



NEWS FROM THE CAPITOL

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Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone who sent us recommendations for charities to get involved in this holiday season and beyond. We have so many neighbors who are generous with their time, talent, and treasure right here in West Houston. Below is a list of some of the organizations with their descriptions and contact information. Please take the time to review the list below to find your opportunities to give back!

- Alief Community Association
 - A non-profit association formed to unite volunteers to promote the welfare of the Alief Community. They have an annual toy and clothing drive during the holiday season for families that will not be able to buy toys for Christmas.
 - P.O. Box 1712, Alief, TX 77411
 - (832) 448-0530 or visit www.servicesca.org/Alief_Community_Association.htm
- Alief Independent School District Education Foundation
 - Provides funds to facilitate student achievement and skill development, recognize and encourage staff excellence, and expand community involvement from individuals, business, and civic organizations.
 - P.O. Box 68, Alief, TX 77411
 - (281) 498-8110 or visit <http://www.aliefeducationfoundation.org/>
- B.O.N.A. Foundation
 - Provides an opportunity for young people throughout the United States to improve their health and self-esteem through weight loss, regardless of previous family background, race or gender. Funds, educates, provides scholarships, and facilitates programs that will allow students to lower their Body Mass Index (BMI) below 22, while fostering positive growth in social behaviors and attitudes.
 - 10640 Westheimer Rd., Houston, TX 77042
 - <http://www.bonafoundation.com/>
- Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP)
 - Provides shelter, adoption, foster care, rescue, and other valuable services to animals in need in the Houston area. CAP also provides humane education and community outreach programs to encourage love and respect for all animals.
 - 17555 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77094
 - (281) 497-0591 or visit <http://www.cap4pets.org/>

- Executive Service Corps of Houston (ESCH)
 - Organization devoted to advising, equipping, and encouraging other non-profits in ways that strengthen their capacities for service to donors and their communities.
 - 2630 Fountain View Drive, Ste. 428, Houston, TX 77057
 - (713) 780-2208 or visit <http://www.eschouston.org/>
- Family Point Resources
 - Agency that brings caring adult volunteers together with at-risk children in sports, education, arts, and camp programs to help fight poverty and fatherlessness.
 - 725 Bateswood Dr., Houston, TX 77079
 - (832) 209-1424 or visit <http://www.familypointresources.com/>
- Homeless and Orphaned Pets Endeavor
 - Provides for general medical services for animals and places them in loving foster homes.
 - P.O. Box 273331, Houston, TX 77277
 - (713) 622-4673 or visit <http://www.homelesspets.net/>
- House of Amos
 - Provides assistance to people in need through emergency food pantry operations and services designed to assist individuals in gaining healthy families, meaningful employment and achieving self-sufficiency.
 - 8030 Boone Rd., Houston, TX 77072
 - <http://www.houseofamos.org/>
- Literacy Advance
 - Assists adults to achieve personal goals and self-sufficiency through improved English literacy.
 - 2424 Wilcrest Dr., Houston, TX 77042
 - (713) 266-8777 or visit <http://www.literacyadvance.org/>
- Making it Better (MIB)
 - Established to improve the quality of life for low income, at-risk children by offering them academic intervention, positive activities, and role models.
 - 2055 S. Gessner, Ste. 280, Houston, TX 77063
 - (713) 952-9162 or visit <http://www.mibtx.org/default.shtml>
- Skills for Living
 - Provides award-winning financial, career, and college-planning workshops to at-risk students and low and moderate income families in the Greater Houston metropolitan area. Our coaching enables participants to build wealth, find fulfilling work and educational opportunities, and ultimately break the cycle of poverty.
 - 7660 Woodway Dr., Ste. 200, Houston, TX 77063
 - (713) 782-9974 or visit <http://skills4living.org/>
- Spring Branch Independent School District Education Foundation
 - Seeks to help Spring Branch Independent School District realize its mission of providing every student a quality education in a safe environment.
 - 955 Campbell Rd., Houston, TX 77024
 - (713) 251-2381 or visit <http://cms.springbranchisd.com/sbef/>
- Vita-Living
 - Provides long-term, comprehensive care and support services for adults and children who have intellectual and developmental disabilities such as mental retardation and cerebral palsy.
 - 3300 S. Gessner Rd., Ste. 150, Houston, TX 77063
 - (713) 952-2463 or visit www.vitaliving.org/

- Westchase District Community Fund (WDCF)
 - Community Fund used to support a variety of events, organizations, and programs within the Westchase District community.
 - 10375 Richmond Ave., Ste. 1175, Houston, TX 77042
 - <http://ecomunity.westchasedistrict.com/>
- West Houston Assistance Ministries (WHAM)
 - Offering assistance in meeting the essentials of daily living including financial assistance, job search, food pantry, low cost sale items and special programs.
 - 10501 Meadowglen Ln., Houston, TX 77042
 - (713) 977-9942 or visit <http://whaministries.org/>

This list includes only a fraction of the opportunities out there to get involved in and give back. There are many nation-wide charities that have local offices in the West Houston area. We encourage you to volunteer at a charity that is best suited for you. Giving back to those in need is a priceless gift, and on behalf of the Murphy family, we wish you all the best this holiday season!

Yours Truly,



Are you a part of a charity or local organization seeking donations for fundraisers?

We would love to help out with auction items and door prizes to help raise funds for your organization. Please contact Molly or Scott in our office for more information.

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