



# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

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## *From the Director's Desk, by Doris Kirvin, Executive Director*



Doris Kirvin

These are difficult economic times for many people. The jobless rate has affected our West Dallas community because there are not many employment opportunities for people with limited education. Many can only get minimum wage jobs. With the price of food, rent and gasoline always rising, it is difficult for them to provide for their families.

Good Shepherd has always been an important part of the West Dallas community. People trust us to care for their children. To each and every one of you who contribute and support Good Shepherd, I sincerely thank you on behalf of the community. Because of your contributions we are able to provide quality child care that our families can afford.

When our senior citizens run out of money at the end of the month or when someone loses a job or something else unexpected happens, we can help them with food from our pantry so that they can get through the hard days. Each time we help someone, you are helping someone because you generously support Good Shepherd and make our work possible.

The Good Shepherd 2009 graduating class, led by their teacher, Ms. Maria Cerda, performs for the attendees.

Kathryn Carpenter, provided the music and prepared the kids for the performance.

The graduating class included: Zoe Almanza, Clarissa Budde, Jessica Perez, Isaac Flores, Evelyn Gamez, Xelia Ayala, Dylan Gomez, Noah Gonzales, Elijah Perez, Andres Marquez, Jr. and Refugio Imeldo Uvina.



## *Generous Grants Received, by Doris Kirvin*



Good Shepherd kids hard at work

The Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation recently awarded a grant in the amount of \$20,000.00 to Good Shepherd Community Center. The funds are designated for program support for childcare and outreach services offered to low-income families in West Dallas.

The lives of Carl B. and Florence E. King were marked by warmth, compassion, and generosity. As they prospered, they believed in giving back. With gracious benevolence, they dedicated themselves to the betterment of individuals, communities, and society through informed giving. The foundation, led by John Martin Davis, Jr., Chair, and Michelle D. Monse, President, honors the memory of Mr. and Mrs. King and continues their tradition, and builds upon their vision.

Other generous grants were received from: Dallas BOMA Education Institute, Dallas Foundation, Dallas Women's Foundation, Early Foundation, Evelyn Hudson Foundation, Harry W. Bass Jr. Foundation, LiveUnited Way, Luse Foundation, Texas Pres. Found, United Way-Morris City, Vanberg Family Foundation, Roy and Christine Sturgis Charitable and Educational Trust and Blue Shield/Blue Cross (Health Care Services) of Dallas.

These and the many other generous contributions support the continuation of the Good Shepherd program in the West Dallas Community.

## Good Shepherd and DISD Cooperate

For many years Dallas Independent School District and Headstart have evaluated the development of skills their children are learning. This year they have extended this program to include child care centers. Good Shepherd Community Center is in the first group of child care centers invited to participate in this pilot program. In collaboration with the DISD, *Dallas Achieves* tracks children from birth to five years of age. Gross motor skills, fine motor skills, listening and comprehension, vocabulary and other phases of child development are monitored and evaluated four times a year. Visual aids are used to facilitate the evaluation of very young children.



Janie Perez

Janie Perez, Administrative Assistant, attended a two week class and is certified to instruct classroom caregivers/teachers in how to track the development of the learning skills. A *Palm Pilot* is used for accuracy. The first testing was March 16, 2009, and the second started June 15, 2009. This program of outcome measurement will provide the Good Shepherd Community Center with valuable information about our children and their learning.

The **Friends of Good Shepherd (FOGS)** group, led by Kathryn Carpenter, has been busy during the past months. It facilitated a piñata party for the kids during the holiday season and a Spring Fling rally during April.

In addition, it continues to gather Campbell soup labels from the cooperating churches, providing needed equipment for Good Shepherd. The children are enjoying the recreation supplies so procured last year.

Church groups are encouraged to hold “paper & craft supplies” showers to supplement Good Shepherd’s supplies.

We are grateful for those who continue to contribute. If you want to join efforts with the group or would like more information, please call Kathryn, at 972-495-5540.



Volunteers at “Spring Fling”

## Long-time Good Shepherd Supporter Faces Budget Cuts, by Elaine Kellam



Three generations of Kellams who support Good Shepherd and its food pantry: Elaine, her son, Steve, and his kids, David and Caroline.

The Richardson Hunger Pantry began in 1971 because caring church members took to heart Matthew 25:35 “I was hungry and you gave me food.” Three **support** churches underwrite the budget of the Hunger Pantry (Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church, Community Christian Church and United Disciples Christian Church). They also provide partner coordinators who deliver food each month to **partner pantries** in low-income areas of Dallas, including that of the **Good Shepherd Community Center**.

The Richardson Hunger Pantry is an entirely volunteer organization, so 100% of the contributions received are spent to buy food for people in emergency need.

In the early years our budget grew to over \$20,000 a year. However, as the support churches faced economic challenges, their contributions began to decline. The annual budget is now approximately \$5,000. Of course, that means that the amount of food we are able to provide for our partner pantries has been greatly reduced. Food prices continue to go up and the need continues to grow. Even as we are blessed with the abundant life, many people in our community do not have enough food for their families.

My family and I have delivered food from the Hunger Pantry to the food pantry at Good Shepherd Community Center since 1974, but recently, because of the economy, the amount of food supplied has been drastically reduced.

If you would like to make a difference in the lives of those who are hungry, come and join us, either by contributing to the Hunger Pantry or to Good Shepherd Community Center.

For more information, contact me at 972-248-1012, or Good Shepherd Community Center, at 214-638-1688.

*Good Shepherd is sincerely grateful to the following groups and individuals who gave so generously.*

**Churches and Organizations**

Bentwood Trail Presbyterian Church  
 Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church  
 Cathedral of Hope  
 Covenant Presbyterian Church  
 First Presbyterian Church, Dallas  
 First Presbyterian Church, Richardson  
 Highland Park Presbyterian Church  
 John Calvin Presbyterian Church  
 Northridge Presbyterian Church  
 Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church  
 Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church  
 St. Stephens Presbyterian Church  
 Texas Presbyterian Foundation  
 Trinity Presbyterian Church  
 United Way-Morris City  
 Westminster Presbyterian Church  
 Key Security Systems, Inc.  
 Nissan North America, Inc.

**Scholarships and Grants**

Carl B. & Florence E. King Foundation  
 Dallas BOMA Education Institute  
 Dallas Foundation

Dallas Women's Foundation  
 Early Foundation  
 Evelyn Hudson Foundation  
 Harry W. Bass Jr. Foundation  
 LiveUnited Way  
 Luse Foundation  
 Vanberg Family Foundation  
 Roy & Christine Sturgis Trust  
 Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Dallas

**Individuals**

Pat Beltzer  
 Steve Budde  
 Elizabeth A. Bunnell  
 Larry & Talan Burgess  
 Kathryn Carpenter  
 Kevin & Tammy Cruise  
 Barbara Curry  
 Murray Covens  
 Wm & Elinor Collings  
 Theresa Gafford  
 Harold & Nell Green  
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 Mary Ann Potter  
 Roger & Betty Reedy  
 Marvin Rogers  
 James Rose  
 Sandra S. Keiser  
 Dale Schmelze  
 Nancy Sullivan  
 Henry Tallavera  
 Bobbye & Travis Towns  
 Mrs. Elvira Hinojosa (Memorial)  
 Lisa White/Scott Shirley

Good Shepherd welcomes all contributions. Please make your checks to Good Shepherd Community Center and mail them to P.O. Box 561424, Dallas, TX 75353.

If you have questions, comments or suggestions regarding Good Shepherd, you are invited to call Doris Kirvin, Executive Director, at 214-638-1688.

**Wish List**

**Teacher & Office Supplies**

- ❖ Paper towels (#1 daily need)
- ❖ Office supplies (paper clips, scotch tape, note pads, etc.)
- ❖ Construction paper (all colors)
- ❖ Pipe Cleaners
- ❖ Yarn
- ❖ Baby wipes
- ❖ Popsicle sticks
- ❖ Latex exam gloves (powder free)
- ❖ Water colors
- ❖ Color markers (basic colors)
- ❖ Tempera paint
- ❖ Kleenex
- ❖ Cheerios (multi-color)
- ❖ Finger paint
- ❖ Food coloring
- ❖ Liquid starch
- ❖ Eye droppers
- ❖ Coffee filters

- ❖ Clear storage containers, all sizes
- ❖ Pasta, all shapes
- ❖ Beans, dry. (all kinds)
- ❖ Ranch dressing (restaurant size - 1 gallon)
- ❖ Paper cups
- ❖ Paper plates
- ❖ Plastic spoons
- ❖ Glue
- ❖ Powder paints (basic colors)
- ❖ Copy paper
- ❖ Magazines (Good Housekeeping, Family C & kid's magazines)
- ❖ Colored copy paper
- ❖ Art supplies
- ❖ Disposable cameras
- ❖ Large supply of 20# copy paper for office, then recycled for art drawings
- ❖ Butcher paper, plain and colors
- ❖ Medium Chalkboards for 2 classrooms

**Food Pantry**

- ❖ Non-perishable foods (dry beans, peas, rice, macaroni and canned foods)
- ❖ Canned fruit - applesauce, peaches & pears (restaurant - size)
- ❖ Cereal - Apple Jacks & Fruit Loops
- ❖ Pretzels

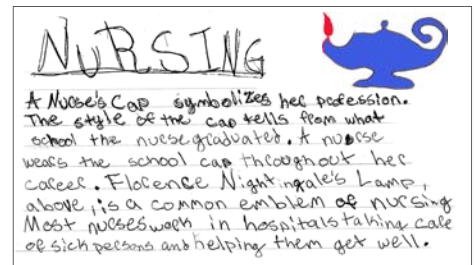
**Outdoor Equipment**

- ❖ Jump ropes
- ❖ Chalk
- ❖ Big paint brushes
- ❖ Plastic digging tools
- ❖ Kites
- ❖ Bubbles
- ❖ Contact paper
- ❖ Two big storage containers to store outdoor playthings

## FIRST CLASS MAIL

This is a copy of an essay, written by Lupe Hernandez. Lupe is one of the DISD elementary students who are part of Good Shepherd's "before and after school" program, which serves students from two local DISD elementary schools.

Ms. Marjorie McCullars, the lead teacher for this group, helps the kids with their homework, leads them playtime and, among other things, teaches them to write essays on various subjects. This is good practice in doing research and in expressing their thoughts through writing.



## About Good Shepherd

Since 1940, Good Shepherd Community Center, a 501(c) 3 non-profit agency, and its predecessor, the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, has actively served the west Dallas community.

Ninety-five percent of the children served are Hispanic and most live in low income families.

The current enrollment is 61 pre-schoolers and 20 school-age children.

### Affiliations

- ◆ Good Shepherd began as a ministry of the Presbyterian Church, USA, and continues to serve the community, without regard to church affiliation.
- ◆ State of Texas Child Care Assistance Program.

### Services

- ◆ Full-day preschool and care for children, ages 18 months - 5 years.
- ◆ Before and after school programs for children, ages 6 - 12 years.
- ◆ Full day summer program for children, ages 6 - 12 years.
- ◆ Parent resources and educational opportunities.
- ◆ Community food pantry