homelessness and help them move toward independence, permanent housing and employment through a structured program and case management tailored to their needs.

You can help UGM-TC provide these individuals and families with their first Merry Christmas in a long time. We also hosted 144,547 for chapel services and served over 241,960 meals in 2009 to more than 75 percent of the local homeless population. Your generosity can help even more people achieve self-sufficiency in the coming year.

How You Can Help

- ^{\$25} Provides 15 meals for a homeless man, woman or child.
- Helps provide Christmas for one resident at the Mission, with great food, fellowship, decorations and a gift.
- Gives a resident one week of clean, safe surroundings with case management, counseling, lodging, medical care, food, services, and laundry.













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Our Mission

To help create hope, happiness, and success for children and their families.

How Lena Pope Home serves children and their families

Lena Pope Home serves elementary children through Chapel Hill Academy Charter School, providing an early educational foundation and preparing them for a lifetime of learning.

Lena Pope Home keeps families together by providing family-focused services for any child or family at risk of abuse, neglect, truancy, running away or involuntary removal from their home and community.

Lena Pope Home partners with the Fort Worth Independent School District and the Tarrant County Juvenile Justice System for children that are in trouble, to keep them in school and to encourage them to become productive members of the community.

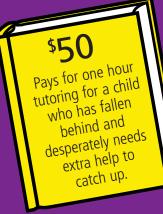
Lena Pope Home provides a spiritual oasis through the Marty Leonard Community Chapel for visitors, for those served by Lena Pope Home and for families to celebrate significant occasions within its serene sanctuary.

How You Can Help

- Pays for a school uniform for a child whose family cannot afford one.
- Provides one hour of tutoring for a child who has fallen behind and who desperately needs extra help to catch up.
- Provides one hour of intensive counseling for a family in crisis to strengthen a struggling relationship and keep a family together, or even save a life.











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Our Mission

Tarrant Area Food Bank works to eliminate hunger in Fort Worth, Texas and 13 surrounding counties by providing food, education and other resources to a network of hunger-relief charities and their communities.

Moranda's Story

Like many young mothers, Moranda is feeling the stress that comes with the holiday season. But she's not concerned about holiday travel plans or finding gifts for all her loved ones. She's worried about how she's going to keep her children from going hungry.

Moranda and her husband are raising their two little girls, ages 4 years and 11 months. Her husband was laid off in the spring and hasn't been able to find work since. Right now, the family's sole source of income is a monthly assistance check they receive because their oldest daughter has special needs – but Moranda says this barely covers the cost of rent. They've applied for food stamps but have been waiting for months to find out if they qualify for assistance. Moranda desperately wants to be able to provide a special holiday meal for her family. But right now, she needs help just to keep her children from going hungry every day.

Imagine that you're Moranda, feeling the desperation of not being able to provide for the children who depend on you. Now imagine your relief when you find out that there's a place you can go for help – a place that will welcome you with open arms and give you the food you need to provide for your family until you can get back on your feet.

Gifts to Tarrant Area Food Bank and its partner agencies provide families like Moranda's with plenty of nutritious food for the holidays and all year long. Whether it's a bag of groceries at a food pantry, a hot meal at a soup kitchen or a backpack full of kid-friendly, weekend food through our BackPacks for Kids program, your gift will provide hope for hungry families, children and senior citizens in our community.

How You Can Help

- Provides food for 140 meals for families in need.
- Provides food for 400 breakfast meals for homeless men, women and children at shelters and soup kitchens.
- Provides an entire weekend's worth of food for 80 children through our BackPacks for Kids program.











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Our Mission

Protecting Children. Preserving Families. Developing solutions that create safety, hope, love and the capacity to thrive.

What We Do

We protect children from abuse, neglect and family separation and help children overcome these tragedies when they do happen. In 2009 we served more than 4,100 children, youth and families in our nine county service area. We offer both residential and community-based programs that focus on the prevention, intervention and treatment of child abuse, neglect and family separation. A few of our programs include:

Emergency shelter for runaway and homeless teens...

ACH operates the only emergency youth shelter in Tarrant County for homeless, runaway and throwaway youth, serving nearly 300 youth annually and delivering almost 3,400 nights of care.

Safe places for children in trouble...

From latchkey lockouts to outcries of abuse and neglect, the Safe Place program provides neighborhood-based help and safety for young people in trouble. ACH maintains over 400 Safe Place sites in Tarrant County and provides critical safety education services to nearly 2000 children and youth every year.

Homes for abused and neglected children...

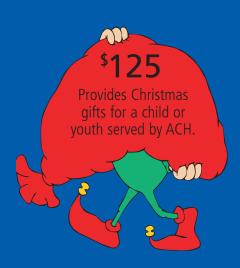
Sometimes the children we serve need a temporary place to live and specialized care and services to help them reunite with their families. Unfortunately, reunification is not always possible, but ACH can offer these children additional therapeutic services and a loving permanent home to help them heal from abuse, neglect or family separation. More than 300 children and youth are served through our Wedgwood Residential, Behavioral Care, and Foster Care & Adoption programs each year.

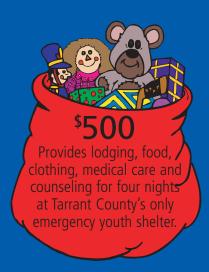
How You Can Help

- Provides training, materials and a sign for a community Safe Place site a community outreach, prevention and awareness program designed to help youth in crisis.
- Provides Christmas gifts for a child or youth served by ACH. Each year more than 250 children and youth in our programs celebrate the holidays, some receiving presents for the very first time.
- Provides lodging, food, clothing, medical care and counseling for four nights at Tarrant County's only emergency youth shelter.











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Our Mission

To provide services that will improve the quality of life for individuals who have disabilities or are disadvantaged, and to provide those services to all who may benefit regardless of their financial ability.

What We Do and Services We Provide

Rocky Top Therapy Center is unique in that it provides equine assisted activities and therapy for individuals with physical, emotional or behavioral issues. These activities include therapeutic riding, hippotherapy, and equine facilitated psychotherapy using our specially trained therapy horses who serve as catalysts for change in the lives of special needs individuals.

As the horse simulates the human gait, it becomes a tool that allows muscles to strengthen and improve coordination. Also, the horse teaches new behaviors and skills, thus enriching the lives of those with special needs. As a friend and partner, the horse enables a formerly unreachable autistic child to smile, a child who is confined to a wheelchair to walk, a blind child to achieve a new sense of freedom, and an emotionally disturbed child to reclaim his place in society. Rocky Top offers an authentic ranch setting to accomplish these goals.

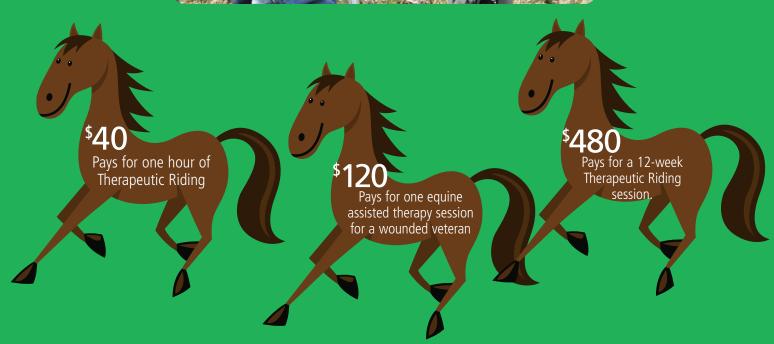
"Horses for Heroes" utilizes Equine Facilitated Psychotherapy and Therapeutic Riding to address the needs of veterans who have suffered emotional trauma and/or physical disabilities in the line of duty. The goal is to help them adjust emotionally and/or physically to their post-war lives. This program is also available to spouses, children and families of the veterans.

"The outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man."
- Sir Winston Churchill

How You Can Help

- Pays for one hour of therapeutic riding for a "special needs" child or adult, or care for three of our "special" horses for a day.
- Pays for one equine assisted therapy session for a wounded veteran.
- Pays for a twelve-week therapeutic riding session or a six-week equine assisted psychotherapy counseling session.







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Our Mission

The Ronald McDonald House of Fort Worth provides a supportive home-away-from-home for families of children receiving medical treatment in area hospitals.

Yelena's Story

When Yelana started running an abnormally high fever at only 11 months old, her mother thought it was simply a short-lived virus. Her pediatrician recommended fever-reducing medicine but thankfully, also ordered blood work.

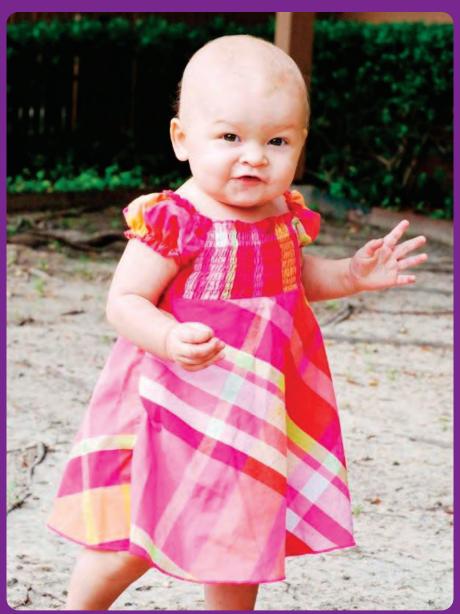
Lab results indicated that Yelana's blood counts were abnormally low, so the doctor suggested they come back in two weeks for a re-check. However, she started vomiting shortly after her first doctor visit. At the hospital, further tests confirmed the worst – Yelana was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia.

More than eight months of chemotherapy treatments left Yelana ill, weak and confused. She lost her hair and did not want to eat. Her mother and grandmother struggled emotionally as they watched little Yelana go through the trauma of dozens of tests and repeated rounds of treatments. The stress became overwhelming, as Yelana and her family were far away from their home support system.

Thankfully, the Ronald McDonald House was able to provide her family a convenient and comfortable place to sleep, a full pantry, and a playroom for Yelana- along with much-needed emotional support and encouragement. The family formed friendships with other parents, siblings and pediatric patients going through similar trials. Yelana especially enjoyed the weekly visits from therapy dogs! Today, she is in remission and doing great.

How You Can Help

- Helps defray the cost of lodging, meals, laundry facilities, recreational activities and emotional support for one family for one night.
- ^{\$}75 Helps provide all the comforts of home during a weekend stay for one family.
- Supports our "Meals-From-The-Heart" program, by covering the cost of one evening meal for each one of our 38 families during their stay.











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Our Mission

To provide enriching programs to youth from disadvantaged circumstances to develop the qualities needed to become responsible citizens.

Juanita's Story

Juanita is the oldest of 7 brothers and sisters. For most of her life, Juanita played "mom" to her brothers and sisters when her mom was working or unable to care for them. Many times they had no electricity, water, or food.

When she was 11 years old, circumstances forced her and her siblings to relocate to Texas. They traveled on a bus for three days with only \$15 among them for the whole trip. At one point, her sister asked the passenger next to her for some chips because she was so hungry. In that moment, Juanita says she knew that she wanted something more for herself.

When things at home were really bad, Juanita would walk a few blocks to the Boys & Girls Club. Juanita says "The Club was the only place I could think of when I had tears running down my face and thought there was no hope of things ever getting better. The people at the Club knew me like no one else and they were on my side."

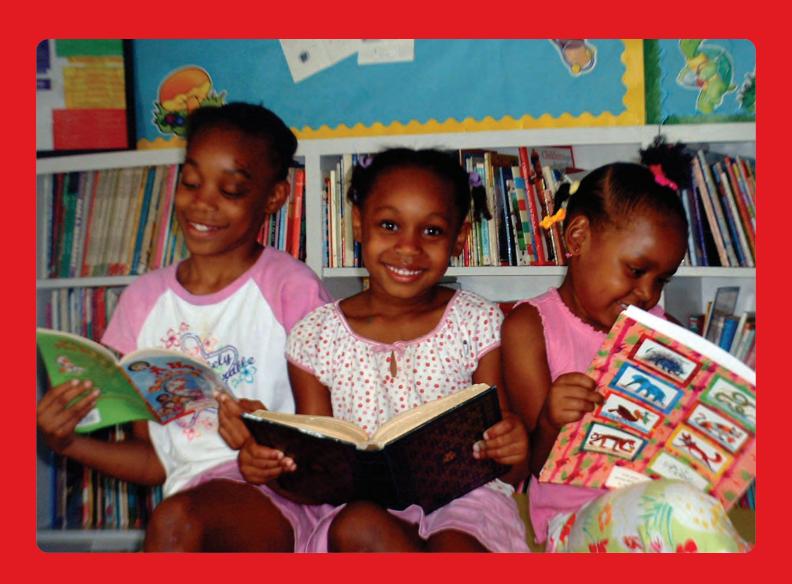
At the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Fort Worth, Juanita received help completing the paperwork for college, getting financial aid and was taken on tours of college campuses. Juanita now attends college and is working towards becoming a probation officer so she can help kids just like her.

"Not a day goes by that I am not thankful for the place that changed my life and gave me hope for the future."

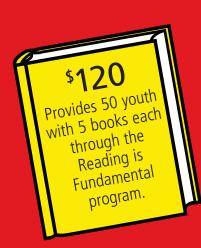
- Juanita

How You Can Help

- Provides 100 hot meals for youth after school through the Kids Café program at the Club. For many of the youth we serve, this may be the only meal they receive that day outside of school.
- Provides 50 youth with 5 books each through the Reading is Fundamental program. The books are distributed 5 times a year at each Club, encouraging reading as a fun activity and providing youth with books of their very own to take home and enjoy again and again.
- Sponsors one child for a year of programs at the Club. These programs include after-school tutoring and homework help, mentoring, assistance with college applications and scholarships, character development programs, job skill training and employment assistance.











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Our Mission

To promote the dignity and independence of older adults, persons with disabilities, and other homebound persons by delivering nutritious meals and providing or coordinating needed services.

Our Organization

For most Meals On Wheels recipients, the meal they receive today may be all they have to eat and the volunteer delivering the meal may be the only person they see or talk to all day long. This program is the lifeline they depend on to maintain independence and stay at home where they really want to be.

- Home Delivered Meals nourishing meals and so much more
- Case Management assessing the need and finding solutions
- Client Services providing toiletries, medical equipment, home repairs and other needed items for clients with limited resources
- Companion Pet Program volunteers delivering pet food to clients that have difficulty providing for their cat or dog
- Supplemental Food supplying additional food to meal recipients
- Friend 2 Friend matching volunteers with clients for friendly visits and phone calls
- Errands Volunteers are matched with clients that need someone to shop for groceries and prescriptions or run other errands on their behalf
- Diabetes Screening and Intervention screening clients for diabetes upon initial assessment and provided with resource materials

How You Can Help

- Provides a heater, blanket, doorbell, hand-held grabber or other small item for clients in need.
- **25** Provides meals for one homebound person for a week.
- Provides meals for one homebound person for four weeks.











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Our Mission

To enhance the mental health of the community and to improve the lives of those impacted by mental illness.

John's Story

John contacted us after hearing about Operation Healthy Reunions from his treating physician. John was injured while serving in Iraq and was having great difficulty readjusting to life as a civilian. As a single father, John quickly became aware of the impact of his injuries on his two young children.

More than the visible injuries he suffered; the invisible wounds of war had changed John. He called us asking for counseling for his children. He explained that they did not seem to trust him, and even feared him at times. John was suffering from severe combat trauma and was resistant to seek counseling for himself.

Through our program, the family was able to participate in specialized counseling. John saw such great improvement in his relationship with his children that he asked for sessions for himself. It wasn't long before John began to feel more like his former self, and better able to be a Dad. Today John is enrolled in college and looks forward to a bright future. His children are happy and very glad to have Dad back.

How You Can Help

- **\$25** Pays for one person to receive assistance in finding the right mental health treatment.
- **\$55** Pays for a Certified Ombudsman to visit a nursing home to advocate for excellent care.
- **\$100** Pays for a counseling session to help a veteran and his/her children cope with the loss of their mother/father.

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Our Mission

The Art Station is an organization offering individual and group art therapy and community programs to children and adults regardless of ability to pay. Our mission is to provide a safe and encouraging environment where art making can be used to promote personal growth, uplift hearts and help heal minds and bodies.

Cathy and Ashley's Story

It was a beautiful day at the beach, a vacation of a lifetime, which changed in an instant. With her back turned for a moment to take a photo of the scenery, Cathy never saw the car that hit her young son, but 6-year-old Ashley did. In the year that followed, Cathy mourned and tried to develop a new "normal" but found the guilt paralyzing. She was struggling professionally, isolated from others and emotionally unavailable for her daughter. Cathy knew that Ashley was hurting to, but didn't have the energy to help her. Knowing that something needed to be different, she called the number a friend had given her.

During her sessions at The Art Station, Cathy began to use art to communicate and to heal. One of the most significant steps came when she was able to return to her love of photography without feeling guilty for causing her sons' death. Feeling stronger and healthier, Cathy decided that Ashley also needed to have a place of her own for healing. While Cathy and Ashley worked individually in therapy, they also had family therapy, using the art making as a way to rebuild their relationship and create new memories together. Cathy and Ashley continue to receive services at The Art Station and whether they are doing individual, family or group therapy, the art they make is mirroring the changes they're experiencing.

How You Can Help

- Provides for one group art therapy session for children, teens or adults focusing on social skills building, increased self-esteem, and positive decision-making.
- Provides the art supplies used by our 175 clients for one week.
- **Provides** one month of art therapy for a child who has experienced abuse, trauma or loss.



\$30 Provides for one group art therapy session, focusing on social-skills building, increased self-esteem and positive decision-making.

the art supplies used by our 175 clients for one week.

\$250 Provides one month of art therapy for a child who has experienced abuse, trauma or loss.



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Our Mission

The Child Study Center provides diagnosis and treatment services to children who have, or are at risk for, developmental disabilities and related behavioral and emotional problems so that these children may achieve their full potential.

Jerry's Story

Jerry Munoz didn't talk very much, often played alone and rarely spoke in an appropriate manner. At just six months old, he began self-injuring and crying through the night. At four years old he was admitted to a psychiatric hospital for violent and aggressive behavior. By the age of five, Jerry's problem behavior had led to expulsion from school. His parents didn't know where to turn or how to help their child.

Then they found the Child Study Center. Having been diagnosed with Pervasive Developmental Disorder, an initial psychology evaluation at the Center recommended Jerry be admitted to the Autism Services Department. The primary goal for the Autism Services team would be to reduce Jerry's violent and aggressive behavior and to fill in the gaps of his skill repertoire through Applied Behavior Analysis therapy (ABA).

Just three months after entering Autism Services, Jerry began the transition into CSC's Jane Justin School. The change has been astounding. "He is now a bright spot in the classroom with a huge grin that just lights up his face," says Kristin Naylor, Jerry's teacher. Things have improved both academically and socially for Jerry. He is building friendships and is well liked by the other children in the school. He is a great helper to his friends and is eager to share accomplishments with his teacher and parents.

The Munoz family's home life is worlds away from where it was just a year ago, thanks to Jerry's transformation. With the help of the Child Study Center and donors like you, Jerry and many others like him have bright futures ahead of them.

How You Can Help

- *30 Helps to purchase curriculum for a child with autism.
- ***60** Assists with testing for a child with learning disabilities.
- Underwrites a pediatric follow-up visit for a child with developmental disabilities.







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Our Mission

To end domestic violence through safety, support, prevention and social change.

Sally's Story

"Worthless!" he called as he stormed out the door. I looked in the mirror; my eye was already swollen and bruised. When had I aged so much? I looked so tired. I wanted to leave. I wanted to remove my children from the environment. But, I had no job and nowhere to go. I was trapped.

I wanted to cover my black eye before the kids returned home from school. As I rifled through my make-up bag looking for foundation, I stumbled across it – SafeHaven's emergency card. A police officer gave it to me several months earlier.

I called the number, 1-877-701-SAFE (7233). Someone there listened to my entire story and provided me options. No matter how trapped I felt, I didn't have to stay.

I started gathering important papers and things I might need and hiding them in an empty laundry detergent box. In August, my husband went on a business trip. I packed suitcases for myself and my children and I collected the items stored in the laundry detergent box. We got in the car and went to the police department, where an officer helped me call the hotline again. Soon, someone in a van came and took us to SafeHaven's emergency shelter.

We were assigned a room and a case manager helped me to set goals and a plan for achieving them. She also helped me to develop a safety plan. My kids were enrolled in the shelter's on-site school. We received counseling and legal advice.

Since that time, I found a job as a receptionist and entered SafeHaven's transitional living program. I am saving my money and in just a few short months, I will move into my own apartment. Without SafeHaven, my children and I would still be living in fear. If SafeHaven hadn't been here to help, I may not be living at all. Thank you for helping me create a safer life for my family.

How You Can Help

- Packs a backpack for a child staying in our shelter who had to leave all his school supplies at home.
- Provides 24 hours of safety in our emergency shelters for a woman who is too scared to stay at home any more.
- **125** Provides one week of summer day camp for children residing in our emergency shelters.











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Our Mission

To provide service to those in need; to advocate compassion and justice in the structures of society; and to call all people of good will to do the same.

A New Lease on Life

When I was twelve, I was essentially fatherless, so I found role models elsewhere. My role models were not the type you should aspire to and unfortunately, I followed their lead. My life included drugs, petty crimes, and ultimately neglecting those who I was suppose to love and protect. For all the hurt I had caused I did not think that I was worth much to society, but for reasons unknown to me, God had other plans. He saved me just as he had many times before, but I had been too blind to see.

In May 2009, I was introduced to Catholic Charities and my life changed forever. With the help of Catholic Charities, I succeeded in turning my life around. I found purpose to live, reconnect with my children, and become a productive citizen. For 42 years I was homeless, but on July 7, 2009 I signed my first lease. It is hard to articulate the pride and self worth I felt when seeing my name on the apartment lease. To this day I still carry a copy around with me so I can be reminded of its meaning. To me it meant that someone (Catholic Charities) believed in me enough to advocate for me, believed that my word could be trusted, and ultimately could see my potential.

On that day, I made a promise not only to myself, but to the team at Catholic Charities that I would utilize all the resources they provided so that I could become a model citizen and give back to my community. I attended every appointment, completed every class, and really listened to my case manager because I knew he had my best interest at heart.

Now, one year later, I am proud to share that I have graduated from the program and am a full time employee of Catholic Charities. I work with the Street Outreach Services (S.O.S.) Team. Daily we go out to homeless camps to provide basic services, as well as case management services, with the hopes that our invisible neighbors will eventually come off the streets and regain stability. Daily, I am "looking in" at my former life and thanking God for sending Catholic Charities to me. I pray that my story will inspire someone else to change their life.

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The Shared Community Benefit Foundation works to coordinate community awareness efforts for important local nonprofit programs and to help facilitate raising funds to see those programs succeed.

Our Foundation

The Shared Community Benefit Foundation helps local community organizations by creating informational pieces about the organizations and creating a way for people to support those organizations. The Foundation's patent pending, signature fundraising support devices include the multiple-charity, program-specific gift catalog and the multiple-charity, program-specific gift cards.

These are just some of the ways the organization seeks to help local communities. Through the generous support and underwriting by community leaders, 100% of the donations given by the catalog contributors are able to be given to the organizations.

For more information about the foundation or how to become part of the program please contact Debbe Solomon at 817.922.8297 or go to the website at www.thegreatestgiftcatalogever.org.

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How were the charities chosen?

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□ \$23: Receive birth certificate for a child		
□ \$85: One hour therapy for a child with autism-spectrum disorders		
☐ \$300: Dental exam, fillings and a crown for a child in pain		
Union Gospel Mission: General Contribution \$		
□ \$25: 15 meals for a homeless man, woman or child		
□ \$60: Supports Christmas at the Mission		
□ \$250: One week food, lodging, counseling and services		
Lena Pope Home: General Contribution \$		
□ \$30: School uniform for a child in need		
□ \$50: One hour tutoring for a child who has fallen behind		
□ \$125: One hour of intensive counseling for a family in crisis		
Tarrant Area Food Bank: General Contribution \$		
□ \$35: Food for 140 meals for families in need		
☐ \$100: 400 breakfasts for homeless men, women and children		
□ \$400: Food for 80 children through BackPacks for Kids		
ACH Child and Family Services: General Contribution \$		
□ \$25: Training materials and sign for a Safe Place site		
□ \$125: Christmas gifts for a child in need		
□ \$500: Four nights food, clothing, medical care and counseling		
Rocky Top Therapy: General Contribution \$		
☐ \$40: One hour of riding therapy/ Care for three horses for a day		
□ \$120: Therapy session for a wounded veteran	1	
☐ \$480: 12-week riding session/ 6-week counseling session		
Ronald McDonald House: General Contribution \$		
□ \$25: One night food, lodging and activities for one family		
☐ \$75: Weekend stay for one family		
□ \$300: Evening meals for 38 families during their stay		
Boys and Girls Clubs: General Contribution \$		
\$25: 100 hot meals for youth after school		
\$120: 5 books each to 50 youth through RIF		
□ \$600: A year of programs for one child at the Club		
Meals On Wheels: General Contribution \$		
□ \$20: Small items for clients in need		
□ \$25: Meals for one homebound person for one week		
□ \$100: Meals for one homebound person for four weeks	1	
Mental Health Association: General Contribution \$		
□ \$25: Mental health assessment for one person		
\$55: Ombudsman visit to a nursing home	1	
□ \$100: Counseling session for a veteran and his/her family		
Art Station: General Contribution \$		
□ \$30: One group art therapy session		
☐ \$75: Art supplies for 175 clients for one week		
□ \$250: One month art therapy for a child in need		
Child Study Center: General Contribution \$		
□ \$30: Curriculum for a child with autism		
□ \$60: Testing for a child with learning disabilities		
□ \$350: Follow up visit for a child with developmental disabilities		
SafeHaven: General Contribution \$		
□ \$25: School supplies for a child in the shelter		
☐ \$76: 24 hours of shelter for a woman in need		
☐ \$125: Two sessions of case management for SafeLiving		
Catholic Charites: General Contribution \$		
☐ \$25: Job readiness training for those in need		
□ \$75: Counseling for an abused or neglected child	1	
□ \$200: Counseling for homeless families	1	
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Since 2005, 99% of the youth referred to the nationally ranked First Offender Program completed the program successfully.

Tarrant Area Food Bank helps provide groceries for 35,000 families and prepared meals and snacks for 500,000 people each month.





ACH Child and Family Services operates the only Emergency Youth Shelter in Tarrant County serving nearly 300 runaway, throwaway and homeless youth annually.

Rocky Top Therapy Center has made a difference in the lives of more than 55,000 special needs individuals since 1990 with its equine assisted therapy.





24 hours a day, 365 days a year, The Ronald McDonald House provides help, hope and a home-away-from-home for families of critically ill children. Last year, 817 families crossed our door.



Since 1926, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Fort Worth has been serving the youth in our community – currently 12,000 per year.



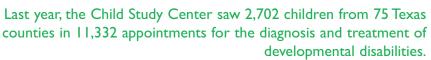
Meals On Wheels volunteers drive more than 875,000 miles each year to deliver 1,000,000 meals.



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The Art Station is the only community art therapy agency in the state of Texas







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