

I CAN STILL SHINE

Caring For Women and Children Through Support, Faith, and Love!



2016 Year End Report

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Note to you...

As I look back on the last 21 years, the need to thank those who helped is overwhelming. It's hard to believe the I CAN STILL SHINE Programs for Women & Children has accomplished so much, yet the work is far from finished. Our community still needs a tremendous amount of help. Because of God's grace and your love and support, we have helped abused women and children get a fresh start. Volunteers at our events donate items, buy gifts, stock our food bank, buy backpacks for school children, and help us in countless other ways. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Because of you, we give **Hope** to our moms and kids every single day. You are true heroes!

We love all of you., Brenda Jackson and the I Can Still Shine team

Reaching Our Goals

A hearty thank you goes to all the individuals, businesses, women's clubs, churches, foundations, and volunteers who support our program. Our ability to bless others became possible only because of your generosity. In **2016**, our amazing volunteers logged over 3,400 hours of service. A MILLION thanks!!!!

We can proudly say we reached our goals this year and . . .

Took over **1,750** emergency and assistance calls.

Fed over **100** women and kids monthly from our food bank.

Opened our **Second Food Bank** at Richland Hills Christian Church, administered by Jim and Patty Stager. Thanks to RHCC, our clients now have two locations for food and other needs.

Provided backpacks to over **200** kids.

Helped over **200** women and kids with emergency needs, rent, electricity, gas cards, and other bills.

Helped **350+** kids with Christmas gifts.

Sent many moms to counseling

Did over **800** manicures, pedicures, facials, haircuts, and massages at our I Can Still Shine Monthly events.

Continued **Anti-Bullying Classes** for kids by Dottie.

Gave away **8** cars to needy moms in the last two years. Repaired many other cars so our moms could get to work.

Gave away **400** pieces of furniture to clients.

Have **9** moms and one teenager in college

We showed all our families that we love them. That God loves them and has a plan for their lives



2016 – Monthly I Can Still Shine Events

A special thank you goes to all the wonderful volunteers who support our monthly I Can Shine Events. Eight host churches have opened their doors, free of charge, to bless our moms and kids. Our events are **FREE** and open to Abused Victims—women and children from all walks of life. Moms get free haircuts, manicures, makeovers, pedicures, hot lunch, gifts and more. It is a wonderful day to bless someone. Each August, we host our annual backpack event, which is always a huge success. We also have a Thanksgiving Banquet and Christmas Events. This Thanksgiving, we welcomed Executive Chef Jason Harper from Trio New American Café of Colleyville. He helped us feed 285 moms and children a plated lunch in 20 minutes. Wow, it was awesome to watch what a difference his help made.

Our Website and Calendar

Visit our website www.ICanStillShine.org for coming events, or find us on Facebook or Twitter. Search for the "I Can Still Shine Program." To be added to our monthly email list, please call our office at 817-427-1111.

Financial Donations are always appreciated. If you are thinking of a making a donation we could use your help any time. Just go to our website at www.icanstillshine.org and click on the DONATE button. It will take you right to our donation page. All donations will be used for Emergency Care Program for our women and children, unless specified to go to another program. Thank you for your gifts. They will enable us to help our families in 2017 and beyond.

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A heartfelt thank you to ALL our supporters. You have made a impactful difference in so many lives this year. Blessings to you all!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our Christmas Program was December 10, 2016, at Birdville Baptist was a huge success. We helped over 250 children with gifts. Santa landed by helicopter. We had fun and games for the kids and special music and a special word by Rev. Ronnie and Shirlene Moore (Word of Love Church). A special thanks goes to the Word of Love and Birdville Baptist churches, which have supported our ministry for over 18 years.

OUR ART AND YOGA EXERCISE CLASSES

One of our newest items offered is our Art Classes. Art is taught by Cynthia of Dallas, and Yoga is taught by Bob. On fourth Saturdays of the month, our kiddos draw on canvas in one barn while the moms are stretching in the other barn. I went to the last Yoga class, and it wore me out. This is just another way we can bless our moms and kids and offer them a day of fun. Thank you, Cynthia and Bob!

The 11th Annual Danielle LeBlanc Memorial Benefit Concert

Held in Fort Worth last May, the LeBlanc Memorial Concert was a huge success. Special thanks goes to the LeBlanc and Corbin Families. Her life has impacted thousands of people. The Leblanc and Corbin families lost their daughter Danielle due to violence 12 years ago. Since that time they are doing this event to help shelters like I Can Still Shine to give women hope. We are honored to be part of this amazing event. Visit their website at www.DanielleLeBlancFoundation.com.

OUR COLLEGE EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are proud to announce that we gave out nine scholarships to college in 2016. Our goal is to send 20 students to college every year. Let us know if you want to help us with this program.

COUNSELING UPDATE

Those seeking counseling services through the I Can Still Shine organization can receive assistance in refocusing their lives and developing confidence in making decisions for themselves and their families. Counseling provides a means for women to open their minds to better ways of thinking, so they feel better about their decisions and have greater self-confidence. More information about Maryellen Dabal, MA, LMFT can be found on her website: www.dabalmft.com

DONATION MINISTRY UPDATE

I've been with I Can Still Shine Program for four years. I began as a volunteer. Brenda asked if I would come on part-time to help the ministry. Wow! I was blown away by the generosity of others. We are doing more than I dreamed possible. I didn't know people were so compassionate for such a worthy cause. If you need a pickup of furniture, please call us. — *Jerry*

STAFF UPDATE

We have amazing staff and board members. Our Staff teaches our children's classes, picks up and delivers furniture, and keeps our warehouses full. They also help us at our monthly I Can Still Shine events. A special thank you goes to our Board of Directors, the kindest, most loving and giving people you will ever meet. All are actively involved in changing lives and helping with any project we have going on. They want to bring vital changes to our families and give them a fresh start.

OUR WEBSITE

Regularly check our website: www.icanstillshine.org. We update it every month. If you want us to link to your church or business, please let us know.

KIDS MINISTRY

Attendance at I Can Still Shine events averaged 60–100 women and kids. They took turns in the bounce house or at the playground. They played games, heard stories, sang songs, and made crafts. We also recently started an Anti-Bullying Class. To help them learn what to do if they are bullied. Brenda and I have worked together for over 10 years, and it is a joy and privilege for me to see lives changed on a daily basis. We could not help all these kids without our faithful volunteers each month. — *Ms. Dottie*

Backpack Drive

Our Backpack Drive was on August 13th at First Baptist Church, 5405 Pleasant Run, Colleyville, TX, was a huge success, helping over 200 kids. Special thank you FBC for hosting such this amazing event and providing back packs and lunch.

Volunteers Needed in 2017

We have many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Why not try to give back next year. We need your help to make our program a success. Please visit our website at www.icanstillshine.org for all the details. Your help is vital to helping so many women and children in need.

We would like to say a special thank you to Word of Love Church and Birdville Baptist Church. Both of these churches have supported our program and hosted events for us for over 17 years. It is so wonderful to have all of our supporters and donors, who love us, our moms and kids.