



# Nickels and Dimes Newsletter

FALL 2016

## Letter from the Director

We have been so blessed by the faithful support of each and every one of you this year. Even though many of you have faced uncertainty in your own family dynamics you have remained faithful to the work we are doing here in this community. We have continued to see God work through you in your giving and your prayers. Thank you for your obedience to His calling.

This year we have been able to love on 51 senior citizens each month with two week's worth of food as well as provide relief with some utility bills, medication and rent for them. These days we know that many of our senior citizens are faced with making a choice of buying medication, paying bills or purchasing groceries. We have also assisted an additional 450 families with food and financial assistance. We partnered with both Red Oak ISD and Ferris ISD in Back to School Fairs handing out school supplies and uniforms, as well as information so that they knew what we could further assist them with at times of need. Our holiday programs now have begun with distributing Thanksgiving meals, registering families for our Santa Tree Program and with Christmas meals as well. I am totally overwhelmed with joy as I write to you because many instances of giving are done with our staff locked hand in hand with these families in prayer as well.

Last year we were able to rent an office space in Ferris and we have seen God grow that area so much as well as our hearts for this area, so this year we went ahead and rented the additional adjoining space there. This allowed us to move the food pantry over into the other side and provide more privacy for the families that we are helping.

Areas of need here are more volunteers, as many of our volunteers are retired and some even with

health issues themselves. We need more to step into some of these roles of handing out food in the food pantry or helping tag clothing in the Thrift Store. Because the Thrift Store continues to grow we can see the need to expand the store, which really means a whole new building. We cannot get all of the items into the store space as it is, and parking is a huge issue for the store itself. I believe we could expand on the pole barn that exists beside our office space and turn it into a store front which would allow us to have better parking and give the store even more visibility. Some of you may not have joined with us yet in adopting an area of our food pantry, this allows us to have areas of our food pantry taken care of so that we know we will not run out of certain items. I know for myself it makes it much easier when I am shopping if I know that my church is doing one thing to just grab every time I am at the store. You can always look on our Facebook page or website for current needs though.

Every year at this time we offer you all an opportunity to make a donation in Memory of or in Honor of someone and we mail out Christmas Cards to them or their loved ones on your behalf, these funds are a major source of how our client services is funded for the next year. Please seek His will in your giving!

Denise Butler

Executive Director



# Greetings from Client Assistance

By Belinda Perez

This year has just flown by! We cannot believe that we are already in the midst of the holiday season. Where did all the year go? We have been extremely busy and at the same time extremely blessed. We have always had enough to meet the needs of those coming in for assistance and that is because of the generosity of our local churches, businesses, organizations and individuals.

We are in the midst of signing up families for Christmas gifts and will be placing the tags out on trees at several of the local banks Thanksgiving week. The Texas Civil Defense will be dropping off buckets for toys as well as money jars to local businesses so that you have opportunity to help. We will be distributing the gifts via our Christmas Shop on December 16. All the families are pre-qualified to be eligible to participate in the program.

We will be packing holiday meal boxes/bags in preparation for both Thanksgiving and Christmas. We are in need of the following staples to put in the box: Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Evaporated Milk, Canned or Dry Gravy,

Instant Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Cake Mix and Frosting. If you have an extra turkey or ham that is awarded to you through your employer or as a grocery bonus, we would welcome the donation.

Our education classes had a successful year with almost 100 attendees. Topics range from Budgeting, Parenting, Marriage, Boundaries, Nutrition, and Basic Computer Skills to self-help classes on Personalities, and Freedom through Forgiveness. We are so grateful for the teachers who donate their time to share God's principles in practical ways. We are also looking forward to offering opportunities to teach these classes in Ferris next year as well!

We have so much to be grateful for as we review the year. God's provision, answered prayers and the overwhelming blessings that we can share with those we touch is humbling and amazing. How great is the love the Father has lavished on us!

Sincerely,  
Belinda Perez

*'Tis the Season  
of Giving*





# Thrift Store Happenings

By Teri Blackburn

The Thrift Store received a whole new facelift this year. In February we were blessed by the management team from Triumph to be their "Wings Project" and they completely remodeled our Thrift Store. We went crazy with chalk paint and shiplap, broken furniture and old drawers and doors. We even added wine racks to the wall to hold our books in. Beside our book area we have a new shopping cart stand with some very cool shopping carts. The

Thrift Store is our overhead support for our ministry and must be successful for us to continue serving in this community. When you are ready to donate please consider donating with us. Please make sure all the items you are donating are in good, resalable condition. Approximately 95% of items donated have to be recycled because of condition of the items. This requires many woman hours to go through items unnecessarily.

## Thank You!

I know those words aren't enough but we simply cannot do what we do without each of you and your faithful support.

## Opportunity to Give

Please use this donation for

Food Pantry \_\_\_\_\_ Client Assistance \_\_\_\_\_ General \_\_\_\_\_

Building Program \_\_\_\_\_ Ferris Satellite Office \_\_\_\_\_

I would like you to mail a Christmas card to

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_ or

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_