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Newsletter


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Donate Easter Baskets & Filled Eggs!



Help bring joy this season by
gifting festive baskets and
colorful eggs to families in need!

Drop off by March 23rd, 2026 at

4410 Leland Ave, Dallas TX 75215

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From the Director's Desk

Dallas Bethlehem is Moving Forward

The excitement we're feeling right now is contagious, and we hope it reaches you too! We have amazing new adventures planned for this spring and summer, including The Walls Project, a three-week kids' summer camp (three days a week, four hours a day), an engaging Reading Camp, and Grief Sessions. For those who aren't familiar with Walls, here's a brief overview of who they are and what they do. Walls' mission is to lead programs, events, and alliances that work to break through and tear down the societal walls that prevent people from living safe, healthy, and prosperous lives. Together, these organizations reimagine what is possible for South Dallas through culturally responsive, resident-centered initiatives that prioritize health and wellness alongside education and technology support to build a more prosperous community for all.

The DBC children's pilot program is launching a dynamic kids initiative to empower children and their parents, helping them discover their Godgiven potential and equipping them with the tools, resources, and guidance to dream boldly and pursue those dreams with purpose. Through a curriculum that includes lesson plans, videos, movies, and hands-on learning with laptops and other devices, the program will encourage children to choose what is right and embrace a moral lifestyle. With rewards and recognition to celebrate progress, the program aims to expand each child's world by exposing them to both local and global knowledge rooted in a holistic approach to life—teaching them to love God, love their neighbors, respect themselves, and respect others while having fun every day.

This transformative initiative will begin in the Tech Lab on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings during family dinner, and once The Walls Project kicks off, the program will grow alongside the Walls Project's youth programming, creating an even broader impact for the community.

Grief Sessions, healing together after losing your loved one. You are not alone. There is hope.

Annette Cullors, Interim Executive Director

How your love and support continue to leave doors open for the community

About a year and a half ago, while under the leadership of Maintenance Coordinator Dennis Sims, three young men—Bryan, Camden, and Faison—began visiting the food pantry. At the time, Thursdays were some of our most challenging days. We picked up supplies from Crossroad just hours before families arrived for distribution. Each week meant unloading between 8,000 and 12,000 pounds of food. Staff and volunteers worked at full speed, racing to stock shelves preparing to shop with our neighbors. We also received produce from Lovers Lane UMC on Thursday morning, which involved unloading several pounds of food.

Back then, we rushed to rent a U-Haul and hurried to Crossroad, hoping to make it back in time for distribution. With only a ramp and no lift, unloading heavy pallets balanced on a pallet jack was difficult. As pallets rolled down the ramp, their weight sometimes pushed Dennis several yards across the parking lot. It took strength, focus, and teamwork to control them safely.

One morning, Dennis asked the three gentlemen — who are all tall and strong, with one built like a linebacker—if they could lend a hand. They stepped up to the plate without hesitation. From that day forward, we could count on them. While work schedule for Faison, the linebacker, has changed and is no longer able to assist, Brain and Camden have faithfully continued to show up and serve.

Thanks to Crossroad, moving the pickup day to Wednesdays has been a huge relief. After Dennis left DBC over a year ago, we needed extra hands for building maintenance, lawn care, picking up food from Crossroad, and unloading the truck, that's when Marlon stepped in to assist. Later, my brother Marlon—tired of wrestling with ramps and heavy pallets—made a generous investment: he bought a 26-foot truck with a lift that we can use whenever needed. The pallets are still heavy, but unloading is now much smoother and safer. No more volunteers—or Marlon—are being pushed across the parking lot as they unload the truck and I no longer have to drive the 26-foot U-Haul.

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Marlon joined DBC as a volunteer after seeing the work we were doing to help families and felt inspired to contribute his time and finances. He said, “I saw that yall were doing things the Lord would want us to do for others, so I wanted to help”(My parents would have been so proud of him). Camden, Brain, and Faison first came to the Bethlehem Center to receive food for their families, in return, Dallas Bethlehem Center gained faithful, committed, hardworking volunteers and friends. Our staff is deeply grateful for their patience, dedication, and, yes, their muscles!

But, without your generous support and donations, we wouldn't have the need for volunteers or the incredible young men who assist us. Your blessings for Dallas Bethlehem Center have not only made a difference but have also opened the door for even more blessings to flow through the Center into the lives of our neighboring friends.

Annette Cullors, Interim Executive Director

Thank you

for all you do!

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Community Heroes at Work – Sprouts



Sprouts Regional Director Jamal Clark and his team consistently go above and beyond—helping DBC shine inside and out!

Sprouts returned on MLK Day with a hardworking team of volunteers who refreshed the Bethlehem Community Garden and improved our campus grounds. This partnership has become rewarding. Under the leadership of Regional Director Jamal Clark, Sprouts continues to go above and beyond—including donating toys for our Christmas Toy Distribution. We are grateful for their ongoing support and service!

SPROUTS™
FARMERS MARKET

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Baldwin Deliverance Tabernacle Church



DBC is honored to host the monthly gatherings of **Baldwin Deliverance Tabernacle Church**, a ministry that brings powerful community impact to our neighborhood. **Pastor Ty Jones**, **Lady April Jones**, and **Community Relations representative Mildred Brown** lead with humble, inspiring service that uplifts everyone they encounter. Their service reflects a promising partnership that will continue to strengthen and support not only our community's future, but also many other communities Sprouts regularly supports and invests its time and effort in.

Volunteer Spotlight – Phyllis Cummins



DBC is honored to celebrate **Mrs. Phyllis Anne Cummins**, a lifelong Dallas resident whose heart for service has touched countless lives. **Married to Mr. Ken Cummins for 53 years**, Phyllis became actively involved in volunteer work after retiring in 2015, serving faithfully through **Brother Bill's Helping Hand, Crossroads Community Services**, and **every Thursday at DBC**. A proud member of **United Women in Faith**, she comes from four generations deeply rooted in the **First United Methodist Church, Dallas**, with her mother-in-law, mother, sister, and herself serving at First United Methodist Dallas as **full-time staff for 30 years**. She was the **Administrative Assistant** in Music and Arts Ministry, **Secretary to a Minister**, and even a **Switchboard Operator** back in the day!

She stays joyfully engaged through the Ruth Circle's service projects, the Esther Circle's book studies at First Church, serving as **newsletter editor for the UWF Metro East District**, singing in the choir, participating in Sunday School, and **collaborating with the Horizon Texas Conference**. She also travels with the choir every two years, visiting countries across Europe—including England, Spain, France, Italy, and Germany. What she loves most about DBC is its unwavering commitment to feeding, nurturing, and supporting the community in practical, meaningful ways.

As she celebrates her 80th birthday on April 4, Mrs. Phyllis hopes to see DBC expand its food storage capacity—because for her, the priority is always meeting the needs of our families, not fancy facilities. Her humility, generosity, and advocacy for DBC continue to inspire us all while she serves along with her husband Ken and daughter, Della week after week.

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Upcoming Events



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**GRcery
CONNECT**

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

**Win Raffle Prizes
(Bikes, Adult Prizes for Parents)
Meet The Easter Bunny,
Fun Outdoor Games,
Free Food, DJ Arts & Crafts and
much more!**

28 MARCH, 2026 (SATURDAY)
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
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Grief Share

**Healing together,
after losing your loved one
to violence**

You are not alone

There is hope, encouragement, love,
and support here for you. We uplift your spirit,
offer a helping hand, bring comfort in your time of
sorrow, walk with you one step at a time, and remind
you to hold on, because there is peace
even in the storm.

Join a supportive community session on
March 17, Tuesday (5:30 - 6:30 pm)
Dallas Bethlehem Center, 4410 Leland Avenue, Dallas TX 75215
Contact: admin@dallasbethlehemcenter.org
(Annette Cullors)
Free and confidential

