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**Elves In Disguise**

Volunteer for the 12th Annual  
Elves in Disguise

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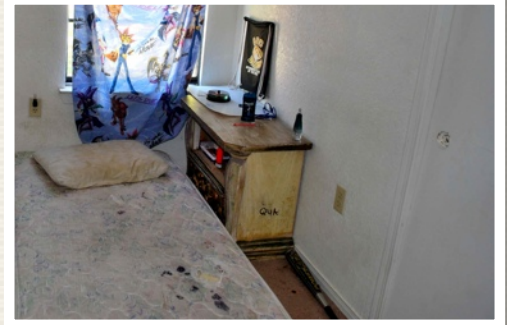
## A Dozen Years of Pointy Ears

Elves in Disguise is proud to announce its 12th Annual charitable home make-over. In an attempt to surprise this year's family, we are not divulging their names - yet. But we can tell you that not only is it one of our saddest stories, it is also one of our most hopeful.

The family's single mother was subjected to horrific abuse as a child, but thanks to her mother's sacrifice and grandmother's devotion, she made it out alive. Despite deep scars, she eventually attended college and received her associates degree.

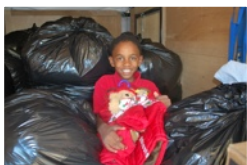
Her husband recently passed away, leaving her to raise four children alone. It is a constant struggle. The children have asthma and other health and learning issues. Their apartment isn't safe or healthy. Each day is an exhausting battle to control their environment.

Words cannot express how little they have. The picture at right may help. A child sleeps on this dirty



mattress - without linens. The baseball bat is his protection at night, and the small nightstand hides a hole in the sheetrock where swarms of cockroaches seek refuge. But he does not complain because it is better than the shelter where they used to live, and here he can keep watch over his three sisters and his mother.

Two of the children will graduate from high school soon and have dreams of going to college, as does their mother. This year New Hope Foundation's goal is to raise enough money to provide scholarships to meet the family's immediate college needs while still providing a life-changing home make-over.



## 1200 reasons to be hopeful, and counting

ROBERT TAKES A BREAK ON BAGS OF COATS

Thank you for helping us reach our goal in the first annual 1000 Coats for Hope Project. Thanks to the hard work and generosity of hundreds of donors, New Hope Foundation has collected over 1200 coats and several hundred other winter outerwear items to be distributed free to anyone in need. Donors and participants included groups and individuals from throughout Dallas and as far away as Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

New Hope Foundation is seeking groups to pledge their help for next year's coat drive as collectors, donors,

or as a remote drop-off location. Does your group have what it takes to spread the warmth?

Visit us at [NewHopeFoundation.com](http://NewHopeFoundation.com) for more information.

**JOHNNY FLOWERS, KIP PETROFF,  
AND FORMER NFL STAR  
DENNIS DEVAUGHN**

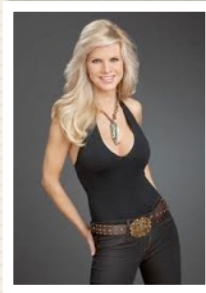


## News Flash!

Last year's home make-over and scholarship recipient was single mother, Latoya Irish, pictured right. Since the Elves came into her life, Latoya has received her



high school diploma and is enrolled in college. She has a part-time job and is active in New Hope Foundation's Empowerment Center. She is paying her good fortune forward as a volunteer for this year's home make-over.



Design Star Finalist and Dallas resident Leslie Ezelle joins the Elves in 2011 as our honored Celebrity Designer. Leslie, left, is a former Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader, TV personality, and an advocate for women's empowerment. The Elves are delighted to have her!

# Elves in Disguise 2011 Wish List

Scholarship funding is one thing that could make this year the most meaningful for those New Hope Foundation helps. This year's family has three members poised to attend college classes in the next 20 months. Donors who want to make the most lasting impact might consider that one semester hour of college can cost as little as \$35, that \$100 can pay for an entire college course, and that \$250 could pay for both the class and most of the required books. A \$1000 donation could send a scholar to college for an entire semester!

Use PayPal to make donations at [www.NewHopeFoundation.com](http://www.NewHopeFoundation.com) or send a check to New Hope Foundation, 6230 Stichter Ave, Dallas, TX 75230.

Other items needed include:

### NEW items (mostly personal items):

- bath rug sets
- towels
- shower curtains, rings, and rods
- toiletries, bath items
- first aid supplies
- mattresses
- linens (twin/queen/king)
- mattress protectors
- pillows
- cleaning tools and supplies
- pantry items
- dishes
- cookware
- flatware
- glasses
- utensils
- small appliances
- gift cards to Kroger and Walmart (the only stores within walking distance)
- gift cards to any store to be used by volunteers to complete the make-over (Bed Bath & Beyond, Walmart, Target, grocery stores, Best Buy, office supply, etc)
- batteries

### NEW or GENTLY USED items (mostly non-personal):

- mirrors (small or large wall-mounted)
- organizers/space savers
- white plastic hangers

- laundry basket
- laundry hamper
- furniture
- decorative bedding
- decor
- lamps
- rugs
- CD players and CDs (please remember to include remote)
- TV's (please remember to tape remote to item)
- all media players (please remember to include remote)
- computers, printers, software
- art
- curtains, window accents, blinds, hardware
- dish sets (for 5)
- cookware sets
- flatware sets
- glasses (sets only please)
- utensils
- small kitchen appliances (please try to provide user's manual)
- books
- picture frames/photo albums
- Christmas decor, home and tree
- Tools, craft items

### Specific to this family:

- gifts for 8 year old girl (children's size 12; adult 4 shoe; needs DISD school uniform for lower grades); likes pink, purple, yellow, and is fascinated by musicians.
- gifts for 9 year old girl (children's size 18; adult 6 shoe; needs DISD school uniform for lower grades); likes pink and purple, music, and nature, especially butterflies.
- gifts for 16 year old boy (size 46/30; 10 shoe; needs DISD school uniform for 11th grade); loves the color red, football, robotics, and graphic design/art.
- gifts for 18 year old girl (size 18/20, 10 shoe; no school uniform needed); loves sapphire blue, music, and helping others.
- gifts for single mother with interest in culinary arts (size 14/16; 9 shoe); loves family,

photos, cooking and entertaining.

### **Services:**

- Transportation and manpower to help get donated items from donors' homes to the Elves' storage prior to make-over
- Videographer/photographer
- Assistance with press releases, publicity, and arranging for special guest appearances
- Volunteer appreciation assistance (help feed the volunteers; gifts for volunteers)
- Suggestions and other offers greatly appreciated!

**New Hope Foundation** is a 501 3 C organization. Almost all donations for Elves in Disguise are tax deductible. Please email [suzi@thepetroffs.com](mailto:suzi@thepetroffs.com) to request a receipt or use the one from the Elves' workshop below.

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