



Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

Founder's Notes

Celebrating Achievements and Looking Ahead

We've had an incredible couple of months, filled with accand wonderful gatherings. It has been a period of connection, growth, and celebration, and I am thrilled to share some of our highlights with you.



Recent Success Stories

Our recent Crawfish Boil was a standout success, raising nearly \$8,000 for Givingmas. More than the numbers, it brought donors and Givingmas Families together, deepening community connections.

Special thanks to our sponsors—Wedbush Securities, Karen Cuskey-Hartman and The Live Local at Coldwell Banker, and Nuwave Lending—for making it all possible.

And a huge shout-out to Dodies Rockwall, who not only served up incredible crawfish, but generously donated their time, talent, and every last bite. Their unexpected gift added an unforgettable touch to a meaningful day.

Another big win this month? Family Day at For the Love of the Lake—a meaningful day of community and service at White Rock Lake. Keep reading for highlights from that inspiring event!

United to Serve

We're excited to share that our 2025 Meet the Families Day on June 14th, held as part of the For the Love of the Lake initiative, was a wonderful success! Families and supporters came together in the spirit of community to help care for our cherished White Rock Lake.



While high water levels made the shoreline cleanup a bit more challenging, the dedication, camaraderie, and teamwork shone through, making it an unforgettable day.

A big thank-you to Gregg Mader for graciously providing breakfast and coffee—it was the perfect way to kick off the morning!

JUL 17 Don't forget—our next cleanup is on Saturday, July 12th at 8:30 a.m. We'll gather at the corner of Lawther and Emerald Isle. With the return of dry weather, we're expecting plenty of litter just waiting for some helping hands.



Family Update

After supporting Sydnee's family during her graduation from Interfaith Family Services in May, Kelly and Mike followed up with Interfaith staff in June. The visit gave us a deeper understanding of their transitional housing programs and opened the door for future collaboration. We also shared detailed insights about Givingmas—resources they can now draw on when identifying families who might be a great fit for our mission.

If you joined us at the Crawfish Boil, you may have met the Revoal Family! We're continuing to support Crystal as she builds confidence and skills in financial management, including establishing a secured credit card to boost her credit. Her dedication to learning and growing is inspiring—and we're proud to walk alongside her on this journey.

A Word from our Board

We're excited to share that Givingmas is entering a new phase of growth—starting with how we connect, communicate, and engage with our community.

As some of you may have noticed, we've officially transitioned our fundraising and donor management tools to a new platform called Benevolate. This change allows us to better track and engage with supporters, streamline communication, and grow in smarter, more sustainable ways. In fact, this newsletter is the very first one being sent through Benevolate—a small milestone we're proud of!

We're also in the process of redesigning the Givingmas website to improve the user experience and ensure all information is up to date and easy to find. Plus, you'll be seeing more of us online—our social media presence on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn is getting a much-needed refresh to better tell our story and reach more families, donors, and partners. Make sure you're following along!

-Tabitha Evans

Marketing & Communications Chair



Upcoming Events

July 12th, 8:30 AM

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

July 17th, 6:00 PM

Board Meeting:
Wells Fargo Building

Wishing You a Joyful 4th

As we approach the 4th of July, we want to take a moment to wish you all a safe and joyful holiday. This celebration is more than fireworks and festivities—it's the holiday that allows us to honor all our other holidays and the freedoms we cherish. Let's take this time to reflect on our shared values and the bright future we're building together.

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