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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 organization or friends and to publish any portion(s) that you wish. Please also help us by forwarding this email to others who would be interested and let me know if this should go to others on an ongoing basis.



A BOATLOAD of thanks!

It's for the Children...and the Parents!

Summer can be a difficult time for kids who open the door to their pantry or refrigerator to find there's nothing there. During the school year, hundreds of TISD students receive free or reduced breakfasts and lunches. But that all stops during the summer, either giving families the extra burden of a much higher food bill, or leaving their children to do without. With your donations of kid-friendly food, TEAM has filled the gap with the *Good Eats Program* by providing nutritious, kid-friendly food every two weeks to 242 kids from 94 families with school age children until school starts again 8/21. And with the generous donations of school supplies from our community, we have also been able to relieve parents' pocketbooks with the rising cost of school supplies. Our thank you for helping TEAM make this happen!

A Box Truck!

As a result of our recent fundraiser we were able to purchase a pre-owned box truck! We are so excited to now be able to pick up donations, especially of furniture, from donors who are unable to deliver them to TEAM. This will increase our store revenue, which will mean increased revenue for the ministry! Thank you to all who attended and who helped organize the fundraiser!

Tables & Tacos

Maggie Harden, a THS teacher, has joined forces with TEAM every Tuesday and Thursday to provide a welcome relief to our clients who wait in long lines for TEAM to open. Often they wait in the heat, cold, and rain – sometimes for over an hour. We are so grateful for Maggie's God-inspired idea to set up tables and chairs for our waiting clients. But what's even better are the prayers, friendship, Bibles, and even breakfast

tacos(!) they provide. It has become a sweet hour of ministry in front of The Ministry for 15-20 waiting clients needing a special measure of the hope and encouragement of Christ and their community.



We invite you to stop by between 9:00-10:00 any Tuesday or Thursday and join the group! When Maggie starts back to school, the group will continue providing prayer, food, and blessings to our folks before our doors open. And then they'll come inside and get blessed some more!

With gratitude for all you do,
Becky Loving, Executive Director, TEAM

Come join a Tomball Prayer Walk September 22, 2018!

Please pass the word along! Iglesia Taller del Alfarero is hosting a Prayer Walk in Tomball Saturday, September 22, 2018. It will start at Tomball Intermediate School at 9:00 am and conclude at the gazebo at the Tomball

Depot. They have invited everyone to join them, including all of us reading this newsletter. If you have questions, please contact Celia Hernandez at 281-802-0214.

The Tomball Benevolence Network continues to widen as community connections are made.

- TBN welcomes the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd as a partner!
- A meeting was held with Communities in Schools (CIS) of Houston at Lone Star College. CIS is focused on social services and mental health for students, and TEAM will provide food and financial assistance as needed. TEAM gained additional knowledge on Lone Star resources.
- Cypress Creek Hospital, a psychiatric hospital with in-patient and out-patient programs, is now a partner of TBN.
- A “Hand Up” Committee is developing a program to help TEAM clients who desire to “move ahead” in their life. A Client Job Survey is underway at TEAM to determine the clients who are unemployed but want to work, and how many of those are interested in a career path versus just finding a job. This program will encompass education, job resources, personal development, etc. to guide our clients to success.
- More meetings are in the works with community leaders and businesses, as well as churches, so stay tuned. A lot is churning “behind the scenes” of TBN! If you’re ready to learn more, contact Karen Guiles at karen.guiles@teamtomball.com or cell/517.648.4159.

Karen Guiles, TBN Community Liaison

TEAM is so grateful for support from these generous people:

- **Stewart Title ,Tomball Bible Church, and Woodmen Life :** School supplies can take a huge bite out of a family’s budget, especially if the family has more than one school age child. Recognizing this, Stewart Title donated school supplies, Tomball Bible Church donated \$1,000 for TEAM to purchase more and Woodmen Life donated school supplies and backpacks. These gifts have made a huge difference to TEAM’s clients! Many packages have already gone to clients; here’s a small sample of the school supplies waiting for pick-up at TEAM, thanks to these generous donations!



- **The kids at Southwinds Baptist Church:** A HUGE thank you to the kids' Sunday School classes at Southwinds Baptist Church. They held a drive collecting pennies and have just donated \$1,156.00 (Southwinds thoughtfully provided a check, not the pennies) to TEAM to support client financial needs. What a terrific effort by these thoughtful kids!
- **Resale with a Purpose:** On August 14, 2018, Resale with a Purpose's Board members Bruce Hillegeist, President of the Tomball Chamber of Commerce and Brett Bortnem, Salem Lutheran's Executive Pastor came to TEAM to present a check for \$7,500.00 to a very grateful group of TEAM staff and volunteers. This donation will enable TEAM to provide more financial assistance to our clients needing help with rent, utilities, transportation, and medical payments.



- **Marsha Soderberg:** Marsha learned that TEAM could really use a projector: for training caseworkers, sharing TEAM programs in the community, and presenting ideas at TEAM department meetings, etc., etc. She had a gently used high-end projector available and recently donated it to TEAM. Thanks!
- **Junior Guild members:** Recently, these members of the Junior Guild volunteered at TEAM and made a huge difference by organizing, straightening, and arranging the books in our Resale Shop. A super contribution, well done!



- **Volunteers!** It takes a lot of volunteers to pull off a big sale event like the August 3-4 weekend's Back To School Blowout. Thank you to the NCL Wildflowers, Belles, and Cy-Creek volunteers (and others), who helped to make our sale a big success!



- **An anonymous donor:** An anonymous donor heard recently about the challenges many TEAM clients have in finding transportation to doctors appointments, jobs, school, etc. when they either don't have a vehicle or their vehicle needs repair or fuel and donated \$1,000.00 to provide more gas cards, Uber, Lyft, or taxi rides, and vehicle repairs for TEAM's clients.

- **Sharing books with TOMAGWA:** At TEAM’s Resale Shop, we've recently been blessed with an abundance of donated children's books. Roberta (left), a TEAM volunteer, came up with the idea of sharing our extra books with TOMAGWA HealthCare Ministries, a TBN partner. She met AnaRosa (right), TOMAGWA’s volunteer coordinator, and they loaded the shelves with books for children who come with their parents to TOMAGWA for assistance.



Please meet Debby Miles, one of TEAM’s caseworkers

Debby is a longtime volunteer with TEAM, serving in our Assistance Ministry. We are so thankful for her commitment and dedication to TEAM and our community - and we'd like you to learn a bit more about her. Please find a recent interview with her posted here on TEAM’s website: teamtomball.com/meet-caseworker

How about holding a TEAM food drive in your organization: Many churches and organizations deliver to TEAM non-perishable food collected during regular or occasional food drives. Please consider having **one** if you don’t currently. Here are items TEAM particularly needs now: crackers, soup, and laundry soap (liquid or powder), and always appreciated: paper and plastic grocery bags!

Volunteer Corner - 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

Caseworkers

Additional caseworkers are needed in the Assistance Ministry area; being bilingual is a plus! After a period of training, caseworkers will work with clients to assess their needs and provide food, clothing, financial, and other assistance to them. Caseworkers volunteer one or more days a week. Please contact Becky Loving at becky.loving@teamtomball.com or 832-221-6572.

Resale Shop Cashiers and sales floor personnel

Additional cashiers and sales floor personnel are needed in the Resale Shop to ensure good shopping experiences for our customers. Any needed training is provided. Please contact Sandi Sollinger at sksollinger@yahoo.com or 713-419-1049.

Grant Writer

This individual will research grant application opportunities and assist in developing the grant application and related materials. Please contact Becky Loving at becky.loving@teamtomball.com or 832-221-6572.

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Community Events now available on the TEAM website!

Is your church or organization hosting an event that is open to the community? You can now include the TEAM website in your promotional activities! Here's the link to see events currently posted and to find a link for sharing your event: <https://teamtomball.com/community-events>

Want to save even more money at TEAM's Resale Shop?

There are always wonderful deals at TEAM's Resale Shop; but here is information on how to save even more money. You can sign-up online to get advance notice of sales and promotions!

NEVER MISS A SALE



Sign up to receive emails about upcoming sales at TEAM's Resale Shop, and we'll send you a 25% off coupon in your first email.

Sign up at teamtomball.com/resale-shop

Shop at Amazon, Kroger and Randalls and help TEAM!

Please pass the word on: TEAM is a participant in rewards programs from all three of these. See details on our website: <https://teamtomball.com/shopping-rewards/>

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: teamtomball.com.

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