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2023 Year-End Giving Guide 1315 N 15th St, Waco, TX 76707 (254) 753-4900



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Friends,

As we enjoyed this Christmas season and look forward to the coming year, I cannot help being grateful for all of the transformation I have the privilege of seeing every day. Jesus is not only the reason for this season, but he is also the reason why so many of us have come to work at Mission Waco and move into the neighborhood God has called us to serve within. Jesus is the reason why our staff and volunteers sacrificially give of themselves to see lives transformed by the good news Jesus preached and lived out in this world. Eugene Peterson, the writer of The Message Bible Translation, said it like this, "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood." - John 1:14.

It is this description of what God did through Jesus Christ that encapsulates the essence of Advent, which is the anticipation of the coming of Christ and the reminder of the profound truth of the incarnation.



As we approach the season of year-end giving, I'm reminded of the following quote by Clarence Jordan, "What the poor need is not charity but capital, not case workers but coworkers. And what the rich need is a wise, honorable, and just way of divesting themselves of their overabundance."

I invite you to help fill the gap financially as we head into 2024 as we typically receive 25% of our entire budget the last few weeks of the year. God has some exciting things on the radar for us next year and hope to grow our team of supporters. Would you consider committing to a monthly donation or helping meet a specific need you'll find in this newsletter? We would be honored to have you join our team of world changers to actively participate in what God is doing in and through our efforts.

Grace and peace,

John Calaway
Executive Director



Your Gift Can Have Immediate Impact!

PROVIDE AFFORDABLE GROCERIES

\$100/month will help families save on their grocery bills

Our Jubilee Food Market Oasis Rewards Program saves customers 10% on all grocery purchases, making healthy foods affordable

STREET SWEEP EMPLOYMENT

\$1,500 will provide professional clothing for job fairs and interviews for an entire year

The Street Sweep Employment Program provides a dignified way for those struggling with homelessness to obtain permanent housing and job placement

CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS

\$180/month allows one youth or child to participate in year-round programming

These dollars provide after-school programming including dinner, mentors, tutoring, and creative arts classes - it also includes summer day camp activities

JUBILEE THEATRE

\$50/month provides the opportunity for a child in North Waco to participate in the creative arts through the Jubilee Theatre

Come enjoy plays and musicals in the Spring and Summer of 2024 featuring children and youth

MANNA HOUSE

\$2,600/month scholarships a low-income participant through the recovery program

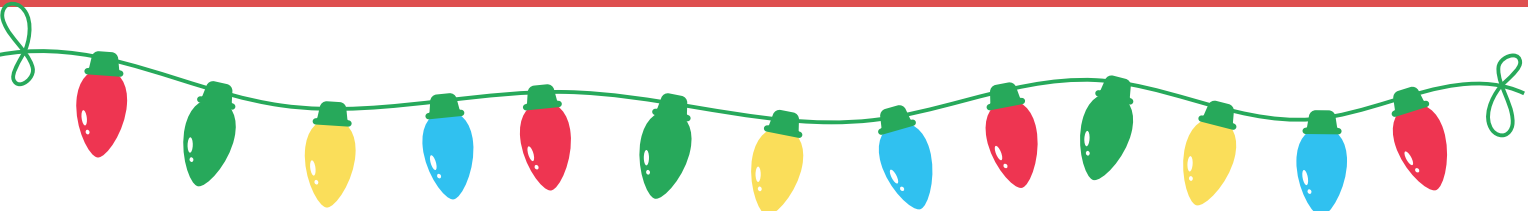
Almost 800 men have come through the Manna House; finding healing & restoration from addiction - we will move into the new home by 12/31

HEALTH CLINIC

\$250/month will provide much needed healthcare to uninsured patients

In 2022 we had 840 patient encounters & 540 specialty patients saving our hospital systems an estimated \$400k

Wanting to donate? Scan the QR Code to find out how you can make a difference.



Christmas Toy Store

Mission Waco hosts an annual toy store, selling new toys at an 80% discount and allowing parents to shop with dignity and purchase toys for their children. Parents are eligible for a shopping voucher after engaging in educational empowerment based opportunities.

As the Toy Store has grown to serve hundreds of families in our community, unfortunately, the financial and toy donations have not kept up with the need, thus leading us to purchase more and more toys ourselves. This has led to a financial loss, almost entirely coming since 2020, after the pandemic.

This year we're trying to raise \$40,000 so we can sure-up and continue to serve low-income families at Christmas. This is not just about the children and the joy they receive but also about the parents receiving the joy of purchasing their own toys they know their kids will love. We hope the big "C" church will rise up and help us stand in the financial gap, so we do not have to reduce our impact in 2024.

So while the 2023 Toy Store has wrapped-up, you can still contribute financially!



**empower.
equip.
engage.**

“ Words from supporters

Working with the Toy Store effort is one small way I can help bring joy to children in the Christmas season. It means that my money is used in a way that brings dignity to parents and happiness to their children.

—Gerald S., Donor

I absolutely love Mission Waco and the principle of helping people help themselves. I have been blessed to be a part of the Toy Store for 17 years and every year it just fills my heart with so much joy. The gratitude of the parents who get to shop and pick out the gifts they know their kids will love is what it's all about.

—Cheryl S., Volunteer

HIGHLIGHTS *by the numbers*

250

participants in
Walk for the Homeless

42

individuals avg per night
at My Brother's Keeper

225

children enrolled in 9
tutoring centers in India

100

children & youth in
after-school programs

700

families shopped at
the Toy Store

275

acres cleared of litter
weekly by Street Sweep

\$23k

in Wellspring Scholarships
awarded

UPCOMING EVENTS

Celebration Banquet

When: Thursday, March 28th
Where: Extraco's The BASE

Featured Speaker: Leroy Barber

Sponsors Needed!



Race ONE

When: Saturday, April 27th
Where: 15th & Colcord

Come join the community for a fun run & 5k while helping make a difference by bringing together neighbors, the Waco community, & college students

Style Show

When: May TBD
Where: TBD
Join us for our annual event highlighting local vendors, silent auction, great food and fellowship



Mission World

We have focused on South Asia for over 30 years. There are countless people groups that live in the 10/40 window who are unreached and unengaged. This also happens to include some of the poorest countries in the world as well.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Prayer: For the Gujar people, continued blessing on the work happening, and for staff travel

Lunch & Learns: 1/9; 1/30
Come & learn more about MW programs around the globe

Exposure Trip: Email
janet@missionwaco.org to learn more

HOW CAN I DONATE?

Tutoring centers:
\$450/year per center

Give towards women's empowerment through training, science technology grants, sewing centers, and additional support

Give towards the ability for staff to travel overseas for insight visits and training



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