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Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries

NEWSLETTER

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Assistance Ministry

Thanks to the generosity of Tomball community churches and community members, TEAM is able to assist people facing challenges in life.

One young couple came into TEAM excited about the impending birth of their first child, but concerned because the young expectant mother experienced complications with the pregnancy. The complications caused the doctor to advise the woman to quit work. Recently, the expectant father had to take a leave of absence from his job to care for his wife as the due date approached. They had no family in the Tomball area to help them. The lost wages created a shortage of funds to pay rent for the month. TEAM used donations to financially assist the couple in paying rent. When the baby arrives, the new father will return to his job and the new family will be financially secure once again.

A mother of two young children met with a caseworker and asked for assistance with an electric bill. She explained that her father had died in June, her brother died in September and her mother had two disabling strokes. The woman moved her mother into her home. The tears began flowing as the overwhelmed woman further explained she missed work for a month caring for her mother while awaiting home healthcare support. The missed work meant missed wages creating need for help with the electric bill. After hugs and prayers with the caseworker, the woman left TEAM to return to her job with the electric bill paid and a smile on her face.

Food Pantry Wishlist

- Juice boxes
- Granola bars
- Small bags of cookies

Thank you for helping us care for our Tomball neighbors in need.

Good Eats Summer Food Program

For the summer of 2019, TEAM is once again partnering with Harris County Community Youth Services and Tomball ISD to provide food for students of low-income families. Many of these students receive reduced cost or free lunches during the school year. While off for the summer, they are not receiving that benefit. For families that qualify, who are asking for food assistance this summer, TEAM will be providing additional food to account for these students at home. Three Tomball ISD elementary schools and two intermediate schools are being highlighted with the Good Eats program. TEAM has provided these school counselors with flyers to hand out to qualifying families. In summer of 2018, TEAM provided for 242 children from 94 families representing two Tomball ISD elementary schools. TEAM is looking for additional food donations to serve the larger number of families that we expect will take advantage of this year's Good Eats program. If your church, business, or organization will be sponsoring a food drive on behalf of TEAM, please see the specific items noted in the Food Pantry Wishlist shown above.

From Our Executive Director

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Acts 2:42 (ESV)

The growth of the early church after its formation at Pentecost was founded around four basic elements: preaching the Scriptures (“the apostles’ teaching”), community (“the fellowship”), celebrating the Lord’s Supper (“the breaking of bread”), and corporate prayer (“the prayers”). Each of these

TEAM's ministry. This is exceedingly apparent in the partnerships that allow TEAM to minister to the Tomball community.

These partnerships include:

- 20 sponsor churches and several supporting churches
- Local Christian ministries
- Generous foundations
- Businesses participating in the Tomball Benevolence Network
- TEAM business sponsors
- Local elementary, intermediate, high schools and colleges
- Supporting charitable organizations
- Individual donors
- Volunteers of all stripes

I raise high a salute to all of these who, in their love for Christ and love for their neighbor, join TEAM to serve the Tomball community. I thank you all.

Volunteers

Volunteer Spotlight: Q & A with our Assistance Ministry Manager and TBN Resource Manager

Susan is our Assistance Ministry manager and the Tomball Benevolence Network (TBN) resource manager. Shortly after she retired from teaching two and half years ago, Susan began volunteering with TEAM as a caseworker in our Assistance Ministry. Although she oversees the Assistance Ministry and caseworkers, she continues to meet with clients who are in need of food and/or financial assistance, and encourages them to seek God's guidance in their lives.

Learn more about Susan and her vital role in our Assistance Ministry in this month's volunteer Q&A. [Read more >>>](#)



We're always on the lookout for volunteers. Volunteer applications are available on [our website](#) or you can pick up an application in the TEAM Resale Shop. We look forward to meeting you!

Tables N' Tacos



Most Tuesdays between the morning hours of 9:00 and 10:00, you will find Barry Pett and Lawson Flowers enjoying the Tomball outdoors at Main and Cherry Streets. These representatives of Redeemer Church provide refreshments to TEAM clients while they wait for doors of the Assistance Ministry to open at 10:00AM. Offering breakfast tacos, coffee, and water, this “Tables N Tacos” ministry gives a little something extra to TEAM’s clients who are already experiencing life’s hardships. Refreshment, fellowship, and (when accepted) prayer can go a long way in a person’s day. Recently, representatives of Salem Lutheran Church joined Redeemer to reach out to these clients. Thank you, Barry and Lawson!

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