



Arlington Urban Ministries Newsletter

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Arlington Urban Ministries assists those who are homeless, imminently homeless, exited from shelters, sick, elderly, disabled, unemployed and the working poor with financial assistance for rent and utilities. AUM is committed to preventing homelessness by keeping more Arlington residents safely in their homes with their utilities connected.

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A Few Words From Our Board Chair



Arlington Urban Ministries continues to be blessed by your generous and loyal support. In spite of the recession, to date your response to our 2010 Annual Appeal is an amazing \$35,000.

Each donor makes it possible for more families to remain in heated and air conditioned homes instead of dealing with the elements and dangers faced when living on Arlington streets. You are the unknown angels providing emergency food, as well as the perishables and meats that AUM distributes from the Mobile Food Pantry the first Wednesday of every month at Aldersgate UMC. You also help provide toiletries, diapers, IDs, and prescription antibiotics. You are the Santa Claus who brings presents the parents cannot afford. You are the ones who fry and distribute turkeys to clients to help make Thanksgiving the extra special day it should be.

All of these are important, but perhaps the most valued gifts AUM offers are hope, love, respect, encouragement, and listening ears to those who feel disrespected, lost and abandoned.

We are humbled by your reflection of Emerson's words, "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late."

Thank you, Gail Smith

Nu2U / New World
Fashion Show!

Saturday, Feb. 12th
Tickets \$10
For more information:
Bonnie Williams at
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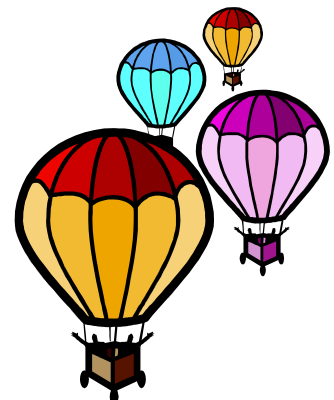
THANK YOU
Marquez Bakery &
Tortilla Factory
for providing cookies
for the Children's
Christmas Party!

Arlington Shares Dinner and Auction

2011 theme — "Up, Up & Away"

Save-the-Date—Saturday, April 9
Great Hall—FUMC Arlington

Exciting Silent and Live Auctions
Delicious Dinner by Olenjack's Grille



A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

YOU make the difference!

AUM is truly grateful for the blessing of **you**, our donors. With our sincerest appreciation, AUM acknowledges all who have supported this ministry, from the beginning to the new donors who recently made their first contribution.

It is through **your** faithful contributions that AUM can assist Arlington's disadvantaged with rent and utility bills. **You** are keeping families safely in their homes with the heat, water, and gas connected. **You** are helping prevent homelessness.

"It takes a village" comes to mind as I think about the many individuals, churches, and civic groups that support AUM and our clients.

Your combined support blessed our clients throughout 2010:

AUM received the generous proceeds from the Arlington Women's Club 2010 spring fundraiser.

Rush Creek Christian Church again blessed many of our clients with delicious fried turkeys on Thanksgiving Day.

Our clients were blessed to have Anna Piel organize a tamale fundraiser for AUM through the Two-Mile Mission Project at FUMC Arlington. The Lamplighter Class at FUMC provided 20 bikes and helmets for the Children's Christmas Party.

Trinity UMC blessed our clients with the proceeds from their garage sale and UMW Fashion Show, as well as monthly food donations from the Adult Sunday School Classes.

New World UMC and St. Barnabas UMC faithfully provided support when additional funds are needed for specific clients.

Churches and individuals provided new toys and cash donations for the Children's Christmas Party.

It is with gratitude for these and your many other blessings that AUM begins another year. May you be blessed, as you have richly blessed others.

With grateful appreciation, Joan



Nu2U Thanks Our Donors and Volunteers

Blessings at Nu2U!

As we start our 9th year, Nu2U continues to be so abundantly blessed with generous donations and the most giving and caring volunteers in all of Arlington to assist in processing these donations!

Sales remain steady due to our volunteers dedicating extra effort and energy to make all of our items even more appealing to our customers. It is difficult to express "thanks" for the endless and untiring gifts that make Nu2U what it is – a blessing to many!

Please continue to share the Nu2U shopping experience with those you meet. Make it your personal goal to shop with us weekly! We always need more shoppers willing to support our ministry of providing funds to assist those in need.

Valuable is the work you do

Outstanding in how you always come through

Loyal, sincere, and full of good cheer

Untiring in your efforts throughout the year

Notable are the contributions you make

Trustworthy in every project you take

Eager to reach your every goal

Effective in the way you fulfill your role

Ready with a smile like a shining star

Special and wonderful – that's what you are!

Helping out, lending a hand, someone who will understand, a person who will always be there, without a doubt someone who cares – a Nu2U volunteer!

THANK YOU!

Vickie Martinez, Lead Store Manager

THANK YOU FOR FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING AUM
Donations received October 1, 2010—December 31, 2010

Wanda and Wayne Agnew	Sherri and Rogers Gardner	Millie Price
Aldersgate UMC-Rebecca Circle	Alice and Jack Gilhart	Theresa and Dale Ray
Jo May Allen	Hannah and Roger Goolsby	Alexandra and Ray Reed
Jan Almond	Debbie and Geoff Gowin	Rose Marie Reed
Harriet Anderson	Grace Presbyterian Church-Nifty Fifties	Reliant Energy
Julie Anderson	Gerry and David Gray	Patsy Reser
Arlington Tomorrow Foundation	Debby Gunn	Mary Ann Ricca
June and Harold Baker	Susan and John Hadley	Rush Creek Christian Church
Marty and Bill Baron	David Hagen	Ann and David Russell
Ron Bays	Donna and Kenny Hart	Julie and Jay Ryan
Martha and Steve Bell	Barbara and Al Hauschild	Darlene and Don Ryburn
Vicki and Lee Bibb	Henderson Financial Group	Janis and Gerald Saxon
Jeanne and Jim Bilger	Brenda and Don Henderson	Mary and Conner Scott
Steve Buenting	Joyce Hibler	Lynda and Hal Sherrieb
Patti and Bill Burgess	Nancy and David Hurt	Loretta Sisson
Sally and Dick Burnham	June and Ross Jeter	Gail and Jeff Smith
Sarah and Steve Cantrell	Marge Johnson	St. Alban's Episcopal Church
John Cash	Sharon Julch	St Barnabas UMC
Central Texas Conference UMC	Chris Kahlmorgan	St John the Apostle UMC
Alison and Rick Chapman	Audrey and Jim Koepp	St. Stephen UMC-UMW
Joan and Chris Church	Carole and Ken Krueger	Mary Beth and Paul Stern
Linda and Scott Church	Ladies Auxiliary VFW Post 8561	Mary Jane and Jim Swanson
Macie Clapp	Elaine Langston	Suzanne and John Sweek
Carol and Charlie Coleman	Nancy and Don Leatherman	Florence Talk
Coleman, Greear & Assoc, Inc	Charles LeBus	Sandra and Ken Talkington
Donna and Mike Colin	Sherian Lucas	Trinity UMC-Adult Bible Class
Brenda and Raymond Crawford	Carol Lukert	Trinity UMC-Aldersgate SS Class
Ben Crocker	Jill and Bill Matyastik	Trinity UMC-Methodist Men
Terry and Mike Dawson	Sue and Bob McCuistion	Trinity UMC-UMW
Barbara and Wayne Duehn	John McDonald	TXU Electric
Joan and Charles Duke	Metropolitan Board of Missions	Kristin and Victor Vandergriff
Shih-ping and Jerry Edmondson	Ann and Royce Mitchell	Mary Beth Ward
Sue and Asa Ellis	Dan Moorhead	Charles Whippo
Epworth UMC	Jimmie Lea Morris	Bonnie and Tom Williams
Epworth UMC-UMW	New World UMC	Pat and Don Williams
First UMC	New World UMC-Ladies SS Class	Nancy Williamson
First UMC-Adult Bible Class	New World UMC-Prime Timers	Marty and Louann Wilmeth
First UMC-Bible Explorers SS Class	New World UMC-UMW	Beryl and Jack Wolfe
First UMC-Covenant of the Cross SS Class	Olenjack's Grille	Toy and Jim Wooley
First UMC-Lamplighter SS Class	Cathy and Chris Olson	
First UMC-UMW	Ginger and Curt Osiek	
Claudia and Charlie Foreman	Charlotte Patrick	
Bobbie and Jim Freeman	Austin Pempsell	

We apologize, if we have
 accidently omitted a name. AUM
 appreciates every gift received.

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HONORARIUMS

Barbara and Henry Armstrong
Anne

Miriam Ash
Gail and Jeff Smith

Amy and Spencer Cearnal
Our Children

Joan and Chris Church
AUM Staff and Volunteers

Terry and Mike Dawson
Becky and Robert Hankins

Jerilyn and Jim Falconer
Our Friends

Mary Frances and Neal Farmer
Mike Foster, Jr.

Hannah Goolsby
Charlotte Patrick

Dorothy Gustine
Trinity ABC SS Class

Beth and Don Leaman
AUM Staff

Marsha and Carroll Leu
Our Grand Kids

Barbara and Mack McElroy
Trinity Aldersgate SS Class

Ann McFarlin
My Friends

Jim Monroe
Mary Catherine Monroe

Nell and Bob Noonan
St. Barnabas Sojourners SS Class

Kermit Olson
Joyce Olson

Janis Saxon
Curtis Arnold

Mary and Conner Scott
Our Friends

Gail and Jeff Smith
Charles Ash
Stegall Family

Celeste Stegall
AUM Staff
Joan Church
Gail and Jeff Smith

Ann Turney
Sandy and Dean Reed

Lorrie and Al Vincent
Deb Vincent

Terri Ware
Curtis Arnold

Sharon and Waymon Little
Jerilyn and Jim Falconer

Becky Wetsel
My Friends

MEMORIALS

Julia and Ron Berggren
Lloyd and Geraldine Berggren

Dortha and G.D. Cockerham
Jonnie Snow

Gretchen DeVoe
Janice Logan

Kelly Eaves
Allen Eaves

Jerry Edmondson
My Parents

Leslee and Gary Erickson
Elizabeth Heck

Brenda and Don Henderson
Hobo Johnson

Peggy and Tom Irwin
Bill Byar

Raye and Dennis Laughlin
Our Son Douglas Laughlin

Julie and Jay Ryan
Betty Elhoff

Ruth Schwab
Phil Schwab

Mary and Conner Scott
Marvin Herd
Su Sargeant's Mother

Jeanie Sellers
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Ann Turney
Dr. Marion Moore

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Jimmie Fairlie

“Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything; tell God your needs and don't forget to thank Him for his answers. If you do this, you will experience God's peace which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will keep your thoughts and your hearts quiet and at rest as you trust in Christ Jesus.”
 Philippians 4:6-7

Mobile Food Pantry

On December 1, 2010, AUM launched its first Mobile Food Pantry in Arlington at Aldersgate UMC. AUM was the only agency in Arlington selected by the Tarrant Area Food Bank to host this monthly event. The results were phenomenal! AUM distributed approximately 80lbs per person of free, fresh produce, meat, dairy, juice, breads and pastries to 296 families in December and to 340 families in January. Tarrant Area Food Bank deemed AUM's event as their most successful launch.

AUM will continue its food distribution on the first Wednesday of every month. The next one will be held on Wednesday, February 2nd from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. If you or your church groups are interested in volunteering, please contact Rhonda at the Mission Office or at Rhonda.Brown-Crowder@arlurbin.org. It is an amazingly rewarding experience!



Client Spotlight on Phelecia

A lot of people walk into my office weekly to ask for financial help, and every once in awhile I have the privilege of speaking with a client who inspires me. Phelecia one of those clients. She is a 30-year old female who suffered a devastating stroke four years ago due to unmonitored high blood pressure and cholesterol. She said she never expected at such a young age that she would have so many medical problems. Phelecia pointed out the fact that she normally does not ask for assistance, but a roommate moved out suddenly leaving her to pay all of the bills by herself. She currently receives a small disability check. When I saw Phelecia she had managed to pay all of her rent except for a remaining balance of \$150. AUM was able to pay the balance and keep Phelecia safely in her apartment.

Dominique Bogan, Sr. Case Manager

Children's Christmas Party

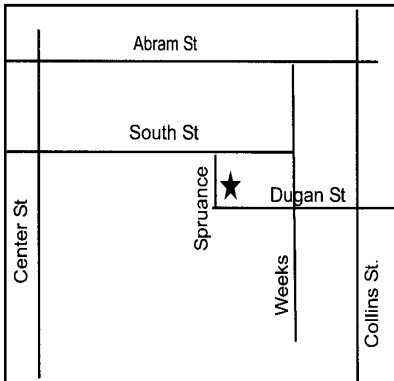
The Children's Christmas Party was another huge success! The kids enjoyed delicious cookies and punch along with taking professional pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The children were excited about singing Christmas carols led by one of Santa's helpers, and they listened intently as Santa told the traditional Christmas story.

One of the highlights of the children's day was being able to participate in the various craft projects. Some painted their own acorn Christmas trees, while others used glitter and glue to make ornaments to hang on the tree. Epworth UMC, New World UMC, St. Stephen UMC and Summit International Prep kindly sent awesome student volunteers to assist with registration, crafts, and gift distribution. Their Spanish speaking skills were invaluable! AUM would like to extend a special Thank You to all who worked tirelessly to help make this event a cherished memory for all the children who attended. May God Bless You All!



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2400 W. Pioneer Pkwy @ Bowen

AUM WISH LIST

Non-perishable food and toiletry donations are greatly appreciated!

Most Needed: Canned Meat

Rice and Canned Beans

Macaroni & Cheese

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Cereal & Canned / Dry Milk

Shampoo / Deodorant / Toothpaste

\$10 Walmart and Quick Trip Gift Cards

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him.

Romans 15:13

Nu2U Resale Store Shopping Coupon

**Shop "consignment quality at bargain prices".
You'll find something new every day!**

~With this coupon~

\$5.00 OFF minimum \$15 purchase

**2400 W. Pioneer Parkway @ Bowen
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