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TEMPORARY DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SHELTER AT THE EC. This year New Hope Foundation was honored to provide a temporary location for The Family Place domestic violence shelter when one of their service centers closed unexpectedly. Counselors and case workers saw more than 200 women and 300 children in crisis at our former crime scene/crack house this year! Here's an excerpt from the Family Place's letter of thanks: "The Family Place is grateful for the support of Reverend Flowers. When we needed to relocate one of our Southern Sector offices unexpectedly and suddenly, he graciously offered The Empowerment Center as a temporary location. This allowed us to continue providing counseling services to women and children who are impacted by domestic violence while we secured a permanent location. We extend our warmest thank you to Reverend Flowers for his support of our agency and our mission to empower victims of family violence to move from fear to safety." The Family Place has a new home now and things are back to "normal" at the EC again.

COATS FOR HOPE UPDATE. We did it again! Our "1000 Coats for Hope" Coat Drive was a big success and we met our goal once again. Thanks to all who donated to us this year!

ELVES IN DISGUISE IS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014. We are proud to announce another home makeover to a hard working family! Over the years, we have provided at least twenty life-altering makeovers, \$55,000 in scholarships, and countless hours of mentoring and self-improvement classes and events.

This year we are trying something new. Past makeovers have all been limited to a small section of low-income apartments, but because of construction in that area, this year's makeover will be a house! The landlord has been very cooperative and is pitching in on the makeover, as well.

The 2014 makeover recipient is a young mother of four. The children range in age from 5 to 9, and all love school, sports, and church. Their mother, age 28, is also devoted to church and keeping a happy and healthy home for her children. The girls, who all share a room, have asked for a princess room, and their brother would like a basketball themed area for himself.

Learning she had been selected to receive the makeover moved the entire family to tears. The mother admitted that she doesn't know what she wants. "For years I haven't had that luxury of thinking about what I want. It's always 'what do the kids need?' This is my chance to ask for something for me, but I can't think of anything because I've never been asked that question before!"

Behind that humility is a strength that comes from fighting for survival. One of her stories started out with the phrase, "Back when we were homeless..." She and her children were homeless before making this house their home four years ago.

As always, we have a wide range of volunteers contributing to this year's makeover, beginning with the family's church family, who will be completing the master bedroom makeover. Other volunteers include a number of Girl Scout troops, a real estate office, two mother/daughter teams, a Prayer and Outreach group, a roofing company, a design firm, a management company, and many, many

other volunteers who believe in the power of *new hope*. All will work together to transform a tiny Section 8 house into a stunning, stylish home in one very busy day. Learn more about this amazing event and see videos and photos from past Elves in Disguise makeovers at www.NewHopeFoundation.com.

Currently, teams have been assigned to all the rooms in the house. And while New Hope is working closely with the landlord, we do not want to impose our wishes onto his budget. Therefore, we are going to provide the following to help this year's family live in both comfort and style: bathroom sinks, bathroom countertops, multiple ceiling fans, a dining room chandelier or light fixture, carpeting, furniture, decor, clothing, gifts, televisions, and computers. As always, the family will be eligible to apply for scholarships from the New Hope Foundation Scholarship Fund, so cash donations are also appreciated. If you have something you want to donate but are not sure if it would be beneficial, feel free to ask. Email works best, and pictures are appreciated. Send inquiries to suzi@thepetroffs.com.

This year's Elves in Disguise Home Makeover will be **Thursday, December 18** in Lancaster, Texas. Watch our website for Elves in Disguise 2014 photos and videos on and shortly after Elves Day.

It's going to be an Elfin' Awesome event. Ho, Ho, Ho!!