



# New Hope Foundation

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## ELVES IN DISGUISE - IN OCTOBER

Our Elves are huge fans of the Holidays, but they also have families and busy schedules. Sacrifice is inevitable when you are doing a December makeover, so we are never surprised to lose a treasured volunteer. That is why moving Elves in Disguise to **Saturday, October 24**, makes so much Elfin' sense!

And there's more great news! We are proud to announce that this year's recipient is the Duran Family. Mother, Judy, is 33 and suffers severe vision impairment due to glaucoma. Despite being legally blind, she has great goals: to complete her GED and become a masseuse - a career unaffected by her disability. She has found strength and purpose in her faith and in the support of her church family, attending services or study groups four times weekly. When her eyes allow, she enjoys extreme couponing and running a support group for families of incarceration.

Judy and her four children live in a two-bedroom apartment with only a toddler and twin bed; they mostly sleep on blankets laid out on the badly soiled carpet. Existing closet doors hang from broken hardware, but several are simply missing. The front door swings the wrong way, and only opens partially due to a wall, creating a severe safety and fire issue. Light switches dangle from wires, and the ceiling sags where the upstairs neighbor's plumbing saturated the sheetrock and ran onto the carpet. Judy and her children have become well versed in excuses and in repair language, and sadly, they've come to believe their safety and comfort are not priorities.



The carpet is soiled throughout the house. The family sits in uncomfortable kitchen chairs because they have no sofa and only a toddler bed and twin bed between five people.

But no job has ever proven too taxing for the Elves in Disguise; nor have we ever been so challenged on space. Compounded with Judy's disability, this year will be transformative for the Elves. There is much to be discovered,

and we are eager to take our first steps on this incredible journey! Stay tuned for photos and videos of this amazing home and lifestyle makeover.

## **2015 "ANNUAL REPORT"**

In the spring of 2015, we completed two "mini makeovers", providing young mothers with the basic necessities, self-empowerment, and new hope for a brighter future. We also collected 6000 toiletry items and assembled 400 Mother's Day gift baskets for local women's shelters, as well as helping several families with school supplies.

A past home makeover recipient received her nursing aid certification, while her daughter entered her senior year at Prairie View A&M; we currently have three other past recipients in some varying stage of higher education. And in the spirit of paying it forward, several past makeover recipients will help with this year's event.

## **WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT (again)**

We sincerely appreciate the generous support and kindness of the individuals and companies who make our projects possible. We only ask for donations once a year and because we have moved up our biggest event, we are asking for your support earlier than usual. There are three easy ways to make a tax-deductible donation:

1. Use Pay Pal; it takes about a minute. [Click here](#).
2. Write a check made payable to New Hope Foundation, P.O. Box 12663, Dallas, Texas 75225.
3. Ask us what we need for the makeover.

## **NO COAT DRIVE THIS YEAR - WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING NEW!**

One of the hardest things New Hope Foundation does (second only to asking for donations) is selecting the family for the makeover because it means saying no to others. This year we decided to skip the Coat Drive and instead focus on helping out the remaining applicants. For information on how you can help, or if your company or organization would like to adopt a family, contact us.

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