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The holiday season is a time when most of us worry about trimming the tree, hanging lights or buying presents. Unfortunately, the holidays prove to be especially challenging for the families and seniors we serve who are struggling to make ends meet. The high cost of rent and increased utilities coupled with often unexpected medical expenses seldom leave room in a family budget for necessities, much less gifts.

This is why Angel Tree and Christmas Families programs were started - to help fulfill un-granted wishes and basic necessities for approximately 500 deserving members of our community!

To adopt a child and their family, call our office 997-9756. If you have a heart for seniors, stop by Chase Bank and choose an angel wishlist off the tree or give online www.needsCouncil.org/donate. Gift cards for food are another great option and are always needed and appreciated!



Holiday Giving



PAST EXAMPLES

Angel Tree - Senior, Male



- Socks
- Pants
- Healthy Snacks
- Sugar Free Candy

Christmas Families - Single Mom with Two Children



- 2-year-old girl -her wish is a doll
- 4-year-old boy -his wish is a train
- For mom we request

basic necessities such as laundry soap, toiletries & food. Some donors elect to pay towards a utility bill as well.

“I can’t thank you enough for what you have done for my family. I’ve had several surgeries this past year - this last one being the biggest and most unexpected. It has been tough, and I’m having another surgery in January. I can’t thank you enough for helping me make my three precious kiddos’ Christmas!” ~a grateful mother

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May 17, 2018 through October 19, 2018

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It's so hard to say... goodbye

We must bid a fond farewell at the end of this year to our Board Secretary, Becky Walch and Board President, Mark Peterson (aka Santa). We thank you both for your combined 13 years of compassionate service and dedication to *Helping Our Neighbors in Need*.



A five-year-old little girl "Ava" is living with her grandparents after her mother was deemed unfit by the courts. Her grandpa has ALS and can no longer work due to his increasingly limited mobility so they primarily live off of his social security. Ava's grandma also has medical issues but continues to work part-time to help make ends meet. They came in to ask for a fan because the AC in the small RV they live in

client SPOTLIGHT

went out and with the grandfather confined, it was a safety concern. We provided a fan and also repaired their AC. Ava received school supplies to start kindergarten and was enrolled in an after school activity to give her time outside the RV, learn a hobby and be with other children her age. We provided food and made sure they knew they could come back for blankets and a heater this winter if they needed it. They were so grateful and excited you would've thought they won the lottery! Your gifts help make this possible. *Thank you.*

Memories of Donnie

Shortly after moving with her family to Fredericksburg, Donnie Burgner began what would become a 30-year connection to the Needs Council. "I've always loved everything about the Needs Council from my first involvement. Medical transportation followed, then many other things through the years," she said. Serving in many capacities during her tenure (as both volunteer and staff), one could argue that her two-and-a-half decades as a volunteer medical transportation driver superseded them all. Likewise, clients enjoyed her hospitality, easygoing nature and stories from her travels around the world. Shortly after Donnie's 80th birthday she came in with a tear in her eye. "I have to hang up my keys," Cindy recalls her say-

ing. "She still planned on driving her friends, but didn't think it would be wise to continue driving others at her age." Stepping down from medical transportation didn't stop Donnie from contributing. She helped us with newsletters until her passing on August 17, 2018. Donnie had an unforgettable smile emanating warmth and will be greatly missed by all of the staff and clients she touched, for she certainly embodied what it means to *Help Our Neighbors in Need*.



Good News- IRA Distributions!

☆ You can reduce your taxes if you have mandatory IRA Distributions



☆ "Qualified Charitable Distributions" are a wonderful way to give back to your community Needs Council

☆ Contact your tax advisor to see if this win-win opportunity is right for you!



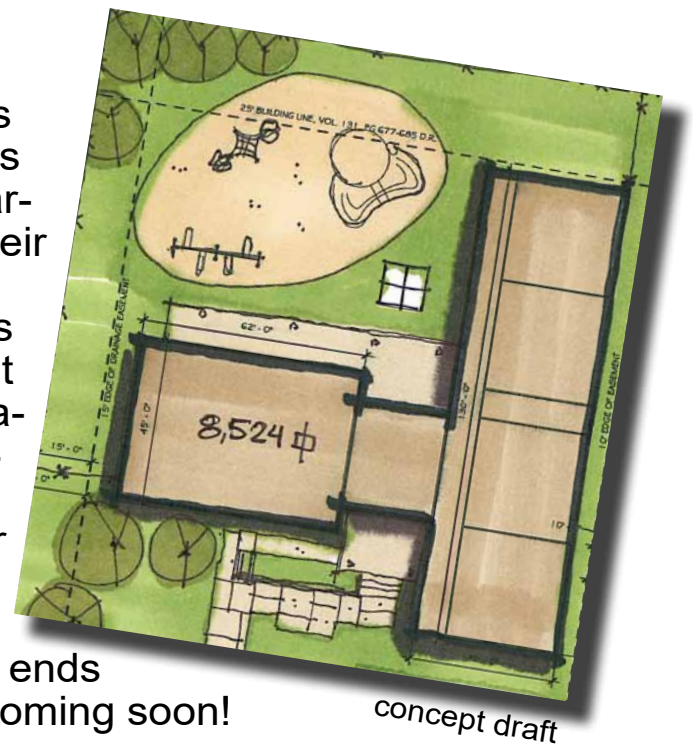
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CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER COMING SOON!

You may be aware of the childcare crisis our community is facing. Multiple centers have recently closed leaving working parents desperate to find quality care for their young children. The Needs Council has grown to 28 programs by meeting needs as they arise and our board decided that this is certainly one of those critical situations that warrants our resources. Looking forward to 2019, we are in early stages of planning a childcare center for children under three years to alleviate pressures for families, many of whom are dependent on two incomes to make ends meet. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!



Director's Corner



This past July, I was privileged to be accepted into a spiritual director program in Colorado Springs. Not only was it an excellent time to escape the Texas heat; I learned more than I ever hoped. The training allowed me to acquire a fresh vision of "how best to serve" our clients at the Needs Council. I wanted to share a few key takeaways from my studies.

Every child is born with an innate personality and will perceive the world and others from their own frame of reference. Circumstances such as abuse, trauma or grief may cause that personality to freeze, revert, or hide but it never truly changes or goes away. Healing begins when a person discovers their true personality, embraces it and learns what works best for them. In order to help others, we must learn about all personalities, in order to understand what makes each person tick & how best to love and encourage them. Not expecting them to see the world the same way we do, or judging them for not.

These words rang true for me as I reflected on the joy it has been to witness the true personalities of our clients emerge once healing begins through counseling. Many who have come to us broken, anxious and guarded become whole, joyful and free.

As the Christmas Season fills us with joy and generosity consider taking a few moments each day to acknowledge the gifts in your life – the people who love you unconditionally, the roof over your head, the wonderful food supply we enjoy and the clean water we are so blessed to have in abundance. Above all, be kind my friends for as you know all too well, we know not what treacherous journey another has traveled.

Merry Christmas,
Cindy Heifner
Executive Director

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