# **Neighbors Helping Neighbors - Ways to Help**

# Food, Hunger, and Social Services

# **Jewish Family Service of Greater Dallas**

JFS responds to the community's critical needs, including food, financial assistance, job placement, mental health interventions to children and families, and services to the elderly. Volunteers of all ages are welcome to participate. Visit <a href="https://jfsdallas.org/volunteer/">https://jfsdallas.org/volunteer/</a> for details.

# **Network of Community Ministries**

The Network needs compassionate and dedicated volunteers to help serve neighbors. In-person and remote volunteer opportunities available. Please call (972) 234-8880 ext: 126 or email <a href="mailto:kneeley@thenetwork.org">kneeley@thenetwork.org</a> for information.

#### **North Texas Food Bank**

NTFB works to provide meals to those facing hunger in North Texas. Volunteer your time to help make North Texas hunger-free. Find your best fit by reviewing the different volunteer categories at <a href="https://ntfb.org/get-involved/volunteer/">https://ntfb.org/get-involved/volunteer/</a>.

# **Refugee Services of Texas Winter Clothing Drive**

RST is partnering with local businesses and faith communities across Texas for a winter clothing drive. Find the full clothing list and donation drop-off locations at <a href="https://www.rstx.org/make-an-impact/hope-for-the-holidays.html">https://www.rstx.org/make-an-impact/hope-for-the-holidays.html</a>.

### **Stewpot Virtual Volunteering**

The Stewpot offers a haven for homeless and at-risk individuals of Dallas, providing resources for basic survival needs. View a list of virtual volunteer opportunities that you can participate in here <a href="https://thestewpot.org/virtualvolunteering">https://thestewpot.org/virtualvolunteering</a>.

# **The Senior Source Friendly Visitor Program**

Friendly Visitor Volunteers can make a nursing home resident feel less lonely. Serving virtually provides safe social distancing opportunities while making a big difference and a positive impact. Visit <a href="https://theseniorsource.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/opportunities-all-ages/friendly-visitor-program/">https://theseniorsource.org/ways-to-give/volunteer/opportunities-all-ages/friendly-visitor-program/</a> for details.

#### **VNA Meals on Wheels**

Sign up for scheduled meal deliveries and help individuals in the community one meal at a time. All it takes is a lunch break to make an impact. Learn more about volunteer opportunities that are flexible with your schedule at <a href="https://volunteer.vnatexas.org">https://volunteer.vnatexas.org</a>.

# **Vickery Meadow Food Pantry**

The pantry is collecting gift cards for families in need. Contact Marguerite Marz at <a href="mmarz@sbcglobal.net">mmarz@sbcglobal.net</a> for details. Monetary donations accepted by the Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation online at <a href="https://www.vmydf.com/">https://www.vmydf.com/</a>.

# **Children and Youth Services**

# **Dallas Afterschool Stocking Drive**

Dallas Afterschool levels the playing field for children of all races and economic backgrounds by increasing the quality and availability of out-of-school time programming. This holiday season Dallas Afterschool is partnering with a local retailer, The Toy Maven, to provide toy packs for students. Visit <a href="https://thetoymaven.com/product/dallas-afterschool-pk-to-2nd-grade-activity-pack/">https://thetoymaven.com/product/dallas-afterschool-pk-to-2nd-grade-activity-pack/</a> for details.

# **Dallas CASA Angel Tree Holiday Giving**

Dallas CASA advocates in the community and the courtroom for children in the protective care of the state. Help make a child's holiday gift wishes come true by donating to the Angel Tree Holiday Giving program. Visit <a href="https://www.dallascasa.org/how-to-give/angel-tree-holiday-giving/">https://www.dallascasa.org/how-to-give/angel-tree-holiday-giving/</a> for details.

# Dallas Children's Advocacy Center Holiday of Hope

The mission of DCAC is to improve the lives of abused children in Dallas County. Help bring hope to thousands of children by providing gifts and toys. Shop wish lists, host a drive, or donate online at <a href="https://dcac.org/getinvolved/holiday-of-hope/">https://dcac.org/getinvolved/holiday-of-hope/</a>.

### **DFW Toys for Tots**

Help keep Christmas alive for a child in need. Donate a toy online to the virtual toy box or drop off at a drive-thru donation site. Visit <a href="https://www.dfwtoysfortots.org">www.dfwtoysfortots.org</a> for details.

### Richardson ISD Council of PTAs Winter Coat Drive

PTA volunteers at Lake Highlands High School are hosting a coat drive for the RISD Clothes Closet. You may drop items in the marked box in LHHS's front office or email Mary Hope Burns for more information at maryhopeburns@gmail.com.

### The Salvation Army North Texas Angel Tree

Adopt a child or senior in our community and help make Christmas morning special. Adopt an angel online by visiting <a href="https://www.tsamm.org/angeltree/adopt.dpi">https://www.tsamm.org/angeltree/adopt.dpi</a>. If your company, church, or school would like to adopt more than three angels as a group, please call 214-353-4850.

### **United to Learn Holiday Book Drive**

United to Learn has partnered with Interabang Books to enhance campus libraries across 47 Dallas ISD elementary schools. Purchase a book in-store or online at <a href="https://www.interabangbooks.com/utl-book-drive">https://www.interabangbooks.com/utl-book-drive</a>.

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