



Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

Keeping Up with The Moores

You may remember the Moores from 2018, nominated by VFW Post 6796. The Moores joined me for lunch last week at Justin's favorite hamburger joint, Flaming Burger.

When we first met the Moores, Justin was a 7-year recovering drug addict. He was working full-time at the VFW to support his family. Linoy, his wife, was working part-time at a daycare center and she was pregnant with their second child.

Justin had warrants and fines in several counties. They were living in a home that needed repairs and had been cited for several code violations. To add to their frustration, Justin always worried that the car would break down and, in fact, it did on Linoy as she was going to work.

The Givingmas team went into action providing some much-needed support, enabling the Moores to see a better path forward for the entire family.

Your Donations Made a Difference!

- Cleared warrants in 4 different counties
- Cleared Justin's driving record
- Paid and/or challenged city code violations to gain dismissals
- Teamed with Home Depot to make home repairs
- Classic Chevrolet & GM presented them with a new car
- Started college funds for Melody and Hanna



Where Are They Today?

- Justin has been working full-time for two years with a chimney cleaning company
- He saved enough money to purchase commercial vent cleaning equipment and has started "Moore Air Quality," already hiring his first employee
- Linoy has been working full-time at Glaucoma Associates for over two years. She started out taking patients temperatures at check-in and has been promoted three times. She is now working medical records.

Upcoming Events

- June 11th – Lake Clean-Up (9:30am) Meet intersection of Emerald Isle and Winfrey point.
- Oct 6th - The Loon's Annual Golf Tournament at Tenison Park. Visit Givingmas.org for details
- Dec 7th - The Givingmas Annual Fundraiser, location TBD.





Conversation with Dad's the Cook

Dad's the cook (Dad) and Givingmas (GM)

GM: What's going to be your 1st purchase on your new secured credit card?

Dad: "I am going to buy a bed."

GM: Beds are expensive, where are you going to buy a new bed?

Dad: At the thrift store, \$53. Note: No box springs or frame.

GM: You don't have a bed? What are you sleeping on?

Dad: "On an air mattress. I haven't had a bed in 25yrs"

We went mattress shopping. Dad now has a new mattress, box spring and frame, thanks to YOUR donations!

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A big THANK YOU to Manager Adam. We shared Dad's story and the Givingmas mission and it took him no time at all to want to help:

- Made the Memorial Weekend sale prices available early (it was only May 16th)
- Adam went further, adding an additional \$135 in "Managers Approval" savings
- Retail price of the mattress, foundation & bed frame: \$824.97
- Givingmas price walking out the door, including free same day delivery: \$396.12
- Total savings: \$428.12 doubling your donation dollars!

For The Love of The Lake

On May 12th, we celebrated the unveiling of the Givingmas "adopted section" of White Rock Lake. It was an exciting day with over 25 volunteers in attendance for the reveling of our official trail sign. Next time you're walking the trail, stop and take a picture behind Winfrey House and send it to us at info@givingmas.org.



The Crawfish Boiled Over!

A huge thank you goes to Ambassador Sarah Deluke and her husband Michael for hosting the "Crawfish Boil" on May 21st. Sarah and Michael were the perfect hosts with over 100 people enjoying 90 pounds of crawfish expertly boiled by Michael, and fantastic sides prepared by Sarah and guest chef Dad's the Cook.

We made new friends and caught up with old ones. Many new faces heard about the Givingmas mission. For all the fun, camaraderie, mudbugs and libations, the amazing news was Sarah and Michael raised over \$2,500! All money raised at the event will go directly to the families.

