



# LOVING HEARTS

HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY NEEDS COUNCIL  
Summer 2014 - Fredericksburg, Texas

## Looking to the Future!



In preparation for our annual backpack and school supplies drive we stop to ponder why WE as a community want and need to promote this project?

In a Fredericksburg Standard editorial Ken Cooke wrote several years ago he asked the question, "Where's the payoff for the donor...?" He answered, "It comes in knowing that the child you fund for school supplies today may be the doctor who treats you someday down the road or the child who doesn't become a part of the juvenile justice system". He also wrote about the ripple effect of donating toward a child's welfare and the possibility of that donation growing exponentially throughout the community.

From the child's perspective he or she knows little about investments growing exponentially, but they do know the desperate desire to start out on an equal footing with their peers - to arrive fully equipped with glue, pencils, crayons, rulers, notebooks, and a backpack just like everyone else on that first day of school. Depending on the grade level and the quality of the supplies the cost per child varies; we estimate parents spend \$50 to \$75 on each child's supply list. This of course doesn't include the money they spend on underwear, clothes, shoes etc. Please join us in giving our clients' children a backpack filled with your support!

**Board Members will be joining staff to kick off the collection drive**

**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at HEB on Friday, August 1st**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at WALMART on Saturday, August 2nd**

New School Supplies and Donations can be dropped off at the Needs Council Office from now thru Friday August 8th. Volunteers interested in helping Trish sort and collate the approximate 17,500 items needed to fill over 500 backpacks are ENCOURAGED to call her at 997-9756 to sign up for a designated time during the week of August 11-15.

### School Supplies Needed

- Backpack (no wheels)
- Binders, 3 ring—1/2", 1 1/2" and 2" sizes
- Pocket Folders with brads, all colors
- Pencil Sharpener w/ shaving collector
- Glue Stick
- Crayola Crayons
- Crayola Colored Pencils,
- Large Pencil bag, 3 ring with zipper
- Highlighter - any color
- Spiral Sketch Book
- Construction Paper, 9x12 multi colors
- Crayola Watercolors
- Spiral Notebook, wide rule 70 page
- Notebook Paper, wide rule 200 page
- Subject Dividers, 6 pk plastic w/pocket
- Subject Dividers, 5 pk plastic
- Crayola Washable Markers, classic broad line
- Pkg of 4 Dry Erase Markers
- Flash Cards, Addition, Subtraction or Multiplication
- Eraser, large pink
- Pen black, blue or red



### New Mission Statement

A special committee of board members led by Troy Sifford has been working for several months to update our Mission Statement. The board voted at their June meeting to adopt the following mission and mission statement.

#### Needs Council Mission:

Helping Neighbors in Need

#### Mission Statement:

The Hill Country Community Needs Council provides short term assistance to the county's most vulnerable by judicious and compassionate distribution of gifts and volunteer talents through coordination of local resources and direct service programs.

## Do you have any old cell phones lying around?

The Needs Council office collects them for recycling and we receive a rebate.  
You clear out clutter and donate at the same time!

# MEMORIALS, HONORARIUMS & DONATIONS TO THE NEEDS COUNCIL

November 2013 through June 2014 (excluding February - March 2014 Campaign donations)

## MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

<i>In honor of Dr Shari Addington, Dr Gene Bishop, Dr Andrew Bowser, Dr Andrea Bray, Dr Tracy</i>	<i>In memory of Sherman Durst</i>	<i>In memory of Marvin Janders</i>	<i>In honor of Linda Richardson</i>
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## New Program – Feeding John

The Feeding John program was proposed to the Ministerial Alliance last Fall and many churches are looking at organizing their kitchen management & budget to join in this new outreach to the community! Holy Ghost Lutheran committed to kicking the program off with 4 Sundays this summer. The Needs Council identified 20 seniors that needed both companionship and a hot meal! The church organizes Volunteer drivers who take the hot meals to one or two seniors and stay for a visit.



You can imagine how grateful these seniors are; they love the food but the visit is what they most look forward to. Most are home bound and they don't have family nearby so weekends tend to be their loneliest time. We hope to grow the program to include up to 40 seniors, many more churches and eventually to have meals and companionship delivered 52 weekends a year!



Pictured above Sandra (right) receiving fans from Audrey Mayer, Red Cross volunteer

## New Needs Council Employee

When Sandra Brodbeck took on the receptionist job, little did she realize just how many hats employees of the Needs Council wear! Her other titles include being the coordinator of: Medical Transportation, HAS (help a senior), FJ (Feeding John, Care Calls & Volunteers! Of course with her background in service and education she's taken all this in stride.

Both Sandra and her husband Rick grew up in Fredericksburg raising their two children, Heather and Casey. She brings a gentle heart to complement our staff family. We are blessed to have Sandra working with us!

## Landscaping Enhancements



Volunteers from First United Methodist Church

On a beautiful Saturday in May, volunteers from Fredericksburg United Methodist Church spruced up our landscaping! To greet our visitors they planted a Japanese Red Bud tree by the front door; they also enhanced the Needs Council sign with Jerusalem Sage and Lantana. The Native Plant Society donated \$100 towards the drought resistant plants. Many thanks to Peggy & John Benson, Jim Ryan, Bill Treude, Steve Cannon and Kenneth Williams!

## Free Haircuts

Thanks to Angela Wollman, president and owner of The Conlee College of Cosmetology, we will be offering free haircuts to the children who come with their parents on distribution day – Saturday, August 16th!!



## BUSINESSES DONATIONS

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### Meeting the Needs of Our Community - Ambleside School Children



Last Fall Ambleside children, teachers, and administrators collected and hand delivered a huge boost to our Food 4 Kids program and to the emergency school clothing & shoe program. Ambleside continually works to educate their students about the needs of their community with hands-on projects and our clients reap the rewards!

The Needs Council's Food 4 Kids program provides weekend nutritious snacks throughout the school year to over 175 children who have been identified as having inadequate nutrition in their homes. Ambleside and many other individuals, community groups and businesses have contributed to this vital program.



#### Director's Corner --

It's not uncommon to hear me say "I love my job". Not long ago, someone asked me why? After 15 minutes of listening to my answer, I think they were sorry they asked...

To have found a place that allows me to use the talents God provided for the benefit of others fills me with gratitude. Too many people go their whole life without finding purposeful work. I don't for minute claim to be talented, but I do seem to excel at finding really good people to work with.

A man came to us recently who was very down, labeling himself

"useless and a burden". He'd been in a near fatal accident and was well into an extended recovery period, unable to work. His wife was scrambling to keep up with several jobs to pay the bills and he felt he'd let her down. One of our staff actually found a way to help this man turn his perspective around allowing him to leave our office with a regained sense of purpose. As I stated in the second paragraph....I work with very talented people!

I could go on to list the many reasons I love my job, but it all comes back to people and their innate goodness. Even though we deal with very sad and sometimes hopelessly frustrating situations, the hugs and smiles doled out daily at the Needs Council make this a joy-filled place. The love and support garnered from our volunteers is equal to what

people expect to receive from family. YOU, our donors continue to believe and support our mission - Helping Neighbors in Need - what could be better than that?

This quote from Henry James speaks directly to what we hope our organization represents daily:

*Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind.*

May Kindness greet you today,

*Cindy Heifner*  
Cindy Heifner, Director

#### Volunteer Opportunity

Please consider joining our team of drivers who take seniors to medical appointments. We can guarantee you will be appreciated and applauded by the sweet folks who rely on this service. Many long lasting friendships have been formed between drivers and their riders. To sign up come by the office at 209 S Acorn or call Sandra at 997-9756, its really quite a simple way to give a little of your free time to those in need. You can drive every week or once a year - *every trip is important to the person receiving the ride.*

#### Website

You are now able to donate electronically through the website using a credit card or PayPal.

[www.needscouncil.org](http://www.needscouncil.org)

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