



New Hope Foundation

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ELVES IN DISGUISE HELPS ANOTHER FAMILY IN NEED. Elves 2013 was a huge success, thanks to the kind and generous support of over 150 volunteers and donors. Check out the video and photos on our [website](http://www.NewHopeFoundation.com) if you haven't already. Leadership opportunities for Elves in Disguise 2014 are filling fast! Contact Suzi Petroff for information on how you and your friends and coworkers can adopt a room or a project.



HOMELESS FOR A NIGHT AT BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL. New Hope was honored to moderate Bishop Dunne Catholic School's "Homeless For a Night" for its third year recently. Several public speakers told stories about the circumstances that led to their own homelessness. They encouraged students to stay in school, stay off drugs, and to continue to build on their existing foundations. Following questions and answers, about 100 students braved unusually cold temperatures to spend the night outside in boxes. Bishop Dunne Catholic School donated proceeds from the event to the SoupMobile, a local charity that serves almost 200,000 meals a year to people in need.



Nearly 100 students gathered to hear four formerly homeless guest speakers describe their experiences living on the streets



Students build their sleeping quarters for the evening



Our four guest speakers

EASTER BASKETS FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN. New Hope Foundation is proud to have assisted Community Partners of Dallas with buying and distributing more than 2,000 Easter baskets for children who are victims of domestic violence or living in area homeless shelters.

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKETS. Last year, New Hope worked with the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Dallas to distribute more than 100 gift baskets to women in a battered women's shelter on Mother's Day. This year, thanks to participation from the Dallas Bar Association Community Involvement Committee and a growing list of generous individuals, we will triple that number. There is still time to donate. The women who will receive these baskets often quickly leave abusive situations with nothing. Our baskets are intended to provide the necessities - a reusable, shower-friendly basket full of useful items, including hotel-sized toiletries, pens and notepads, new wash cloths or plastic loofahs, small packs of tissue, new socks and under garments of all sizes, gently used reading materials, small gift items like bookmarks or puzzle books, inspirational materials, makeup samples, perfumes, and feminine hygiene products. We've even received T-shirts, reading glasses, and some jewelry. Those were bonuses we weren't expecting and are certain to bring smiles to some mom's faces during a very difficult time. We still need, so please be creative and don't hesitate to donate! Drop off donations at 6230 Stichter Avenue, Dallas, by Saturday morning, May 3, in the waterproof tub on the front porch. You may also donate online at NewHopeFoundation.com; volunteers will use all donations to purchase items still needed to complete 300 comforting Mother's Day baskets.



More than 2,000 age and gender specific Easter baskets were distributed to CPS case workers



We are accepting donations until Saturday, May 3

SCHOLARSHIPS & GARAGE SALES. A spontaneous February garage sale on a pretty day raised almost \$2,000, cleaned out the garage, and will go a long way toward the New Hope Foundation Scholarship Fund. Three garage sales in the past year have raised enough to send one lucky student to a private school for a full year, thanks to an offer to match. In the fall of 2014, NHF will sponsor its first ever private school student, a tradition we hope to continue through this student's high school diploma and possibly college.

On top of that, a former Elves in Disguise scholarship recipient has just informed New Hope that she will finish her second year at Prairie View A & M with a 3.7 GPA! She has found a new world of friends, has joined a sorority, and is eagerly looking forward to being the first person in her entire family to earn a bachelors degree.



MORE TO COME. We have more events planned for later this year and we will notify you of details here. There will be a Back to

School Supply Drive in August, the fourth annual 1000 Coats for Hope starting at the end of October, and of course, Elves in Disguise in December. Make sure we have your best email address for this newsletter - you can email Kip or sign up for our newsletter through our online contact form.