



Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

 Thursday, Dec 11, 2025
 Doors open at 5:30 PM
 Barley House
5612 SMU Blvd, Dallas, TX



11th

ANNUAL DAY OF

GIVINGMAS



 Early Bird Tickets (through Dec 1):

- \$40 includes entry + 1 drink ticket

 Raffle Tickets: \$20 each or 7 for \$100



Ending the Year on a High Note!

We're thrilled to share some exciting news about this year's 11th Annual Day of Givingmas at Barley House!

Not only will Mike Rhyner join us as our special guest speaker, but we're also welcoming Petty Theft as our live entertainment for the evening. Add in our delicious steak and chicken fajita buffet, and it's already shaping up to be an unforgettable night!

But there's more...

You'll have chances to win VIP Stars and Mavericks tickets. And yes—Lakewood Happy Hour's own La Shonda will return to auction off another legendary bourbon basket.

Of course, the heart of this event is families. Last year, we watched Jessica receive a car from Planet Ford—a moment none of us will ever forget. This year, expect exciting announcements from Givingmas in partnership with Planet Ford, Wedbush, and others to provide life-changing support that will impact a family for decades. Parents from our supported families will be there to enjoy the night with us, making this event even more meaningful.

To help us get a head count on food, please get your tickets early and join us as we continue to change lives one family at a time. We can't wait to see you there!

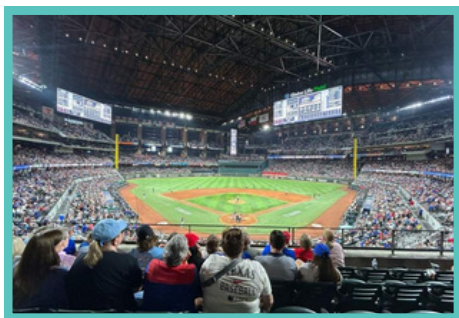
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What You Could Win at the Day of Givingmas

Beyond the live music, fajitas, and inspiring stories, the 11th Annual Day of Givingmas is packed with chances to take home something truly special. Whether you're feeling lucky or looking for the perfect gift, we've got something for everyone.

Raffle Highlights

Two can't-miss prize packages are up for grabs this year along with others:



Texas Rangers VIP Experience – Includes 2 Lexus Club tickets right behind home plate, parking in Lot R, and all-inclusive food and drinks both in the Lexus Club and in your seats.

Dallas Stars VIP Experience – Watch the action from the second row off the glass with 2 Lexus Platinum Club tickets, parking, buffet access, dessert bar, and more.



Gift Card Wall

Our fan-favorite Gift Card Wall is back! Drop a raffle ticket to win gift cards to top restaurants, shops, and entertainment spots—just in time for the holidays.

Silent Auction

You'll find everything from neon signs to sports memorabilia and one-of-a-kind items—perfect to gift or keep for yourself.



The Legendary Bourbon Basket Returns

La Shonda from Lakewood Happy Hour will once again host this spirited special drawing. This year's basket includes a rare bottle of Stag Bourbon and other hand-selected surprises you won't want to miss.

Every raffle ticket and bid helps fund Givingmas programs that directly support families in North Texas. So come ready to win—and give back in the process!

[Tickets](#)

Family Updates: A Night to Remember

At this year's 11th Annual Day of Givingmas, you'll have the chance to meet some of the incredible parents and families whose stories embody what Givingmas is all about. We're treating them to a well-deserved night out—complete with dinner, music, and community—while their kids are cared for by Givingmas-sponsored babysitters.



Jessica: Givingmas is helping Jessica petition for early probation release. She has paid all fees, completed all community service, and cleared all warrants. Jessica is working on her personal statement to the judge and received glowing letters of recommendation from mentors. She has been promoted twice at work and is on track to graduate with her associates degree in May. **Next goal: “Get out of survival mode.”**

Crystal: Givingmas is helping Crystal repair her credit, and she is working on the last portion debt, some medical bills. Her oldest daughter Dominique graduated from cosmetology school and is working at Great Clips. Her daughter Jaeda loves her college classes and is working part time at a nursing facility. Her sons Sean and Jarvis are in high school and work part time at KFC - plus Jarvis recently passed his driving test. Crystal recently received a raise at work and is applying for a promotion. **Next goal: Saving for the future.**



Raven: Raven is thriving at esthetician school and now taking clients for facials and waxing at Ogle. She's also driving for Uber Eats and recently got her car repaired thanks to our friends at Skillman Auto Care. Her kiddos, Marceline and Marcellus, loved their Halloween costumes from Givingmas. They went trick-or-treating four times, and Marcellus wears his police jacket everyday to daycare or “work” as he calls it. **Next goal: Tackling debt that prevents her from moving to a new apartment.**

These stories are just the beginning, and we hope you'll come meet these inspiring moms at the Day of Givingmas.

We're also honored to be recognized this year at the Casa Linda Plaza Tree Lighting hosted by the Greater East Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Stop by our booth, say hello, and meet a few Givingmas families—it's going to be a joyful night for the kids and a great way to kick off the holiday season!

Benefitting Givingmas

Tree Lighting

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AT CASA LINDA PLAZA

DEC 01 // 5:30-8:00

Tree Lighting begins at 7:00



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Thank You, Dodie's!

A big thank you to Dodie's at The Harbor and everyone who attended their first-ever Gumbo Cookoff benefitting Givingmas! We had an incredible time reconnecting with familiar faces and meeting new supporters. This event was a fun and flavorful way to expand our audience—and we're already looking forward to the next one. Congrats to all the winners, and thank you again for making it a success!



Upcoming Events

Dec 1, 5:30PM

GEDC Christmas Tree Lighting

Casa Linda Plaza

Dec 11, 5:30-9:30 PM

11th Annual Day of Givingmas:

Barley House

Dec 13, 9:30 AM

For The Love of the Lake:

corner of Lawther and Emerald Isle

Happy Thanksgiving from Givingmas!

We're grateful for each of you who helps us make a difference—your support truly changes lives. Be sure to follow us on social media to hear heartfelt thank-you messages from the families you've helped this year. ♥

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