

New Hope Foundation

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November 2013

Our third annual 1000 Coats for Hope Coat Drive was a huge success!

Blessed with a beautiful, sunny day and a wonderful network of over 100 individual and company donations, we collected more than 1,500 coats and jackets this year. The donations came from as far away as Evergreen, Colorado, and as close as the Wynnewood apartments right next door to the Empowerment Center. Our website has photos and recognition of some of the many people, schools, civic groups, and companies who helped us exceed our 1,000 coat goal for the third year in a row. Our little charity collected enough coats to help more than 1,500 people keep warm this winter, and we are grateful to everyone who helped us this year.



New Hope Directors Johnny and Angela Flowers and Kip and Suzi Petroff



Coat Drive in Progress



Elves In Disguise

Our next annual Elves In Disguise apartment makeover will be on **Thursday, December 19, 2013**. This is our Main Event of charity projects every year. It involves a complete apartment makeover for a family currently living in subsidized housing in South Dallas. We started doing Elves In Disguise apartment makeovers in 2006 and we have done almost 20 of them so far.

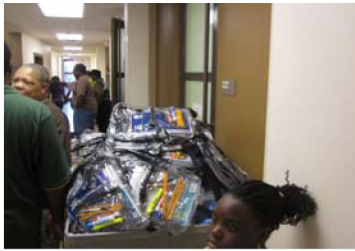
This year's applicants are all very deserving, but we are only awarding a complete makeover and scholarship to **one** family this year. Watch our [website](#) for Elves Updates as Elves Day 2013 approaches and check out our [photo gallery](#) for videos and photos from previous Elves In Disguise makeovers.

Our Seniors' Computer Literacy Program

began at the Empowerment Center in early September. We have ten newly renovated and fully operational computers in our computer lab thanks to community donations of computers and special thanks to Hood Network Solutions for bringing the computers up to standard. We also were blessed to have Marilyn A. Williams, M.Ed., M.S., Adjunct Professor of Information Technology at the Tarrant County Community College South Dallas Campus, volunteer to teach these classes. We are empowering people at the EC through technology!

2013 Calendar

- ☒ Kids Mentoring Kids
- ☒ Poverty Law Center – opened in February
- ☒ Mayor's March Against Violence
- ☒ Mother's Day Gift Baskets for battered women's shelter
- ☒ Bike Blessing at EC
- ☒ Homeless for a Night at Bishop Dunne High School
- ☒ AC and Fan Drive – 99 cooling units
- ☒ Elves' garage sale - raised \$700
- ☒ Back-To-School Supply Drive – August 24
- ☒ Seniors' Computer Literacy Program began at the EC in September
- ☒ Elves' g-sale #2 - September 13-14 - raised over \$5,000
- ☒ Coat Drive - Nov. 2 - 1,500 and counting
- ☐ Toy Drive - **December 14**
- ☐ Elves in Disguise - **December 19**



A bin full of school supplies



Neighbors waited in line for new school supplies

Our School Supply Drive Helped Hundreds

Our annual Back To School Supply Drive came right in time for many parents and families struggling to make ends meet this year. Sending the kids back to school can be difficult for parents without money, and it is sad and embarrassing for kids to go back to school with ragged, used, hand me down clothing and supplies. This

year, thanks to dozens of donations from individuals, civic groups and companies, we helped more kids than ever. Over 1,000 people passed through our Empowerment Center on School Supply Day in August. We passed out more than 350 brand new back packs and gave away thousands of other newly donated school items (including pens, pencils, paper, and hundreds of pieces of brand new clothing). What we did in that one day will help level the learning field for those we serve. See "[School Supply Drive a Huge Success](#)" on our website for more photos of this very important event.



At The Movies

We have two new short videos on our website. Both help explain our charity work. Check them out: "[The New Hope Foundation Story](#)" and "[Elves In Disguise 2012](#)".



Garage Sale

Despite temps in the high 90's, we had a very successful two day garage sale in September. Thanks to some Elves from the past and from some new Elves, we collected over \$5,000 from selling donated items. That money will be used for this year's remaining charity efforts. Thanks to all who donated time and/or goods to this *new* project!

Mother's Day at a battered women's shelter can be depressing. We brightened the day for 120 moms with gift baskets this year.