

## **Givingmas News**

### **Changing Lives...One Family at a Time**

#### Givingmas Sponsors New Family! - Excerpt from nomination submitted by Kelly Duvall, GISD

This family of 4 got their start when a teenage girl needed to find a place to live. Her desperation to find a place resulted in her first pregnancy, followed by an very unhealthy relationship resulting in two pregnancies. She loves her girls and works overnights at Amazon to support them.

A DACA recipient she is complying, however; has lost her documents. When leaving the abusive relationship, she purchased a vehicle from a used car lot, but she was uninformed now in a position that the car payment and insurance costs are a burden to her. Good Samaritans in Garland have graciously provided some financial assistance to get her over this hump. (This is where Givingmas comes in!)



She is determined to provide a better life for her girls, but she doesn't really know what that can look like. (She shared with Givingmas she aspires to work in the medical field) - She works hard but struggles getting to the next step. For the 10 years I have known her, she has worked hard to try to get ahead. She is smarter than she realizes, more determined than most students and young adults I work with and has such potential if she can just get a roadmap.

# The Loon Bar & Grill 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Oct 6th - Tenison Golf Course

Break out your sticks! The golf tournament is only a few weeks away. For only \$125 per person or \$500 for a team, your entry includes Breakfast, Lunch, golf, and awards banquet. Lots of exciting raffle prizes including a chance to win a new car & more! Go for the longest drive! The "Air Cannon" will be a must see! Register: <a href="https://www.givingmas.org/charitygolftournament">https://www.givingmas.org/charitygolftournament</a>
DON'T MISS OUT!



### New Board Member - Welcome Jared Crewse!



"If I was ever going to start a non-profit organization, it would be just like Givingmas."

We are pleased to announce Jared Crewse has joined the Givingmas Board of Directors. As owner of TradeLine Motorcars and Chief Financial Officer of iDonate, Jared brings a huge range of resources, infectious enthusiasm, and motivation to Change Lives... One Family at a Time.



#### Mr. Pena Celebrates 2 Years with Indio

Please congratulate Mr. Pena for celebrating his 2-year anniversary with Indio Property Management. Givingmas arranged the interview, Mr. Pena landed the job, and here we are two year later. Here are just a few of the life changes the Pena's have experienced since becoming a Givingmas sponsored family:

- Cleared up outstanding warrants
- Helped Ezekiel obtain his first Driver's License at 37
- Established 1<sup>st</sup> savings and checking accounts
- His wife Jessica has obtained her GED
- Many other accomplishments

Givingmas recognized Zeke with at \$200 gift card to Red Wing shoes for his most recent accomplishments. Congratulations Zeke!



#### **Upcoming Events**

#### The Love of the Lake

- Sept 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am\*
- October 8<sup>th</sup> back at 9:30am\*
- November 12<sup>th</sup> again back at 9:30am\*
   \*Meet in the parking lot at the of corner of Emerald Isle & Lawther

#### **North Texas Giving Day**

Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> Our first time qualifying as Members

#### The Loon Golf Tournament

Oct 6<sup>th</sup> (8am shotgun) - Tenison Golf Course

#### **Annual Fundraiser**

• Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Time and Location TBD



We had a big turnout this month with over 20 people attending. We have several new faces and made a few new friends who committed to helping each month! Thanks to our newbies Aimee Padden and Helen! We will be meeting at 8:30 on Sept 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are planning on attending, bring a friend! We are still short on our monthly commitment and can catch up quickly with a good showing this month. We meet in the parking lot at the intersection of Emerald Isle & Lawther or on the trail look for the Givingmas Banners behind the Winfrey house.

### Givingmas is Recognized by North Texas Giving Day!

**Save the Date - 9.22.22** 

Double your donation!

We are excited to announce the Givingmas application to NTX Giving Day has been accepted. A special thank you to board member and secretary John Craft for completing the application. Make the most of your donation and mark your calendars for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September!

