

# **Givingmas News**

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

#### **New Family Off to a Fast Start**

In the first 30 days, we were able to reinstate Joshua's Driver's License and enabled Toni to catch up on her car payments. For every family we support, we focus on helping families to improve their understanding of finances and are scheduled to meet next week to start working on a plan. Finally, a new Givingmas donor, familiar with the family, is donating rental assistance for the next several months until Toni completes her pharmacy technician degree. Expect to be seeing more life changes soon!



#### **2024 Charity Golf Tournament**

September 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am check-in 8:30am shotgun Foursomes are only \$500 including golf, cart, breakfast, lunch and swag! Plus, there are only a few more hole sponsorships left! VISIT <a href="https://events.idonate.com/2024givingmasgolf">https://events.idonate.com/2024givingmasgolf</a> to sign-up!





Please welcome our 19<sup>th</sup> hole sponsors Una Vida Tequila & The Ave Sports Bar.



#### For the Love of the Lake UPDATE

NO meet-up for August. Stay cool and reflect on all the great work you all have done so far in 2024!

#### Jessica's Life Keeps Changing

With Jessica's help we successfully negotiated her debt down by 64%. Givingmas and Jessica set up a payment plan to clear up the final creditor within the year. We will apply for a secure CC, Givingmas will provide the deposit. If Jessice pays off the charges, in full, monthly, once the card is released, Jessica keeps the deposit.

Prediction: watch her FICA score jump a couple hundred points by Feb 2025. Remember, Givingmas is here for the long haul.



#### **Accepting Nominations:**

Our last family was nominated from a donor just like you! If you know a family who is trying but struggling, why not go to the website and nominate them? It's easy and you can remain anonymous. Simply share how they are supporting themselves now. Share how you know them, what you know about their struggles and how you think we can help. Don't be shy!





#### **Evening of Wine & Cheese**

Rebecca Hern invited 12 friends, some old and new, to an evening of great wine and wonderful cheeses.

Rebecca had the winning bid at "A Day of Givingmas" and didn't regret it. She shared "I will be hard to outbid again next year."

A big thank you to Times Ten Winery for hosting the evening and Amiee Padden cheese guru for sharing cheeses from around the world. It was a memorable evening for all.

We have another wine tasting up for raffle at the golf tournament.

#### Save the Dates in 2024

- August 10<sup>th</sup> For the Love of the Lake CANCELLED
- August 22<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting 6:00 pm at Juliette Fowler
- September 12<sup>th</sup> Givingmas Golf Tournament, Tenison
- September 14<sup>th</sup> For the Love of the Lake 8:30am

### Thanks to our Newest 2024 Golf Hole Sponsors



LTC (R) Tony Palumbo, USAR



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#### **Note From the Board**

John Craft, Secretary

I have been traveling a lot this summer and have experienced communities all the world around facing challenges we see every day at Givingmas at an even greater scale. I find myself reflecting on the incredible work being done by Givingmas to support our local community. Our mission, "Change Lives... One Family at a Time," is more than just words it's a commitment we live by every day. This season, I've seen firsthand how families are becoming more confident in managing their finances, improving credit scores, and gaining a deeper understanding of financial planning. Our progress wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our ambassadors and partners lawyers, financial planners, bankers, and life coaches—who selflessly offer their expertise. It's truly heartwarming to witness the impact we're making together, one family at a time.

As we move into the fall, we ask you to think about organizations in your network that might help us identify the next families we can sponsor. Together, we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community.



Best, Jc