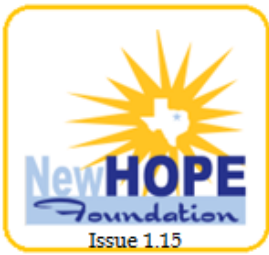


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Welcome to our newsletter and our charity. This will give you some information about our recent and upcoming events. Check out our website for more information. www.NewHopeFoundation.com

ELVES IN DISGUISE 2014 UPDATE. Elves in Disguise 2014 was one of the foundation's most challenging ever. It was the Elves' first house (normally the homes are apartments), which meant we no longer had our corporate connections or support from the City of Dallas. The City of Lancaster was not familiar with our program, and we were a little frustrated with their red tape (still not quite sure what a SUP is!). But we quickly convinced them, and the Elves were soon doing their thing in a whole new city, despite a somewhat shaky start. The family was checked into a hotel for four nights, and the makeover was underway!

Donations and goods began arriving from as far away as California, Colorado, Florida, New York, and Maryland, and as close as the neighbors across the street. And were they ever needed! The house, while sturdy, lacked working lights, ceiling fans, and many electrical outlets, making progress difficult. It took a crew 240 man hours doing electrical, carpet, tile, repairs, and painting to bring the home to a "clean slate" just in time for the Elves.

A hundred hard-working volunteers, representing a dozen teams, arrived around 9 AM on December 18. In perfect synchronization, they transformed the blank slates to stunning magazine-worthy rooms. By 4 PM, when the family returned for the Big Reveal, the home was unrecognizable!

But it was the tears of joy that will forever make this one of the best makeover events ever. Four years ago, the mother and her four children were homeless. She confessed that she felt like she was dead and needed to be born again. We believe the Elves' gift has had just such an impact. Today, she is enrolled in college on a New Hope scholarship and working steadily.

And the exhausted Elves have tucked their ears back under their pointy caps...until next time, that is!

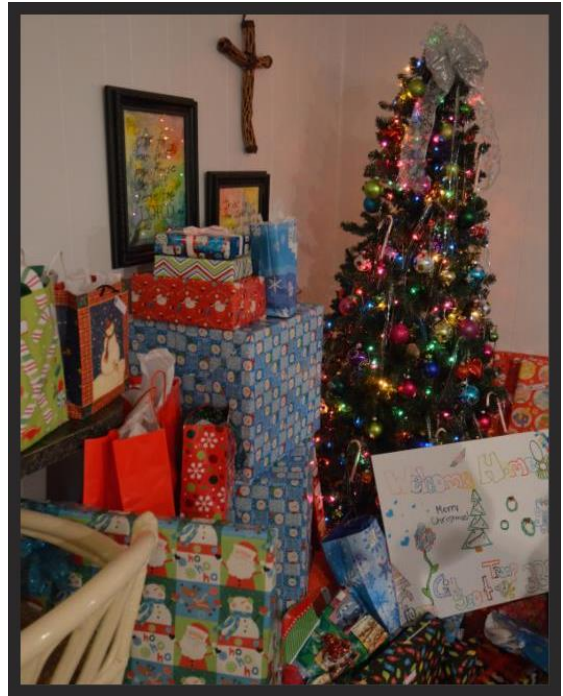
To see photos from this year's magical makeover, please visit our gallery at [Elves in Disguise 2014](#).



ELVES IN DISGUISE 2015 UPDATE. At the request of many Elves, who are all quite busy in December, this year's makeover has been moved up. In collaboration with the Dallas Bar Association's Community Involvement Committee, EID 2015 will fall on the Day of Service, **Saturday, October 24.**

Please think about a family or volunteer organization you might recommend for this amazing community service experience. Complete the [application](#) to nominate them, or have them complete it for self-nomination. An Elf nominated the 2014 makeover winner, and maybe someone you nominate will be next!

THE WORLD'S FASTEST APARTMENT MAKEOVER. In mid-January, an Elf learned of a friend who had recently left an abusive situation. She contacted New Hope Foundation, and within six hours, the woman and her two children were given access to everything needed to outfit an entire apartment. This particular makeover is a testament to the power of the Internet, Facebook in particular. A quick post about the woman garnered dozens of generous responses. And thanks to the original Elf friend, all items were picked up and delivered to the woman. An additional monetary donation (from even more Elves) will ensure this courageous recipient can continue her education! It was the fastest makeover ever, thanks to the power of the Internet!



MOTHER'S DAY GIFT BASKETS.

New Hope will distribute **gift baskets** to various women's shelters on Mother's Day for the third year. These baskets are each individually prepared with toiletries, hygiene kits, lotion, socks, shower shoes, gifts, and love. In association with the Notre Dame Alumni Club of Dallas and the Dallas Bar Association Community Involvement Committee, the goal is to collect 400 baskets. We challenge those "who have" to create 10, 20, or even 30 completed baskets for those who have so little on this special day. Your mom would be proud of you!

[Check out our photos from last year, and you will see how easy it is!](#)

