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We want to be sure you continue to know what is happening at TEAM! Please feel free to share any sections of this newsletter with your congregation in your church newsletter and/or bulletin you so choose. Please also help us by forwarding this email to others in your church who would be interested and let me know if this should go to others on an ongoing basis.

Celebrate!!!

April 14th was a momentous occasion in the life of TEAM. For the *first time* in 33 years of serving Tomball, TEAM had a fundraiser. And it was marvelous! I'd like to share some of the highlights with you, and thank those whose dedication and contributions made it happen.

Our event, "In the HEART of Tomball", was held at the new Rosehill Collection Event Hall. We had a packed house, and a lively, fun crowd. And with Bruce Hillegeist as our MC, there was never a dull moment. What a wonderful celebration of all that TEAM does in and for our community!



Our guest speakers were two former TEAM clients who shared their personal journeys with TEAM...and beyond. Maggie Mendoza with Lone Star College, who is now working on her PhD(!), told the story of how her family received help from TEAM when she was young, helping their young family over some rough spots.

Maggie now heads up the Lone Star College Center for Leadership, Academic and Student Success (CLASS) program, and is partnering with TEAM to help direct young people who are struggling with a career path.

Reverend Vincent Piper, senior pastor of Household of Faith and Forgiveness Church in Tomball, also shared his special connection with TEAM: when he and his family were young and struggling to make ends meet. We helped out with food regularly, with bills occasionally, and provided toys at Christmas for the children. Today he is the bi-vocational pastor of a growing church, which is now one of our supporting churches; and his wife, Jackie, serves on our Board of Directors.

What great examples of hardworking, solid citizens whose families went through hard times, and simply needed a temporary hand UP. And they are not so different from the majority of those we help today. In fact, 88% of all those we assist are either employed (albeit *underemployed*), retired or disabled and on fixed incomes, or going through tough times, just like Maggie's and Vincent's families.

Another highlight of the evening was the Student Council kids from Tomball High School who did a fantastic job of helping us set up and serve meals to our guests. What a joy and encouragement to see young people sacrificing their Saturday night (!) and working hard with such cheerful, servant hearts. We also had a wonderful turnout from many of our supporting churches.



And BIG THANK YOUS go to our wonderful committee for making it all happen! Most of them already serve as TEAM volunteers. But on top of that, they gave hundreds of hours of *overtime* to make it happen.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention how grateful we are to our generous Live and Silent Auction donors, and to our Sponsors. You will probably recognize most of our sponsors' names, as most have been a part of Tomball for a very long time. There's one in particular, though, that you may *not* recognize. And that's the new Honda of Tomball. They are so new to the community that they haven't even completed their facility. And yet, they provided our largest sponsorship of \$10,000!



To see many more pictures, please click on this link: teamtomball.com/2018-fundraiser

We are so grateful to all our sponsors and donors:

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Final results are not compiled yet, but the current gross from the Fundraiser is over \$69,000! TEAM is basking in the generosity of our community and the willingness of so many to support the needs of others in Tomball. And please see the next item, below, for more good news! The theme of our fundraiser was “**TEAM: In the HEART of Tomball**”, and our guests, sponsors, and donors certainly showed us that TEAM certainly is in *their* hearts. We hope you will keep TEAM in *your* heart, as well!

With gratitude,
Becky Loving, Executive Director, TEAM

TEAM is grateful for these additional donations:

Out of the spirit of TEAM's fundraiser:

- **Resale with a Purpose:** An ENORMOUS thank you to Resale with a Purpose, who attended TEAM's Fundraiser and then, towards the end of the evening, asked for a bit of time to come on stage.... where

they surprised Becky, our Executive Director, and the whole crowd by presenting a check to TEAM for \$12,500.00 (*not* included in the fundraiser total, above). Wow!

- **Honda of Tomball:** Lenny Gonzales, the new Managing Partner of Honda of Tomball, participated in the Fundraiser and heard the “Fund-a-Need” call for donations to TEAM for a box truck to enable TEAM to pick-up furniture and other heavy items being donated to TEAM for its Resale Shop. He and his management approached TEAM after the Fundraiser to offer to give us a really good deal on the purchase of a used box truck from their dealership, one that is in very good condition! What a spectacular way to use the “Fund-a-Need donations!

The Tomball Benevolence Network is off and running!

We hope you had an opportunity to read the Community Impact article on the Tomball Benevolence Network (TBN) in the April 5th edition! This article was also posted on the Community Impact Tomball-Magnolia website on March 28th. Resulting from this exposure, TBN has become more well known within the Tomball community.

Several more automotive repair businesses joined the network to provide pro bono labor service to clients, and we welcome Real Life Ministries as an official TBN partner church. We also want to recognize Covenant UMC as a TBN partner church, as they have served as a prime example on connecting resources with those in need.

At their request, a meeting was held with Dr. Benson Irungu and Dr. Mon-Ju Wu, Research Associates, from UTHealth, Dept of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. As part of a research grant through the National Science Foundation, they are interviewing physicians, nurses, non-profits, case managers, social workers and human/health services across Texas and around the country regarding the needs of people with chronic illnesses and available local support systems. Three main problem areas they see include transportation, housing and medications. As we shared about TEAM and TBN, they were extremely impressed with how TEAM is tackling these needs in Tomball. **In fact, their comment was that we were the best non-profit organization in helping people in need that they had seen to date!**

Caseworkers enjoyed an informational meeting at Harris County Precinct 4 on March 28th. Directors from the Domestic Relations Office, the Harris County Community Services Department, and the Dispute Resolution Center shared very useful information that will readily assist TEAM caseworkers as they work through issues with clients. We are grateful for Precinct 4’s willingness and assistance in helping TEAM meet the growing needs of Tomball!

As you can see, TBN has emerged from the planning stages and is now ‘up and running.’ Church leaders, please contact Karen Guiles at karen.guiles@teamtomball.com to schedule a time to learn how your church can become involved in this important ministry. Karen has a desire to meet as quickly as possible with all churches in the Tomball area. If you don’t reach out to her, at some point she will reach out to you as her schedule allows. TBN is not only a blessing to those in need, but also is available to TEAM supporting church members who find themselves in need of assistance. Our goal with TBN is to serve our community as a TEAM effort!

Ministry occurs all over at TEAM: We want to regularly share stories of people helping people at TEAM

On February 20, 2018 a young lady came to TEAM and asked, “Who is Delton?” Then she looked at my name tag and said, “Okay, I heard that I can receive prayer here.” I looked at her and said, “yes, of course we will pray for you.” I called for Johnny Taylor /Team Volunteer. Johnny came and we began to pray for her. The Holy Spirit shared with us the heaviness that was on her heart and instructed us on the words to say. Her heart was so heavy. As we prayed, God touched this young lady’s heart and she was broken in His Presence. We led her

in a confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and she prayed the Sinner's Prayer of Repentance. Right at that moment she surrendered all and gave her life totally over to Christ.

On February 22, 2018, a different lady came to the ministry. She donates often and this time she came and said, Delton, what happened to my sister?" She went to church with us on Wednesday and God's presence was all over her. She said her sister had not been to church in over 20 years. This precious sister began to weep before the Lord and just give God the glory.

In His Service,
Pastor Delton Stewart
TEAM Warehouse Manager

GOOD EATS: SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM FOR KIDS

Since there are no free or reduced breakfasts or lunches during summer break for our Tomball children, TEAM and Tomball ISD have developed a program to support the children receiving these meals during the school year. Please help us keep our kids healthy and ready to learn when they return to school in the fall. School's not out until late May, but we need to stock the Food Pantry up now to be ready when it is. Thanks for your help!

LIST OF KID FRIENDLY FOOD Needed This Month:

JELLY for peanut butter and jelly sandwiches (we've already got the peanut butter, but you've just *gotta* have it with jelly!)

CANNED MEATS: Potted ham, tuna, Vienna sausage

CANNED OR MICROWAVE MEALS: Stew, Soup

CEREAL OR MICROWAVE OATMEAL

HEALTHY SNACKS: Protein bars, juice boxes, Sunchips, peanut butter crackers

Follow us on social media:    when you see posts from TEAM, please like and share! And check our recently revamped website: <http://www.teamtomball.com/>

Many churches deliver to TEAM non-perishable food collected from their congregation. Please consider having a food drive if you don't currently. Here is information you can use for your Newsletter/Bulletin/church communication timed with your next food collection:

TEAM In-Gathering

[insert date of your drive], is our next TEAM in-gathering. Please remember to bring some non-perishable food items for our collection in support of TEAM's (Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministry) food pantry. Especially needed at this time are crackers, soups, flour, and freezer quart ziplock bags. Always appreciated: plastic and paper grocery bags! And now throughout the summer help supply the Good Eats program for Tomball school kids in need with breakfast and lunch items for kids,

Thank you for your generous support to those families in our community currently suffering food loss from the floods, food scarcity and other hardship. Your help makes a difference, especially at this holiday time!

These Special Volunteers are still needed:

TEAM is looking for individuals to fill these special volunteer leadership positions:

Public Relations Manager

This individual will be responsible for developing and maintaining the public image of TEAM. This will involve promoting and issuing press releases, overseeing digital marketing, coordinating fundraising initiatives, attending community meetings and functions, and promoting TEAM's mission and programs within Tomball. Experience is preferred. Please contact Becky Loving at becky.loving@teamtomball.com or 832-221-6572.

Marketing Manager for Resale Operation

This individual will provide expertise in retail sales of clothing, furniture, housewares, and toys to support the TEAM Resale Shop.

Experience in pricing, display, promotions, etc. needed. Please contact Jim Gattis at retiredjim@earthlink.net or 713-248-4809

Fundraiser(s)

The individual(s) will plan and assist in the implementation of fundraising initiatives both large and small that can include one-time and annual events; will be able to develop good working relationships with other volunteers, staff, and board members; will be creative, dependable, adaptable, organized, and have the ability to think outside the box. Experience with social media preferred. Time requirement will vary depending upon project(s). Please contact Becky Loving at becky.loving@teamtomball.com or 832-221-6572.

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A big THANK YOU to every one of you! We appreciate your being one of TEAM's backers and for all you do to support TEAM in our community!

Please let us know at TEAM if you have questions about our ministry services or if you have needs we could support. You can contact TEAM at 281-255-6967 or visit our website at <http://www.teamtomball.com>.

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