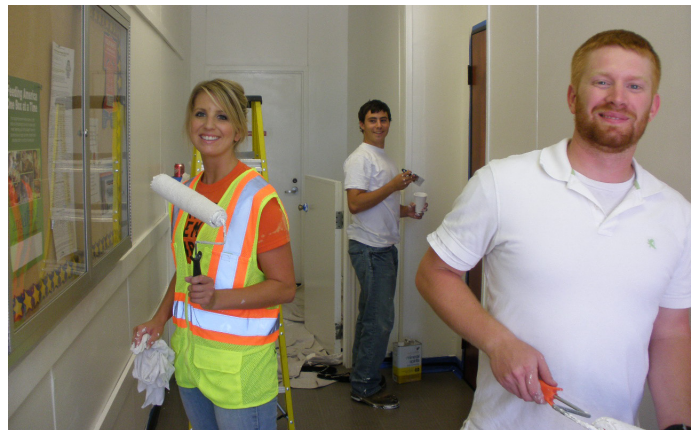


Kiewit, KSWRP MECC Green Light A Joint Venture

Kiewit, Mass Electric Construction Company (MECC) and KSWRP are doing far more than tearing up the north side of town, they are showing their support of the Irving community by donating \$50,000 to Irving Cares. KSWRP is the contractor building the DART Orange Line, the light rail system that will connect the Green Line in Dallas to North Irving. Kiewit is the lead on the joint venture project, and MECC is one of the project's major subcontractors. Kiewit and MECC matched the \$25,000 raised by the 2011 KSWRP Charity Golf Tournament in May which will go a long way in helping over 37,000 Irving residents who stopped by Irving Cares last year to request some temporary assistance with a financial crisis. Taking care of our community is a joint venture partnership!

Recently, KSWRP sent a team of volunteers to help paint the food pantry, too. These dynamic interns added their special touch with a hand painted copy of our logo on the food pantry wall; very nice job, indeed.

*Top right: Representatives from Kiewit, MECC, and Irving Cares Board of Directors at the presentation of a check to Executive Director Teddie Story.
Bottom right: KSWRP interns spruce up the paint inside Irving Cares offices.
Bottom left: Kiewit Painting Crew with Irving Cares Executive Director Teddie Story (right).*



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The menu is set, invitations are designed, auction items are rolling in ... and what we need now is YOU!

Join co-chairpersons Nancy and Chris Heckman on Friday, September 9. This year's theme is "East Meets West," and it's sure to be a memorable evening with great food and great friends.

You can bid on the fabulous Clements Family Christmas Candlelight Dinner, a sunset cruise on Eagle Mountain Lake, a relaxing one-week stay in New Mexico, a Crawfish Boil, rounds of golf, fantastic jewelry, luxurious fur coats, plus many other exciting items in the auctions. Witness a karate demonstration, savor the cuisine from our themed menu, and enjoy the views from the Grand Ballroom of Irving Convention Center at Las Colinas.

RSVP now for an e-vite by sending an email to Teddie Story at tstory@irvingcares.org. We will also publish a preliminary auction list if we have your email address.

Sponsorships are still available by contacting Kimberly Humphries, Development Director at khumphries@irvingcares.org or 972-721-9181 x 202. Those interested in serving on the Steering Committee should contact Teddie Story, Executive Director at tstory@irvingcares.org or 972-721-9181 x 203.

Thank you to those early sponsors who have already made their commitment to our success. Due to their generosity and early action, all the proceeds earned during the event will go directly toward the mission of Irving Cares.



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BNSF Railway Shows Support

BNSF Railway recently donated \$5,000 to purchase food pantry items. Irving Cares Board President Yolanda Carroll, Director – Marketing Interface & Development at BNSF Railway, presented the check to executive director Teddie Story.

The Food Pantry at Irving Cares provides nutritionally-balanced grocery orders for an average of 607 families per month, a 13% increase over last year. Our longstanding goal is that 50% of the food distributed is donated by the community; however, only 30% was donated last year. This gift will help us meet that need for Irving families.

Yolanda Carroll and Teddie Story



Citi Awards \$15,000 to Irving Cares Employment Services Program

Jobs Search Seminars address how to complete job applications, prepare resumes, dress for and participate in interviews, and search for employment opportunities using a variety of resources. Individual case management appointments identify and eliminate barriers to employment, provide counseling and coaching, and enable the case manager to provide specific client-appropriate job leads. This program can also provide limited support to the newly-employed until the first



paycheck arrives. The support might be in the form of transportation assistance, childcare tuition, GED testing fees or educational stipends, and referrals to other Irving Cares programs that provide groceries, limited rent, mortgage or utility financial assistance.

Unemployment exacerbates the problems of the poor. Individuals experiencing a job crisis often also have educational shortfalls, esteem issues, or language barriers that limit their options. The Case Manager encourages education and training to promote self-sufficiency.

In part with this grant from Citi, Employment Services clients are able to address issues, regain self-confidence, and are encouraged as they strive for success in obtaining a job.

Tom Thumb Community Bucks

Coming in September

If you spend a minimum of \$50.00 at your local Tom Thumb between September 1 and September 30, you'll receive a Community Buck. Collect as many as you can and mail them to Irving Cares at P O Box 177425; Irving, TX 75017-7425. We receive \$1 for every Community Buck in the form of a Tom Thumb Gift Card.

Link your Tom Thumb Rewards Card - the Irving Cares number is 1012

We receive benefits every time you shop.

Call Leigh Eitson for information at 972-721-9181, and find the application Rewards online at http://shop.safeway.com/corporate/tomthumb/gn_dallas.pdf.

Kroger Plus and Irving Cares

Do you shop at Kroger? If so – link your KrogerPlus Card to Irving Cares

- Take this newsletter to your Kroger store
- Present this newsletter with the Irving Cares barcode to your cashier.

Once your card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active through April

30, 2012.

Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled KrogerPlus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases.

Irving Cares will earn a percentage of \$1 million donated nationwide.



Anna Wilkins Retirement Party

After 15 years of serving her neighbors in need, Anna Wilkins retired as Senior Case Manager. A celebration of her career was held June 2 in the conference room at Irving Cares. Friends from the Urban League, Brighter Tomorrows, TXU Energy, the City of Irving, South MacArthur Church of Christ, volunteers and co-workers all enjoyed the beautiful decorations and wonderful food and drink. The working hands of Cindy Alleman, Susie FitzGerald, Glenda May, Charlotte Callahan, and Patti Huson made the event possible.

Anna is enjoying her retirement with husband, Charles, and dog/child Ginger, at Holly Lake Ranch in East Texas. We miss her and wish her a great time!



Left: Friends from South MacArthur Church of Christ. Above: Anna with Allison Sharpe from Brighter Tomorrows. Top right: Anna with Kim Campbell of TXU Energy. Bottom right: Anna with Erma Vaughn from Urban League of Greater Dallas.



TXU Energy Aid Partnership

Irving Cares is proud to be an original TXU Energy Aid partner. For the last 28 years



we have administered the donations from TXU Energy customers in Irving ZIP codes to help Irving residents in need of assistance in paying their TXU Energy bills. Because TXU Energy has matched those donations 5:1 since 2004, we have been able to increase the number of families served and the amount of assistance each family receives. At current funding levels, we are able to assist an average 25 families a month with up to \$600 per family.

Families and individuals like the Hernandez family; husband and wife are long time Irving residents. Mr. Hernandez has been working the same job as a waiter in an Irving hotel for 23 years. He

recently fell and broke his arm in four places making it impossible to work. Although he was receiving short term disability payments, it was a drastically reduced income. When he was referred to Irving Cares for utility assistance, TXU Energy Aid was available.

Another Irving neighbor, Mr. Jones, originally came to Irving Cares in 2003 seeking employment assistance. Still employed for over seven years now, he was shocked when his TXU bill from the winter storms arrived this spring. Mr. Jones found himself once again referred to Irving Cares. Along with a Money Management course, he and his roommate also learned some ways to reduce future bills from the 'energy saving tips' brochure they received. Our



Energy Assistance can come in other forms. Pat Stubblefield of TXU Energy Aid boosted the energy of Irving Cares case managers, Mary Cortes and Anna Wilkins (retired), when she dropped off some delicious cupcakes this spring!

strong partnership with TXU Energy helps hundreds of Irving residents all year long. TXU Energy customers in Irving, we thank you for making your contributions to this effort via your donation to TXU Energy Aid on the back of your TXU Energy bill. It all adds up, and with a generous corporate match, it makes a huge difference.

Irving Cares Welcomes New Staff Member



Bev Wilborn joins the agency as a Degreed Case Manager in the Emergency Assistance Program. In this position, Bev will interview clients to determine how our programs for Financial Assistance, Food Pantry, and information and referral can help them through their temporary crisis.

A native of Louisiana, Bev has delivered social services in Irving for 19 years. She and her husband live in Mansfield with their two daughters. Bev received her Masters Science in Social Work degree from University of Texas at Arlington.

Exxon Summer Intern Wraps Up His Experience

This summer, ExxonMobil sponsored the 21st annual Community Summer Jobs Program.



With the administrative assistance of the Volunteer Center of North Texas, ExxonMobil provided grants in the amount of \$2,750 to 60 local nonprofit agencies including Irving Cares. These grants enable nonprofits to hire college interns for the summer to assist in providing essential services to the community.

Austin Christenberry, a major in Mathematics at Baylor University in Waco, was hired to assist in the Employment Services program. Austin was raised in Irving and graduated from Nimitz High School. He helped clients with job searches and resumes, conducted the job search seminar and learned about employment resources in the community.

Irving Cares enjoyed a wonderful summer of Austin's help.

When I was looking for an internship this summer, I searched for jobs in which my education as an Applied Mathematics major would be relevant. Employment Services Case Worker was not one of them; however, I decided to take a chance and delve into the non-profit world (of which I knew nothing about) by taking a position with Irving Cares. Now, as I am sadly coming to the end of my eight-week internship, I know that I couldn't have made a better decision.

As an intern with Irving Cares, all my work revolved around helping clients—finding job leads, running a Job Search Seminar, revising résumés, providing bus passes, and more. Sometimes working with clients could be difficult, especially when I wasn't able to provide them with anything but a couple of referrals. For the most part, however, talking to clients was my favorite part of my internship—I got to listen to fascinating tales, sometimes tragic, sometimes uplifting, and sometimes bizarre. What I liked most about working with clients was not simply providing them with resources for whatever temporary need they had at the time, but also providing them with the tools and information to overcome their barriers on their own. It feels nice to give someone a list of job leads, but it feels much more rewarding to show someone how to do his or her own job search.

Before this summer, I had no idea what I wanted to do after I graduate from college.



Austin Christenberry, CSJP Intern in Employment Services

I still don't know what I want to do, but I do know that I want to continue to be involved in a non-profit agency in some way, either as an employee, volunteer, board member, or donor. This internship has been immensely valuable to me, and I never expected it to affect me as much as it has. Some might not understand my decision to intern in Social Services when I'm majoring in math, but I say it has given me a truly well-rounded college experience that will be truly beneficial entering the "real world." I am so grateful I decided to apply to Irving Cares, and I'll be able to go back for my last year of college with a new outlook on Social Services, an improved set of skills, and a hundred good stories to tell.

Mark Your Calendar for North Texas Giving Day

On September 15, 2011, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Irving Cares is once again taking part in Get Up and Give! North Texas Giving Day. Every donation above \$25 will be matched if you donate to us through www.donorbridgetx.org, North Texas' online resource that connects donors with nonprofit organizations like us.

Please visit the site anytime between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. on September 15, search for Irving Cares and click "Donate Now." Your donation will go a long way in helping us serve over 37,000 Irving residents. Plus, every dollar given that day will receive a portion of \$500,000+ in matching funds – making your dollar go further.

To avoid the busiest times on the site, visit and donate during off-hours, 10-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m.

Just remember to get up and give--whether out of bed, from your desk, or off your couch, just give! Please do not hesitate to contact Kimberly Humphries if you have any questions.

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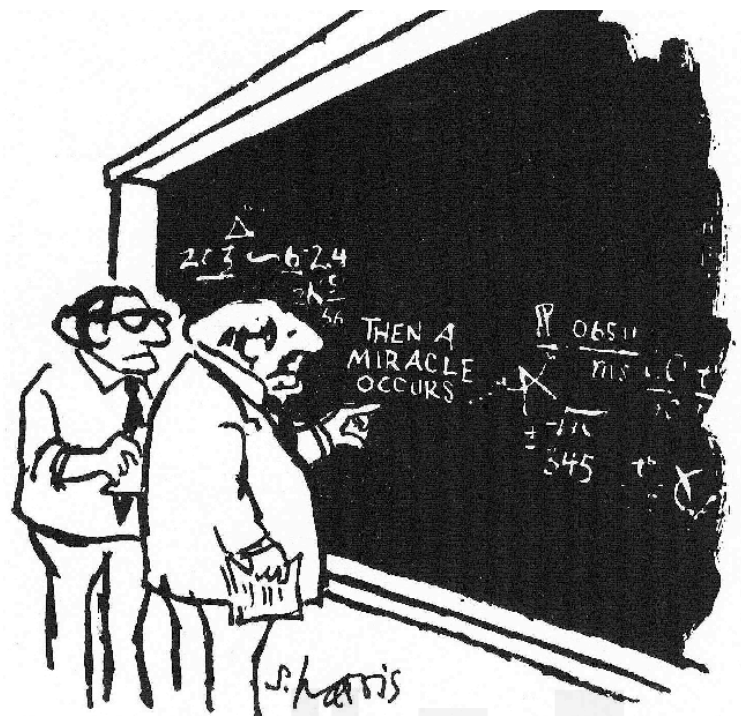
Matching Gifts Increase Impact

Volunteers make all the difference at Irving Cares.

There is simply no way that 11 staff members could possibly help 37,000 people in one year. Our success is built on the strength of the treasure and talents you share.

One way you can increase your support is to participate in your employer's (or former employer's) giving program. Companies like Exxon Mobil Corporation, Bank of America, BNSF Railway, Microsoft, Fluor Corporation, Insperity and others makes gifts to Irving Cares when you, the volunteer, notify them of your time donated or gifts made. Irving Cares verifies your donations, and then we are blessed again when their program makes the corporate matching gift!

For example, over \$8,000 came from ExxonMobil Foundation for volunteers who donated their time last year. It's like the miracle that occurs in Sidney Harris's cartoon. If you have questions or need help, I can be more explicit...contact Kimberly at khumphries@irvingcares.org.



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."

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Nissan Motor Acceptance Fantastic Fan Drive

Melissa Baker of Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation coordinated the event which collected 75 fans to help steamy Irving residents "Beat the Heat" this summer.

Constable Roy Williams, Jr., Lt. Mark Edwards, and Chief Clerk Deatrice Kirk of Dallas County Constable Office

Precinct 4 helped deliver fans to Irving Cares.

"When temperatures soar, circulated air helps provides relief. Our clients are most thankful for this donation of fans," said Irving Cares Executive Director Teddie Story.



Lt. Mark Edwards, Chief Clerk Deatrice Kirk, Melissa Baker.



Melissa Baker of Nissan Motor Acceptance Corporation.

Leaps of Faith

Irving Cares is proud to have 15 unique faith organizations making regular donations of cash toward our community based mission so far this year!

Over 32,000 pounds of the donated products like vegetables, meats, stews and soups, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce with meat, even some of the mac-n-cheese, came from our faithful faith community in service to hungry neighbors.

The annual goal for the food pantry is to raise 50% of the needed goods through food drives and donations. This



place to live in during good times and lean times. Thanks for your help!

has been a huge challenge in the current economy when so many donors have become clients over the last couple of years. But, it's getting better. Everyone pitching in makes our community a great

CVS Caremark Community Grant

Irving Cares received a \$1,500 CVS Caremark Community Grant for the Patient Transportation Program. Through an application process, grants are awarded to organizations that share a common interest with CVS Caremark of making health services affordable and easy to access. Our program picks people up at their homes and provides door-to-door transportation to medical appointments.

By providing free, reliable transportation for very low to moderate-income Irving residents, the Patient Transportation Program eliminates unnecessary exposure to local emergency rooms, 911 calls, and costly ambulance services for the healthcare needs of the population it serves. For some residents with low and fixed incomes, the regular purchase of bus passes is a cost-prohibitive expense. For our most elderly and frail clients,

the walk to the bus stop, or from the bus to their destination, is physically unmanageable.

Users consistently say participation in the Patient Transportation Program makes it easier to live with a chronic condition such as diabetes, cancer or high blood pressure. Ultimately, individuals will get healthier and remain healthier as a result of having access to healthcare.

Volunteer Spotlight

Meet the Wednesday morning Employment Services volunteer crew. As Employment Services volunteers, they assist with the Job Search Seminar and various administrative duties every Wednesday morning from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. They are also available to assist clients with resume writing and online job searches.

"I enjoy interaction with office staff and clients," says **Carolyn Richey**. Carolyn is a native Oklahoman who has lived in Irving for 48 years. She retired from National Default Exchange, L.P. Her other volunteer experiences include charitable opportunities through her previous employer. Carolyn enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, book club, and sewing.

Originally from Texas, **Shirley Roycroft** has been a resident of Irving since 1960. When asked what she enjoys about volunteering, she replied, "helping people find work." Shirley eventually retired from Goodson Acura, after working for 26 years in the Personnel Department at Central Freight. She attends the Unity Church of Irving, and enjoys sewing, knitting, and crocheting.



Carolyn Richey, Shirley Roycroft, Kyle Taylor, Mary Pat Czajkowski

Another Texan, **Kyle Taylor**, has lived in Irving for 45 years. He enjoys teaching the Job Search Seminar. Kyle finds that "just helping other people" is the most rewarding part of his volunteer experience. His other volunteer experience includes Children's Miracle Network, Habitat for Humanity, and Special Olympics. He also enjoys reading and spending time with his kids.

Mary Pat Czajkowski is a native of Washington, D. C., as well as a 10 year resident of Irving. Mary Pat finds that "working with the great and dedicated people at Irving Cares" is the most rewarding part of her volunteer experience. She has also volunteered at many school activities, and running is one of her favorite hobbies.

"The Employment Services program relies heavily on volunteers, as we have only one paid staff member in the program. Were it not for

these dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to reach as many clients as we do, ultimately helping them find a job that will sustain their families," said Teddie Story, Irving Cares Executive Director.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Leigh Eitson, Coordinator of Volunteers, at 972-721-9181 X209 or leitson@irvingcares.org.



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