



# Givingmas News

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## North Texas Giving Day is Here

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### Help Us Reach Our Goal!

Starting now, **Early Giving for North Texas Giving Day is officially open**—and we need your help to reach our goal of \$5,000 by September 18 at 11:59 PM.

When you donate through [northtexasgivingday.org/givingmas](https://northtexasgivingday.org/givingmas), your gift is 100% transaction fee-free and goes directly toward providing a hand up to families in Dallas who are working hard to build stability and brighter futures.

Every dollar given goes directly toward helping families take the next step forward. You've seen the stories. You've helped create them.

### How to Get Involved

- Make a donation during Early Giving (Aug 28–Sept 17) or on the Big Day (Sept 18)
- Share our campaign on social media to help spread the word
- Start a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser and challenge your work team or friend group to join you in making an impact
- Tell a friend about Givingmas and why you give

Every action—big or small—makes a difference. Let's show North Texas the power of our community.

**Together, we can make this our biggest Giving Day yet.**

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# Save the Dates

We're thrilled to announce the date and location for our 11th Annual Day of Givingmas—mark your calendars! We're also excited to introduce a brand-new event: Dodie's Gumbo Cookoff Benefitting Givingmas, at Dodie's at The Harbor, Rockwall. Two incredible opportunities to come together, celebrate, and support families in our community. **More details coming soon—stay tuned!**

## Dodie's Gumbo Cook-off Benefitting Givingmas

**November 9th, 2:00-6:00 pm**

**Dodie's at the Harbor, Rockwall**

**\$35 Advanced Entry Fee  
/ \$40 The Weekend Of**



## Day of Givingmas

**December 4th, 6:00 pm**

**Historic Winfrey Point**

**Live Music/ Raffles/ Auction**



# Family Update

August has been filled with growth and milestones for several Givingmas families.



Natasha kicked off her day with breakfast, back-to-school shopping, and her first hands-on tire lesson. She's setting goals for continuing education and committed to building skills for long-term success—suggesting a follow-up meeting in two weeks with a list of programs she wants to pursue.

Jessica continues to thrive—working full-time and starting a new semester toward her Restaurant & Hotel Management degree. After making A's in math and completing all her probation requirements, she's seeking an



attorney to help with early release. Her kids are also excelling in school enrichment programs.



Crystal's three teenagers are back to school and working part-time, and her oldest is preparing for her cosmetology boards. With a stronger credit score and new resume in the works, Crystal proudly shared, **“For the first time in a long time, I'm okay.”**

**Follow us during North Texas Giving Day to hear more family impact stories and see why so many choose to support Givingmas.**



# A Word from our Board

Hi y'all! I am Kelly O'Malley, Family Support Chair at Givingmas. I serve as a connection between the organization and the families we serve, and I love sharing the stories of how your generosity impacts these families.

As a social worker, retired from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, I hope to use my experience in balancing objectivity with empathy and in making connections to benefit deserving families and to promote the vision of Givingmas. I support Givingmas because we provide effectual and targeted help to individuals who are striving to improve their lives. We are able to go beyond temporary basic needs and provide our families with safety mechanisms, opportunities, and real advancement.

I hope you too will relish in the continued success of Givingmas, and I will let you know how your contribution makes a difference!

**-Kelly O'Malley**  
Family Support Chair



## Lakewood Happy Hour Recognizes Givingmas as Charity of Record

We're excited to announce that Lakewood Happy Hour (LHH)—one of our very first supporters—has officially recognized

Givingmas as their charity of record. With more than 275 amazing members, LHH's support has been crucial. We couldn't have come this far without them. From day one, LHH has believed in what we're doing, helping us grow stronger and make a bigger impact. We're so grateful for everything they've done—and continue to do!

## September Events

**September 13, 8:30 am**

For The Love of the Lake:  
corner of Lawther and Emerald Isle

**September 18, 6:00 pm**

Board Meeting:  
Wells Fargo Building

**September 18, ALL DAY**

North Texas Giving Day  
[northtexasgivingday.org/givingmas](http://northtexasgivingday.org/givingmas)

## What is FTLOTL?

Our partnership with For the Love of the Lake has been a powerful way to connect with the community since February 2022. Through monthly shoreline cleanups, families, volunteers, and sponsors come together to serve side by side.

With 52 consecutive months of participation, 505 volunteer hours, and over 250 people involved, we're proud of the impact made. Next time you're near White Rock Lake, look for our sign behind Winfrey Point—and join us for a future cleanup!



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