



HILL COUNTRY COMMUNITY

# Needs Council



Fall 2016

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## 'Tis the Season for Giving

Are you looking for something special for your family, co-workers, scout troop or church group to do this Christmas? Look no further!

We have many opportunities for you to make a difference this holiday season from "adopting" families and seniors by providing gifts, donating funds, blankets, coats or heaters, or volunteering your time.



### Angel Tree

"Adopt" one of our homebound senior clients

- Select an "Angel Ornament" from the Chase Bank Christmas Tree
- Each ornament has a wish list of 2-4 items
- Requests vary from chocolates and candles to a pair of pants and a new calendar
- Deliver gifts to Chase Bank or the Needs Council office by Thursday, December 15th



Be part of our Elf Team...

To adopt a family or volunteer, call us at 997-9756

### Christmas Families

Anonymously bless one of 100 families who is struggling with everyday expenses, making the additional cost of providing Christmas gifts for their children nearly impossible.

- Wish list includes practical items such as cleaning supplies, detergent and canned goods, as well as gifts for the kids
- Utility bill sponsorships available
- Santa will make an appearance Saturday, December 17th; kids will be able to take photos and share their Christmas wishes
- At that time, parents will be picking up their family gift baskets.

#### December 14th - 16th

- Help label and bag gifts brought in by Christmas Family donors - this helps parents keep gifts hidden until Christmas morning!

#### December 17th

- Santa will need lots of hands to help with gift distribution to the families!

#### December 19th - 22nd

- Deliver gifts to our Angel Tree recipients and bring a bit of joy to our homebound seniors this Christmas!

To the loving and caring family that gave from their hearts and more, I can not begin to tell you what your gift and prayers has done for me and my son. God has Truly Blessed us and I wish to pass that Blessing on. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

A note of thanks by a family who participated in our Christmas Families program last year

## S'more Fun!

Join us for a S'more before the parade or after!

Friday, December 2nd

3pm - 10pm

@Marketplatz

Light the Night Christmas Parade & Afterglow





MEMORIALS, HONORARIUMS & DONATIONS TO THE NEEDS COUNCIL

June 1, 2016 through October 31, 2016

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

<i>In Honor of Billy Pahl</i> Mary Murchison	<i>In Memory of Terry Nixon</i> Myrtle Eckert	<i>In Memory of Garey Brown</i> Claire Collins	<i>In Memory of Leroy Cunningham</i> Dorothy Cunningham	<i>In Memory of Rex &amp; Peggy Fox</i> Mimi Fox
<i>In Honor of Blake &amp; Lauren Atwell</i> Janie Atwell	<i>In Memory of Delbert Grona</i> Mary Ann Wofford	<i>In Memory of James Watson</i> Margaret Watson	<i>In Memory of Diane Holly</i> Dorothy Cunningham	<i>In Memory of Ron McCready</i> Laura Lundeen
<i>In Honor of Bob Gates</i> Ronald & Karen Poidevin	<i>In Memory of Diana Clifton</i> Dorothy Cornehl	<i>In Memory of Jane Smith</i> Craig & Susan King	<i>In Memory of Lois Wilson</i> Sylvia Izard	<i>In Memory of Norman Rech</i> Laura Lundeen
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<i>In Memory of Joe &amp; Julia Esquell</i> Lyle & Jo Ann Spaeth	Russell & Yvonne Hartmann	<i>In Memory of John Richards</i> Charles & Diana Fishel	Daniel & Jeanette Schneider	<i>In Memory of William Allen</i> Clifton & Marjorie Ottmers
<i>In Memory of Raymond &amp; Laura Spaeth</i> Lyle & Jo Ann Spaeth	Janice Zitelman & Fred Johnson	Joanne Richards	Emma & Hubert Schwarzer	<i>In Memory of Ron McCready</i> Clifton & Marjorie Ottmers
<i>In Memory of Alma Jean Moellering</i> Gertude Land	Glenn & Gina Koennecke	<i>In Memory of Jonna Dawn Owen</i> Dan & Renee Sechrist	Kermit & Annette Sultemeier	<i>In Memory of Tony Petrino</i> Carl & Holly O'Neill
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	<i>In Memory of Felix Mueller</i> Alton & Florine Bruns			
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	Ruth Sarnecki			
	Ray & Debbie Tiemann			

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Henry & Jo Nell Blechl	Ann Heifner	Charles Miller	Irene Segner	Das Mueller Haus	The Optimist Club of Fbg
Ray & Karen Bluhm	Louis & Frances Heimann-Rech	Ward & Pat Miller	Carol Shepherd	Edge Media Agency Inc	Trinity Lutheran Church
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A special  
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all of our  
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Nichole Bendelfe	Carolyn M Dodds	Aaron & Afton Hominick	Bill & Pat Sadd	Polly Zenner	Hill Country Pest Control
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Pictured left to right: Willie Pfeiffer, Rufina Heep, Harvey Hearst, Ron Cuddy (not pictured: Gerald Shank)



These gentleman were certainly “Helping Our Neighbors in Need” by pouring a new, smooth concrete slab so Rufina could safely walk in and out of her home. “Nobody has ever done something so nice for me!”

## Food 4 Kids *nourishing our county's future*



The Food 4 Kids program addresses weekend hunger in children who counselors have identified as being consistently hungry. Below is a list of items we need to make this program successful. The idea is to 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. Please call 997-9756 with any questions.

### Items Needed

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| •Tuna kits      | •Granola Bars | •Juice boxes or cans | •Peanut Butter        |
| •Fruit Cups     | •Nuts         | •Beef jerky          | individual servings   |
| •Beanie Wienies | •Protein Bars | •Pudding Cups        | •Crackers with cheese |
| •Applesauce     | •Trail Mix    | •Breakfast bars      | or peanut butter      |



A drawing by one of the child recipients to say “thank you” for his gifts last year.

## wish list

### heaters

*must have safety tip over switches!*

1



### blankets & coats

2



### food 4 kids items

3



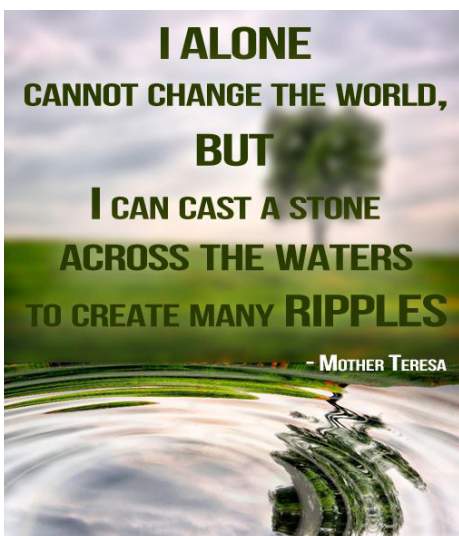
Drop items off at the Needs Council during regular business hours





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# Getting down to brass 'tax'

Continuing our efforts to meet needs as they arise, we will begin a new tax preparation assistance program in January, 2017. We found that our clients were spending an exorbitant amount of their limited resources with for-profit tax preparers. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) is a partnership with the IRS and San Antonio Coalition. We are their first rural partner!

## New Tax Assistance Program

Experienced in all things 'tax'? Call us, we'd love your help!

997-9756



### Director's Corner

*"Working hard for something we don't care about is called Stress; Working hard for something we love is called Passion."* Simon Sinek

This column can be a struggle...how can I begin to share all the good that happens in our Needs Council Community? Daily I am privileged to witness wonderful acts of kindness, visit with creative

and gifted volunteers, and report on our vital work to donors that make our mission possible. One of the most important aspects of the NC's work is provided by our licensed counselors. I treasure their reports of the great progress clients are making; as well as the smiles of children coming out of abusive situations as they regain security and happiness. Ultimately, my passion comes from the ability to see lives transformed by others who care and are willing to reach out their hand to make a difference. It is fueled by those of you who selflessly give of yourselves to feed this mission of

*Helping Our Neighbors in Need.* If you haven't yet had the pleasure of volunteering or donating, the holiday season provides a whole host of opportunities... but don't stop there - needs continue throughout the year. I encourage you to find a "fit" for your gifts and talents and share them. Whatever stage of life you find yourself in, do give attention to your passion, we will all live in a better world when that happens.

Merry Christmas!

**Cindy Heifner**  
Executive Director



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