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Newsletter



It's the **United Way Dallas** and **Texas Instruments Campaign's**
Day of Impact!

We were geared up for **Texas Instruments'** most impactful campaign to date. It was inspiring to see TI employees heading out into the community to partner with us and beautify DBC campus. Together, we are showing up for families in South Dallas and proving that real change happens when we work as one.



United Way Dallas employee
Frankie Hawthorne,
(Volunteer Engagement Admin. Assistant) kicked things off with an informative briefing, ensuring the team was fully prepared and energized for the day.

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Walmart & Jacobs Easter Baskets Contribution



We are sincerely grateful to **Walmart** for their generous donation of Easter baskets this season. Through the **dedicated relationship cultivated by our Board Member, Andre Shaw**, this act of kindness brought joy and smiles to so many of the children we serve. The excitement on the children's faces as they received their baskets, paired with the heartfelt gratitude expressed by their parents, made this moment truly special.

Walmart's continued support reflects a deep commitment to uplifting our community, and we are thankful for their partnership.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to **Jacobs** for their generous contribution of Easter baskets. Through the **relationship fostered by our Board Member, Manny Calderon**, their support helped create a meaningful and joy-filled experience for our families. The shared moments of happiness and appreciation demonstrated the impact of compassionate giving. At Dallas Bethlehem Center, we deeply value community-centered partnerships like Jacobs and look forward to strengthening this relationship for years to come.

Volunteer Spotlight – Robert ‘Bob’ Thurman



This month, we are thrilled to spotlight **Mr. Robert “Bob” Thurman**, a beloved and dedicated member of the Dallas Bethlehem Center volunteer family. Bob was born and raised in Tampa, Florida, and nearly 50 years ago moved to Texas to open a new retail store for his company. What began as a career move quickly became a lifelong home when **he met and fell in love with a beautiful Texan, Laura**. The two have been happily **married for 43 years** and are proud parents to their adult son, Bryan.

Bob first learned about DBC through Laura, who had already been volunteering for several years. Encouraged by her passion—and joined by friends from their church—Bob jumped in and has been serving faithfully ever since. Having witnessed the growth of the Bethlehem Market over the years, Bob appreciates how efficient the process has become today and has played a meaningful role in that progress.

Rather than simply distributing pre-packed boxes, Bob loves helping families shop for exactly what they need, ensuring dignity, choice, and that no food goes to waste. For Bob, volunteering is about much more than food—it’s about connection. He values taking time to talk with clients and helping them feel seen, heard, and worthy. **He also hopes to see younger volunteers to whom he can pass the baton, and inspire them to continue the powerful legacy of service at DBC.**

Outside of DBC, Bob’s interests are just as inspiring. As a **North Texas Master Naturalist**, he spends time restoring natural spaces—removing invasive plants, replanting gardens, and nurturing landscapes. **With an exceptional green thumb**, Bob brings life and beauty to gardens across Texas, especially enjoying urban pollinator gardens that attract bees. Bob and his family also share **a love for the outdoors and regularly hike long distances**—often **eight miles a day**. He is currently preparing for **upcoming training in Spain** and looks forward to **hiking the Camino de Santiago with Laura**. An **avid traveler**, Bob has visited numerous European countries and cherishes the memories made with his family, particularly their Christmas trips to Spain and Amsterdam.

Professionally, Bob’s career includes time **working at a law firm, teaching science in middle and high schools**, and serving four years in **the U.S. Air Force**, where much of his **work remains classified**. Despite the secrecy, Bob takes great pride in his service.

The DBC family is deeply grateful for Bob’s faithful service, kind spirit, and unwavering commitment. We are truly blessed by the Thurmans and thankful for the love and care they bring to our community.

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Sprouts & The Walls Project Earth Day Giveaway



Celebrating Earth Day
by nourishing our neighbors!
Sprouts and The Walls Project
joined forces for a truly remarkable
achievement: getting **over 360 bags**
of fresh, healthy produce into the
hands of our South Dallas
community. Each bag was packed
with goodness to fuel families and
honor our planet.

(Photo: Volunteers Jeremiah, Brian & Ron Carey)

Huge shout-out to **Casey Phillips (CEO)** and **Paul Franklin (Associate Director)**
from **The Walls Project** and **Jamal Clark (Regional Director, Sprouts)**
for leading the charge and making this partnership such a success!
This powerful collaboration would not have been possible without the
incredible dedication of the volunteers who worked tirelessly for long hours to
pack hundreds of bags. A special thank you to **Ron Carey (Feed my Starving
Children)** for generously contributing his time and support.

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At DBC's **Bethlehem Market every Thursday morning**, we do more than just meet our families' needs—we make the experience truly enjoyable. Our volunteer shoppers build genuine relationships with every client, greeting them by name and providing a personal touch.

Featured here: Our volunteers **Sam Davis** and **Tony Estrada** assisting clients with their shopping - some of our clients may be visually impaired, but they are always sharp and on point! They not only shops almost every Thursday, but they also enjoys family dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday.



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Community Heroes at Work (Texas Instruments)



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We are so grateful for the heart and hands of Latasha Cummings and her team at **We aRe HER Leadership Academy**. Through **our recent collaboration**, we hosted a major **community donation event** that provided vital support to the DBC family. From essential toiletries to clothing for all ages, **this partnership** ensured our neighbors had access to exactly what they needed, free of cost.

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Upcoming Events

BOYS
&
GIRLS

dallas bethlehem center

**DBC
SUMMER
CAMP**

JUNE 8 - 24, 2026
(MON-WED)
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

PROGRAMS OFFERED

✓ Book Clubs

✓ Arts & Crafts

✓ Creative Writing

✓ Music & Movies

✓ STEM Projects

✓ Water Games

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→ EMAIL TO ENROLL - LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

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