NEWSLETTER

A STRONGER COMMUNITY TOGETHER

From the Director's Desk...



A Time of Giving Thanks
"You are the salt of the earth, now go out and sprinkle hope wherever you go!"

At DBC we serve families, encourage women, strengthen men, and teach, nurture, and love on children. This is at the heart of what we do, and we are blessed to have so many people who share in this journey. Taking a moment to say thank you for walking alongside us is just a small way of expressing our heartfelt gratitude. The work of an organization cannot be accomplished by one person. It takes a village of dedicated individuals who are willing to give their time, talents, energy, hard work, and determination to keep moving forward.

I would also like to extend a very special thank you to **Jami Russell**.
I have had the privilege of learning from the best when it comes to understanding the leadership role, and commitment it takes to serve as an Executive Director. Your example and guidance have been invaluable, and I am truly grateful.



Every act of kindness, every helping hand, every hour volunteered, and every contribution inspires.

DBC continues to move forward, just as it has for the past 80 years! As we pause to reflect on the past year, we are filled with joy. Through our Family Dinners, Thursday Dignity Model grocery shopping, Grocery Connect/Kroger partnership, summer cooking programs, grief support sessions, “Building Leaders, Building Men” men’s breakfast, and many other initiatives, we have continued to influence individuals and families.

We have also taken important steps toward the future by meeting with contractors, planning renovations, and raising the funds needed to make these improvements possible. One of our exciting goals is to renovate space so that **The Walls Project** can move in and provide students with meaningful educational and creative opportunities. We believe investing in our space is another way of investing in our community and, most importantly, in the next generation. As we celebrate where we have been and all that we have accomplished, we are equally excited about what lies ahead. There are more families to serve, more lives to encourage, and more opportunities to spread hope. Join us as we look ahead to another year filled with new programs.

Thank You is something we express daily, but during this special time of year, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, I pray that each of you know how truly appreciative we are here at Dallas Bethlehem Center for everything you do to make our work possible. Your love, time, talents, resources, donations, and financial contributions mean more than words can express. Please know that every contribution, no matter the size, makes an impact.

We are blessed to have you walking alongside us and helping us continue the work that has been at the heart of Dallas Bethlehem Center for 80 years.

THANK YOU!

Annette Cullors,
Interim Executive Director

Building men, building leaders and strengtening our community







Welcome to this edition of our newsletter!

We are thrilled to celebrate the youth participants of our annual **Jammin' & Jellin'** Summer Program, who recently received their official rewards and recognition from the **State Fair of Texas.**
This program would not be possible without the visionary leadership of **Pastor Stan Copeland**, affectionately known as **the "Picklin' Parson,"** and his wonderful team of volunteers who dedicate their time every summer to mentor these youth. Following the awards presentation, everyone was treated to a delicious celebratory dinner to honor their incredible achievements.
Thank you to everyone who supported our young leaders this season!

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." — Franklin D. Roosevelt

HONORING OUR YOUTH: AN EVENING OF FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, AND FAIR AWARDS





"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." — Coretta Scott King

Building men, building leaders and strengtening our community

More than just breakfast. We are intentional about gathering to build up the men and leaders of our community. Thanks to everyone who brought their appetite and their insight!

Investing in our men means investing in our community. Incredible morning of connection, growth, and leadership at the center on two Saturdays in October.





We appreciate the time, wisdom and leadership of our speakers: Pastor Ty Jones, DeMarcus Cullors and Derrick Cullors. Their insights perfectly aligned with our mission of building men and cultivating the next generation of leaders

"The function of leadership is to produce more leaders, not more followers" - Ralph Nader

Community sparks Creativity









Our community recently came together for an inspiring Creative Arts Event hosted by the multi-talented Ms. T.

Neighbors explored hands-on skills like sewing, multimedia crafting, and design, transforming raw materials into beautiful personal masterpieces.

DBC lights up the Starlight Parade at State Fair of Texas









We were absolutely thrilled to represent DBC on the parade night at the annual State Fair of Texas! Marching under the flashing lights of the historic Fair Park grounds during the legendary Starlight Parade was an unforgettable experience, and we loved lighting up the night alongside such an incredible crowd.

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Christmas Donation Drive

Shine God's light this Christmas!
Bring hope and holiday joy to children
in our community.

Duration: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Drop-off location: 4410 Leland Avenue, Dallas, TX 75215

Donation deadline: Friday, December 11, 2026

Contact: vera.isaac@dallasbethlehemcenter.org (214-460-1804)

Help make Christmas joyful for a child

Click or Scan Here for Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteer Sign Up QR Code

Winter Clothing & Warmth

- **Accessories:** Beanies, scarves, insulated gloves
- **Essentials:** Brand-new packs of socks and underwear
- **Cozy Items:** Fleece pajamas, heavy blankets
- **Winter Footwear:** Winter boots, thermal socks

Personal Care & Hygiene

- **Toiletries**: Shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant
- **Baby Care**: Diapers, wipes, formula
- **Highly Needed:** Pads, tampons, lip balm

Holiday Joy & Toys

- **Toys:** Dolls, action figures, blocks, board games
- **Teens:** Headphones, sports balls, and musical items
- **Creativity:** Art supplies and coloring books
- **Crucial Extra:** AA and AAA batteries

Thank You!

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

Thank you for being the heart of our community center. Because of your constant support, your prayers, and your hands-on help, we are able to pour into our youth, uplift our men, and create a safe, thriving space for everyone who walks through our doors. We are profoundly grateful for each and every one of you.

As the holiday season approaches, our mission shifts into high gear. For many of our neighbors, the holidays can be a challenging time. We are gearing up to serve local families during Thanksgiving and Christmas, ensuring that everyone in our community experiences the warmth, joy, and dignity of a holiday meal and celebration.

We cannot do this alone. We need your help to make this season bright.



Stronger families.
Brighter futures.
Together.