



Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

Help Us Give a “Hand Up” to Families Making a Difference

We’re looking for families in our community who are actively striving for self-sufficiency and could use extra support to move forward. At least one household member must be employed or working toward stability. While we help with many needs, we are unable to assist with medical expenses or long-term housing.

How Givingmas Can Help

Our program offers a variety of resources and services designed to give families a “hand up” as they pursue new opportunities.

These include:

- Assistance with resolving outstanding warrants
- Improving credit score
- Career development support
- Financial literacy education
- Limited continued education opportunities
- Ensuring legal driving status (such as helping with license issues)
- Short-term housing solutions
- Financial assistance for urgent needs



How to Nominate a Family

If you have a family in mind who would benefit from our program, we encourage you to submit a nomination. Simply go to www.givingmas.org and hit the Nominate a Family link to share their story highlighting their hard work, determination, and the ways in which they are working to support themselves.

At Givingmas, our mission is rooted in compassion, empowerment, and community. With your help, we can provide hope and tangible support to families on their journey toward success.

Thank you for being a part of our caring community!

Mid-Year Updates

Founder Notes

It's hard to believe the year is already half over! Our board is working diligently, and I'm excited to share some quick updates on our progress.



- Jami is planning the Day of Givingmas in December and the return of our Golf Tournament in April.
- Kelly and I are standardizing family interviews and processes.
- Sandra keeps us compliant and organized behind the scenes.
- David and Shea have refreshed our financial records and state reporting.
- Tabitha is leading our social media and the website relaunch—coming late August.
- John continues to advise us after stepping back from his secretary role.
- Karen mentors families and ensures accountability.

Our team is moving fast to formalize and improve our processes. Please excuse our mess as we grow! We're also connecting with new organizations and actively accepting family nominations.

Thank you for your continued support—big things are ahead!

With gratitude,
Mike Keating, Founder/CEO, Givingmas



Family Update

Please join us congratulating the William Thomas family on an exciting new chapter! Many of you know William as “Dad the Chef”—and he’s still true to that title, continuing to cook part-time and share his delicious, salt-free seasonings with the community. Recently, William embarked on a promising new career as a full-time exterminator with Bennet Home Services. After completing his internship with the Texas Department of Agriculture, William now manages his own territory and client list at Bennet. With his passion for learning and dedication, William aspires to become a supervisor soon. Let’s celebrate William’s determination and wish him all the best in his new career!

Each family’s journey is a testament to the long term ROI of your generous donations . Thank you for being part of these life-changing stories!

A Word from our Board

Hello! My name is Sandra Heskett, and I'm a recently retired educator who proudly spent 36 years in the classroom. Teaching was never just a job—it was a calling. For over three decades, I had the privilege of shaping young minds, and even in retirement, that passion continues to guide me.

I've called Dallas home for the past seven years, and it's here that my connection to community service has grown. Since 2019, I've been involved with Givingmas—first as a volunteer Ambassador, and now as a board member serving as Secretary. I took on this role because I truly believe in Givingmas' mission of offering a hand up, not a handout, to those working hard to better their lives—a belief that aligns closely with my own values. Volunteering is core to who I am. I find deep purpose in supporting individuals and families who are striving for stability and just need a little support to keep going. Being part of their journey is both humbling and rewarding.

Beyond education and service, I'm an avid reader and writer. Storytelling and the written word have always brought me joy and connection throughout my life

-Sandra Heskett
Board Secretary



Meet Charles Pinion

We're thrilled to introduce Charles Pinion, the newest member of the Givingmas community! With over 40 years of experience in banking, Charles serves as the Dallas Business Development Representative for America's Credit Union.

A key part of Charles's mission is teaching financial literacy, and he'll be leading his first Givingmas class on July 31. This session will offer practical tools and insights to help participants take control of their finances and build a secure future.

We're grateful to have Charles as part of our team and look forward to the impact his experience and generosity will bring to our community.

Upcoming Events

July 31

1st Financial Literacy Class

August 8, 8:30 AM

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

August 21 , 6:00 PM

Board Meeting:
Wells Fargo Building

New Website Coming soon!

We're excited to share that a completely redesigned Givingmas website is launching this August! The new site will offer a more user-friendly experience, updated information, and easier ways to learn about our work and get involved.

We've also refreshed our social media to share more stories, updates, and impact. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn to stay connected and get the latest from Givingmas!

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