



Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time



Planet Ford

Once again, Service Director Mike McConnaughey came to the rescue! When Coresa was struck by an uninsured driver - leaving her driver's side door damaged & inoperable, the Planet Ford team took no time fixing the door at no charge.



Love of the Lake

It has been a chilly start to the 2023 season, and we have kept up our commitment with a dedicated crew participating in January. Please join us on Feb 11th at 9:30 on the corner of Emerald Isle & Lawther to help keep White Rock Lake clean!

Special thanks to Lisa Dicks for heading up our efforts over the past year. February will be her last month as leader, please come say THANK YOU at our event on Feb 11th!



Focus on Financial Health & Stability



Rebecca spent a couple hours reviewing Coresa's financial situation. Improving a credit score can make a huge difference when applying for housing, a new job or upgrading transportation. Thanks to Rebecca's help, Coresa set up a family budget and negotiated settlements on some past due debt. Together, they were able to raise Coresa's FICA score by 40 points with the goal of being over 700 by the end of the year. Go Coresa! We can make it happen!

Open Family Nominations 2023

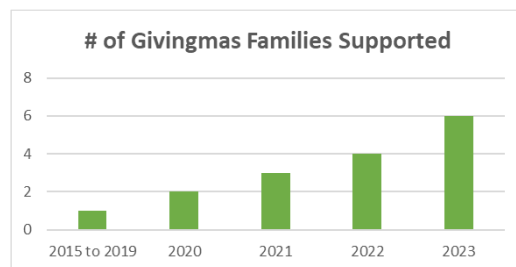


You might be asking, “How can I help Givingmas find families to sponsor?”

There are a couple of ways. Do you have a contact in an organization that helps families who we could partner with? Or, maybe you know someone who is struggling to get ahead and just needs a hand up? If you know of an organization, please send us an email info@givingmas.org or if you would like to nominate a family, please visit our [website](#) and click the [nominations](#) tab. Keep in mind, a family can also nominate themselves.

6 Families in 2023!

The board has agreed to support a record number of six families in 2023! From our founding in 2015 through 2019 when we officially became a 501c3 non-profit organization, the goal was to support one family each year. During each subsequent year, we have consistently increased our support.



We also have learned over time that each family is different and has unique needs. And sometimes it doesn't work the way we intended. That's why we take EVERY donation dollar so seriously. If a family chooses not to make the commitments to help themselves, we discontinue our support. We are still working with families from 2 years ago and continue to reach out to everyone who has joined the Givingmas family. We even had recent contact with our family from 2017 who are doing well. True change can take years. We often share, “you didn't get here over night, so don't expect to change things in a couple months.

So with your help, we are going for 6 families in 2023! To all of you who have supported Givingmas, *thank you!* We hope you are proud of what we are building and we expect you to hold us accountable for truly *Changing Lives... One Family at a Time.*

Wedding Bells for Tony & Hilda

By the time of this publication, longtime Givingmas supporters Tony Waldrop and Hilda Garza have tied the knot! Thank you for asking your friends & family to make special donations to Givingmas in lieu of wedding gifts! We wish Tony & Hilda a life of love & happiness!



Save the dates in 2023

- **Love of the Lake** (2nd Saturday of each month: 9:30 am – 10:30 am) - White Rock Lake (*corner of Emerald Isle & Lawther*)
- **Crawfish Boil** (May 13) - We are joining forces with Dallas Amputee Network for a family-friendly joint event
- **9th Annual Day of Givingmas** (Dec 7) - Annual event, Location TBD