



## **Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries**

*Building Community, Changing Lives*

### **NEWSLETTER**

*TEAM is a Christ-centered non-profit serving our neighbors in the Tomball community who are in crisis. We provide food, limited financial assistance, and other vital support as we help them achieve stability.*

**October 2019**

### *Assistance Ministry*

#### **Food Pantry Wish List**

The greatest need in our **Food Pantry** this month is:

- Condiments, especially salad dressing

Thank you for helping us care for our neighbors in need by donating food and toiletries to our Food Pantry.

### *From Our Executive Director*

*“To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God...” --Mark 4: 11*

Jesus makes this statement to his disciples when they come to him privately asking for an explanation of the Parable of the Soils, which He taught publically. Before Jesus explains the parable, He asks them “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?” Later in Chapter 4, Mark writes “With many such parables he spoke the word to them [the public], as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.”

In this wonderful passage of scripture, Jesus points to himself: He is the secret of the kingdom of God; He is how his disciples will understand the parables; He explains everything to his disciples. Jesus is the common theme, and being in his presence is necessary for anyone who desires wisdom and understanding. In this way, our Lord directs us to be students of his Word, the Bible. From these Scriptures, through his Holy Spirit, we experience his presence and gain wisdom and understanding.

When Augustine of Hippo responded to God's calling, "take up and read" the Bible, his heart was changed. May we likewise be changed as we take up and read the Word of our Lord. Our doing, the service that we give to God, flows from our being. We are changed by God's Word and his Holy Spirit, and this change results in our service to Him. Whether at work, at church, at home, or in your community, may you serve Him well. Godspeed.

## *Game Night*

A promotional poster for a Game Night fundraiser. The background is black with a pattern of poker chips and playing cards. The text is primarily white and yellow. At the top, it says 'TEAM (Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries)'. Below that, 'GAME NIGHT!' is written in large, bold, white letters. The date 'October 5, 2019' is in yellow, followed by '5:30pm to 9pm • Krahn Barn' in white. A note in yellow says 'Limited to 100 Men & Women over 21' and 'Sign up now! | salem4u.com/adult'. On the left, a green triangle contains the text 'Sponsored by: ALEX LINDER Thrivent Financial & Salem Men's Ministry'. At the bottom left is the Salem Lutheran Church logo, and on the right are several playing cards, including an Ace of Hearts and a Queen of Clubs.

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(Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries)

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& Salem Men's  
Ministry

 **SALEM**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Alex Linder with Thrivent Financial and the Men's Ministry at Salem Lutheran Church in Tomball have planned a Game Night fundraiser on behalf of TEAM. The event is scheduled for the evening of Saturday, October 5 and will include dinner, games, and prizes. Thank you Thrivent Financial and Salem Men's Ministry for supporting TEAM and our service to the Tomball community!

*TBN At Work*

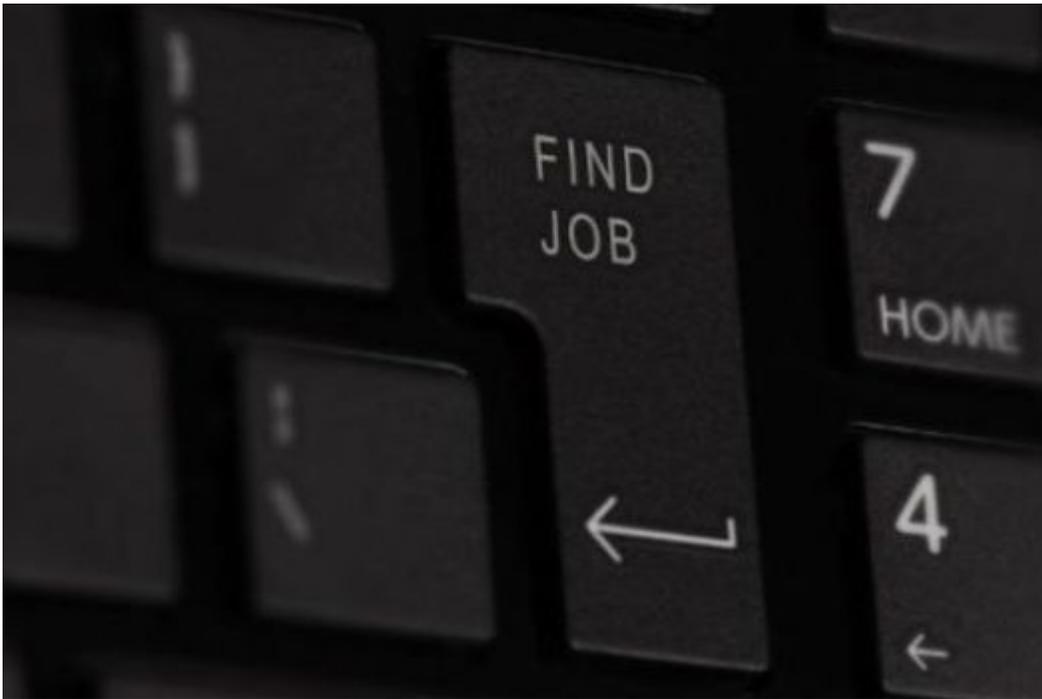
Along with other nonprofit representatives, Barry Hart and Karen Guiles provided input at a Harris County Precinct 4 roundtable discussion on domestic violence. Commissioner Cagle is presenting a proposal to Commissioners Court to create a Crime Victims Assistance Coordinating Council to aid in the coordination of services and resources provided to victims of crime.

At the end of August, women from **Windwood Church** visited TEAM for a tour and shopping spree. They enjoyed their excursion, and we enjoyed having them.



A video of TEAM's history is in development with the **Lone Star College** video department. This video captures the past and present, as well as a look into the future, of TEAM. It will be instrumental in promoting TEAM within the community. The video launches at the 2020 TEAM Fundraiser on March 20, 2020. We are very appreciative of LSC's contribution and involvement in this project, and their overall partnership with TEAM.

***TEAM's Hand Up Ministry***



Looking for a new job, another job, a better job? Know a friend, relative, or neighbor ready to make a change? Have we got a DEAL for you.

Every Wednesday morning in October the Hand Up Ministry at TEAM offers a free seminar on all aspects of finding employment. Topics include the mindset for change, the application, resume and interview process, what makes a valued employee, where to find free and low cost training for a new career, and personal finance tips. Speakers are business people from the local community who know Tomball and our job market. Attendees also have the opportunity to work with mentors for one-on-one advice and support through their job search process.

Anyone in the general Tomball area is invited to these presentations starting Wednesday Oct. 2 from 10-11:30 in the TEAM offices. Complete your **registration on our website** or sign up in person at TEAM. There are also opportunities for childcare and transportation assistance with prior registration, and snacks are served. Anyone attending all five presentations receives a voucher for a free “Dress for Success” job interview outfit from the Resale Shop.

Spread the word and take this opportunity. It’s not just knocking...it’s beating a drum and ringing bells!

***A Brighter TEAM***



With the help of a generous grant from **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**, TEAM's facility is a brighter place today! TEAM engaged TRIM Electric to rewire the lighting fixtures and replace fluorescent bulbs with LED bulbs. After the conversion, staff and volunteers alike are so pleased with the upgrade and the brighter surroundings. We really didn't know what we were missing! While these new lights provide a brighter environment, they are also more energy efficient and produce much less heat, which will mean lower utility bills. Thanks go out to our friends known by many as the "Mormons"!

## Thank You

In September, the **Tomball Lions Club** presented us with a \$6,000 check for their annual allocation to TEAM. Thank you to the Lions for supporting us year after year.



Meet Sue, "the bread lady". Twice each week, for over 15 years, Sue has collected day-old bread and desserts, as well as unsold produce, from a local grocery store. She delivers these items to TEAM and we distribute them in our Food Pantry to clients who request



food assistance.

Sue, thank you for your faithful service.

**John Wesley United Methodist Church** recently assembled and donated 300 care bags for TEAM to give to our homeless population. The bags included a pair of new socks and snacks.



*TEAM Resale Shop*

# Senior Day

Every Wednesday,  
seniors (60+) receive 25% off  
their purchases at  
TEAM Resale Shop

## Volunteer



We are in need of volunteers in our Resale Shop and Assistance Ministry. Applications are available on [our website](#) or at the TEAM Resale Shop. We look forward to serving with you!

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