



58% of Goal Now Met; 11,277 Oasis Shares Purchased

April 16, 2016 Update #3...

Last Saturday, almost sixty North Waco residents attended the second neighborhood meeting to hear about the progress of the Jubilee Food Market, 1505 N. 15th St. Several of the twelve volunteer grocery and construction professionals, who are helping direct this significant project for the “food desert” area of the community, shared their excitement and projected timelines with those in attendance. Jesse Harden, Mission Waco intern and Baylor MSW student provided an “asset based” report on his group’s study of the strengths of the area. Area residents were then asked to suggest non-food items for the store that were priorities for them. Following the one-hour meeting, Mission Waco provided free samples of delicious food from Urban Edibles.

The first drawings of the store architectural plans were submitted last Thursday to the City of Waco plan reviewers. The required MEP (mechanical, electrical and plumbing) plans should be completed soon so the City can begin their process. According to Ehrlich Design Builders project manager, John Gallagher, bids and work could begin as early as June. Based on donations, we could be open as early as September.

I continue to be joyfully surprised by both the financial and emotional support for the Jubilee Grocery Store. To date, \$282,000 has been donated by individuals, churches, organizations and two private foundations. I even received a call from a man in South Florida yesterday who read about it on the internet and is sending a donation, even though he has no personal connections to Waco. In addition, volunteers have been involved in projects such as the demolition of the house next door and certain walls inside the store.

We have two short videos at the links below (one is a 15 second PSA) with basic information that we hope you will use to help us promote the fundraising effort.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BwPYEVUrSPGjcm93SVcyZl9wM2M/view?ts=57072625>

<http://www.ehandersonpr.com/video/jubilee-psa.mov>

If you want to buy “stock” (not the Wall Street kind) to invest in this important project please go online to <https://p2p.paperlessstrans.com/default.aspx?i=missionwaco> or send your check to Mission Waco, 1315 N. 15th St, Waco, TX 76707 and designate “grocery” on your comment line. Shares are \$25 each. Donors may also consider four levels of special giving: **Bronze, \$2,250; Silver, \$5,000; Gold, \$10,000; and Platinum, \$15,000 or more**, which qualifies them for the “wall of donors” recognition. Whatever you can do, we thank you! ...Jimmy Dorrell

