



Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

Day of Givingmas - 12/8 @ 6pm

Please [join us](#) at Barley House for our biggest event of the year!

An anonymous donor has offered to match all contributions up to \$25,000 between today and the night of the event!

We are pleased to welcome local favorites Squeezebox Bandits and 2020 Voice contestant & singer/songwriter Ryan Berg to the stage. Thanks to Tito's Handmade Vodka for their generous donation! 100% of funds raised go to our Givingmas families.

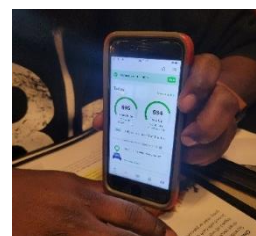


Big Year for Dad's the Cook

William is striving to live our 4 pillars every day-

- Commit to Continuous Education
- Focus on Financial Literacy
- Rebuild with Integrity
- Engage to Grow

We are **PROUD** of you!



Job termination,
probable eviction,
stolen vehicle, sleeping
on the floor, behind on
bills & credit score of

426

Feb 2022



Full employment, 9
consecutive months of
on-time rent payments,
1st bed in 10 years, all bills
current, new vehicle & a
credit score of almost

700

Nov 2022

Board Member Note



I firmly believe that the most important thing in life to achieve happiness is having purpose. 18 years ago, I joined Dallas Amputee Network (D.A.N.), which would send me off on a journey to start LEGAPALOOZA in 2010 and start raising money for this

small support group. I had finally found “my purpose.” I found out what could be accomplished when one gives back. I started hearing back from those who benefited from the proceeds on how it was changing their lives. Now D.A.N. is one of the largest support groups in the country and this is exactly why I am so excited to join Givingmas as a new board member. Watching Mike Keating and all of you grow this organization into what it has accomplished, for so many families, has really touched me. I cannot wait to join all of you in taking this organization to the next level.

I am proud that I have been asked to join the Givingmas Board and will make this my new purpose. What’s your “purpose?”

Thank you all!

-Tommy Donahue

New Family! “Mama D”

Mama D is a single mother of one who also cares for her 3 nieces. In March, her home was destroyed by a fire, and they have been living with relatives since. During the interview, Givingmas asked Mama D, “what are 3 things you need to get life back on track?” Mama D: “I need to clear up some tickets, get my driver’s license back & work on my credit so I can find an affordable place to live.”

Mama D is coming of FMLA and is scheduled to return to work as a full-time receptionist Dec. 5th.

At the time of this newsletter, Givingmas has already cleared the way for Mama D to take the Driver’s License Reinstatement course and register for the Drivers Road test. We will start working with Julie Sargis next to work on insurance, and Rebecca Hern on credit repair in December! Thanks again to our ambassadors who are stepping up!



Givingmas awarded BEST New Group 2022!

On Saturday, Nov 12th, Givingmas volunteers & ambassadors gathered to celebrate being recognized by the Adopt-a-Shoreline program at White Rock Lake. The program generated over \$300K of volunteer hours logged with Dallas Parks & Rec in 2022 and collected over 100K pounds of trash. THANK YOU to everyone who participated & hope to see you all in 2023!

Upcoming Events



Annual Fundraiser

- Dec 8th – Day of Givingmas @ Barley House - 5612 SMU Boulevard, Dallas, TX

The Love of the Lake

- Saturday, Dec 10th - 9:30am START*
*Meet in the parking lot at the of corner of Emerald Isle & Lawther

Future Events

- May 13, 2023 – Inaugural Dallas Amputee Network and Givingmas Crawfish Boil!