

Changing lives, one family at a time.



A Focus On Families In 2024

Find out what we are all about!

On the heels of the success of A Day Of Givingmas, our team is ready to start the new year off right. This means we are looking for new families to help, so if you know of someone in need, send them our way.

We're also preparing for our next golf tournament at <u>Tenison Park</u>, and we have a few different ways to get involved. If you are part of a business that is looking to give back, we have sponsorships available. Or join us on the links for a great time!

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up with our journey!

Stay Up To Date



Get Involved With Givingmas

Looking to become a part of our team? Join us in February at: Saturday, 2/10: **For The Love Of The Lake** Meet us at the corner of <u>Lawther and Emerald Isle</u> for our monthly cleanup! Thursday, 2/15: **Board Meeting** Every third Thursday at <u>Times Ten Cellars</u>.



Helping Jessica With Much-Needed Car Repair This past month, we were made aware that Jessica needed a little bit of help.

At the start of the year, her starter went out, leaving her and her kids stranded. It was at this point that we learned that her heater also needed work, and her kids were wearing blankets to keep warm. The big freeze was on its way, and it wound up in the low teens that week.

If you know Givingmas, you know that we just couldn't sit by and let that happen without lending a hand. Our gracious donors replaced both the heater and the starter in Jessica's car, so she can continue making strides in her life!

Have Questions About Givingmas?

In next month's newsletter, we will be doing a FAQ issue. If you have a question about our organization or how we help, please let us know. We can't promise to answer every question, but we will do our best.

Send your question to info@givingmas.org by Feb.16th 2024!



Family Quote Of The Month

I can't list all that Givingmas has done to bless my family and me. I can say that it's people like you that give hope and make rising above possible. Most of all I appreciate the encouragement, smiles, and hugs I always get when I see you.

- Natasha And The Boys

Skipping The Mudbugs In 2024

Due to the generosity of everyone at A Day of Givingmas, the strong fiscal position of the family accounts, and the predicted shortage and high price of crawfish this year, we have decided to skip the Crawfish Boil for this year.

We hope to see you next year.



Since A Day Of Givingmas, some of our family members have graduated or moved on. This means that we have space to help some new people!

If you know someone who is willing to put in the effort to improve their lives, but just needs that chance, nominate them on our website. We also accept nominations from other organizations, so you can have them reach out to our team.

Nominate A Family

Notes From The Board

THANK YOU!

2023 was a record year in so many ways because of all of you.

Here are just a few records we were able to break last year:

- New families engaged.
- · Partnerships w/ non-profit organizations, such as Exodus, Restored Hope, White **Rock Center of Hope**
- · Hours committed to families
- Crawfish boil up over 300%
- Givingmas Groceries (not a record, but worth noting) \$3000, in \$100 Tom Thumb gift cards.
- Number of attendees and new faces at the Annual event, estimated at close to 125.
- Dollars raised at A Day of Givingmas. Drum roll please.... almost <u>\$40,000!</u>

Some ways Givingmas (you) changed lives:

- Lifting credit scores: families who participate in our financial program see their scores, on average, rise over 150pts in the first year. A big thank you to Rebecca Hern and Wedbush for their guidance.
- New clothing, shoe shopping sprees, new bikes, tuition, and family events such as Dallas Zoo passes.
- Thousands in assistance in new cars, vehicle repairs, clearing warrants, outstanding tickets, and much more!

What an amazing year, thanks to all of you. We're excited to break these records again in 2024!

- Mike Keating, President

Join Us At For The Love Of The Lake



Every month, Givingmas heads to White Rock Lake to spruce up the shoreline

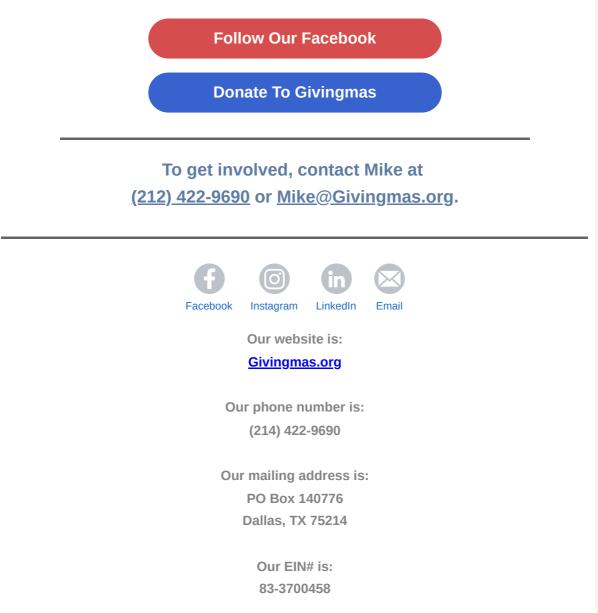
Whether you are part of an organization looking to beautify the lake, or if you just need to get out of the house a bit, we would love to see you there.

Be sure to meet us at the corner of Lawther and Emerald Isle!

Help Us Continue To Change Lives

We love doing what we do, but that takes resources. If you're looking for a way to give back, we are always looking for some extra help. Connect with our team to be a part of Givingmas, or if you just don't have the time, a tax-deductible donation can help our families to make lasting change.

A donation to our cause can make a real difference for those in need.



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