



HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY NEEDS COUNCIL

FALL 2015 - Fredericksburg, TX

Join us this Christmas!



ANGEL TREE: Adopt a Home Bound Senior by choosing an Angel Ornament from the **Chase Bank** Christmas Tree beginning Monday, November 16th. Each Angel Ornament has a Senior's Christmas wish list of 2 to 4 items. Please return the gifts to Chase or the Needs Council office (1904 North Llano Street) by Tuesday, December 15th. For more details see article on page 3.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES: Sponsor a Client Family anonymously; groups or individuals pick the family size they wish to adopt. The family's wish list includes practical items such as: cleaning supplies, kitchen towels, laundry detergent and canned goods, as well as a few gifts for the kids. **Santa** will join us Saturday, December 19th ~ kids will be able to relay their Christmas wishes and take photos with him! Meanwhile parents will be picking up their family gift baskets. To adopt a family call Trish at 997-9756.

ELF TEAM: Volunteers will be needed **December 14th through 19th**. As Christmas Family donors deliver the baskets to the Needs Council they are labeled by family number and covered in huge black bags. This allows parents to keep the gifts hidden until Christmas morning.

Santa will need lots of hands to help with gift distribution to the families on **Saturday the 19th** at our office, 1904 North Llano Street.

*We will also need Elves to deliver Angel Tree gifts to the recipients between the **18th & 23rd of December**, bringing a bit of Christmas joy to home bound seniors.



Light the Night Christmas Parade & Afterglow

Enjoy a S'More at our Marketplatz booth on Parade Night
Friday, December 4th.

We'll start roasting marshmallows at 3 p.m.,
so while you are waiting for the parade to start, come on by
or wait till after -- just be sure to come see us!



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May 23, 2015 through November 4, 2015

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MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS — Corrections to Summer Newsletter

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In honor of Local Doctors
Gregory D Andreassian MD PA ♦

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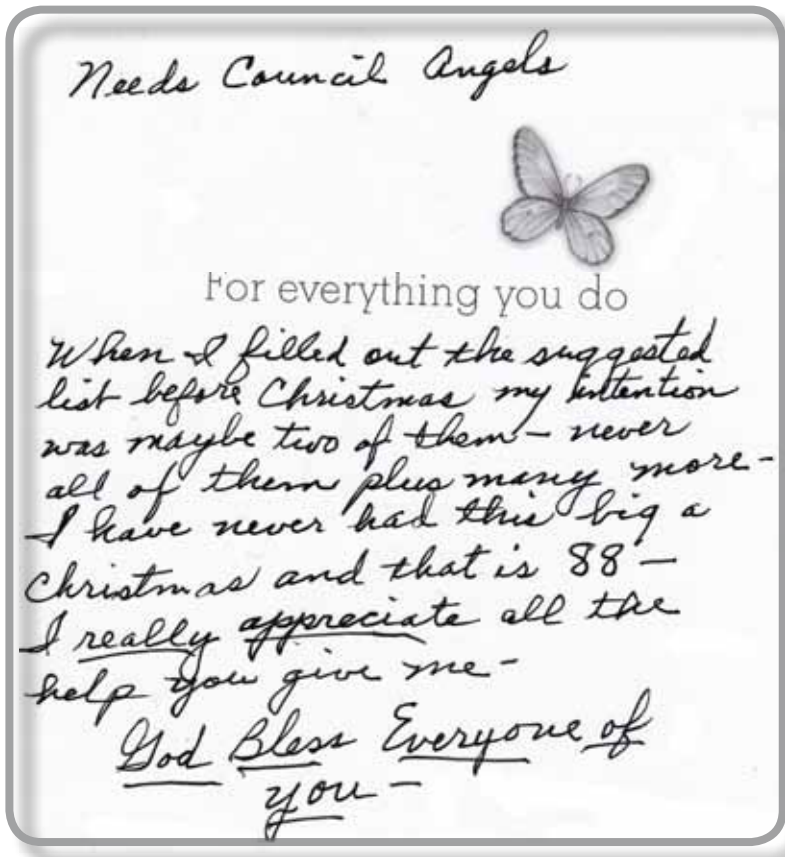
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An Angel Tree Recipient's Thank You Note



We received this precious thank you card a week after Christmas last year. No doubt the gifts received made this 88 year old widow very happy! Throughout the year as we meet home bound seniors through our medical transportation program or their requests for assistance with utilities or rent; we place them on our Angel Tree list. In early November we contact them to fill out a wish list for the Angel Tree, which is then transcribed onto the back of a beautiful Angel ornament.

This year's angel ornaments were created by Paige Conn's middle school Art Students.

The wish list items vary from a pair of slippers and a box of chocolates to a roll of quarters and laundry detergent. The "adopters" wrap their packages or gift bags with Love - the recipients often say, "It is almost too pretty to open"! These Angel Tree gifts are so important; they tell the senior that we as a community care about them.

Last year a small group of students and their sponsors sang Christmas Carols as they delivered the gifts. After they completed the deliveries one of the sponsors left a message on our office phone. "Please put us on your volunteer list for next year! We were so very touched by the overwhelming gratitude of the seniors for our visit"...then her voice broke as she whispered, "Thank you for this opportunity, it meant a lot to all of us".

Penny coordinates the Angel Tree program and would happy to answer any questions - 997-9756.

In lieu of a Christmas Gift Exchange
Groups and families with adult children find adopting a Needs Council Christmas family to be a joyful alternative.



Counseling Program Expands

Earlier this year we gained the wisdom and expertise of a seasoned counselor: Ray Gutierrez, LCDC/COPSD, who joined Patricia Garza, our domestic violence and abuse counselor. Ray comes to us with 47 years of experience counseling adults and adolescents with substance abuse issues as well as co-occurring psychiatric disorders. Ray is also credentialed as an Anger Management Specialist. Ray currently serves the Hill Country Community in several mental health capacities - we are thrilled to be one of them.



Ray is an avid golfer and professional musician. He had the pleasure of performing in two movies; one titled "Rolling Thunder" with Tommy Lee Jones and William Devane, and a second one titled, "Pony Express Rider" with Hondo Crouch, Maureen McCormick and Buck Taylor from "Gunsmoke". Ray and his wife Diana also enjoy time with their 11 beautiful grandchildren.

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 & donate at the same time!

IN-KIND DONATIONS May 23, 2015 through November 4, 2015

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Food 4 Kids

The Needs Council Food 4 Kids program addresses weekend hunger in children whom counselors have identified as being consistently hungry. We provide non refrigerated individual serving size nutritional snacks that young children can open and eat; no can opener, microwave or stove needed. Some of these children are left to fend for themselves on the weekend while parents work. If you have any questions please call the office at **830-997-9756**. The list of food items we need include:

NEEDS COUNCIL WISH LIST

1. Space Heaters - *must have* safety tip-over switches!
 2. Blankets and Coats
 3. Food 4 Kids - see food list below
 4. Diapers & Wipes
- Tuna kits
 - Vienna sausages
 - Beanie Wienies
 - Lunchables
 - Cheese packets
 - Beef jerky
 - Peanut Butter (small jars or individual servings)
 - Shelf Stable Milk (individual servings plain or flavored)
 - Pudding Cups
 - Fruit Cups
 - Applesauce
 - Dried Fruit
 - Juice boxes or cans
 - Nuts
 - Trail Mix
 - Breakfast bars
 - Protein Bars
 - Granola Bars
 - Crackers with cheese or peanut butter



**Director's
Corner --**

Connections~

“Tell me what the Needs Council does?” I have heard that question more times than I can count and each time I attempt to answer it I’m concerned I’ve left out some vital program! It reminds me of conversations with my Kansas mother, Helen. Usually as we come to the close of our phone call she’ll say, “Now wait, did I update you on everybody?” I’m one of seven children and I’ve lost count of the grands and great grands! Our Needs Council is

not unlike a large family – the staff and volunteers work on so many beautiful and varied programs it can make your head spin and its difficult to report on all of them.

Back to the original question - What does the Needs Council do?... **We make Connections!**

We connect the abused with counseling and support, the lonely homebound senior with a volunteer visitor, the hungry child with volunteers and donors who propel the food 4 kids program, the unemployed with job opportunities, the paycheck to paycheck worker with budget counseling, the elderly with a ride to the doctor, the Community unto itself...

“It is an absolute human certainty that no one can know his own beauty or perceive a sense of his own worth until it has been reflected back to him in the mirror of another loving, caring human being.”

— John Joseph Powell

May this Christmas Season reflect back on you a wonderful loving presence as you care for your fellow human beings.

Merry Christmas!

Cindy Heifner
Director

Needs Council Mission:

Helping Neighbors in Need

Needs Council

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.

Website

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

www.needscouncil.org

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