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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As our year calendar year 2022 ends, I am so grateful for Dallas Service Forum and the ongoing opportunities for service to our community. It's a joy to give the Dallas Service Forum grant money to our deserving partner agencies. A huge thank you to Betty Cooper and her committee for the hours spent making thoughtful decisions, Lexia Allen, Kay Trapp, Alice Freidline, Cindy Jefferson, Ginny DelFlache, Patti Burks, Valerie McMahan and Marla Nunally.

Thank you to all the ongoing volunteer teams. This season of giving will be so much brighter thanks to the extra smiles you give, beautiful meals, gifts to the Ebby House girls, warm greetings and happiness you exude by being a hostess for Network Toyland or The Ronald McDonald House Trains.

Hope to see you at the DSF Holiday Party, Thursday, December 8 at the home of Gail Mosher. If you have missed a meeting or two in 2022 make it your New Year's resolution to come back in 2023 on January 5!

"Anything. Everything. Little or big, becomes an **adventure** when the right person shares it." Kathleen Norris

Please note my new email nunallymarla@gmail.com

Gratefully, Marla

President Marla Nunally ~ 214-537-9551~ nunallymarla@gmail.com

Our November Heart Throb Award was presented to Maureen Waldie.

She joined our Dallas Service Forum with the 2012 Provisionals. Some of her many volunteer efforts include chairing and cooking on a Ronald McDonald's team, being provisional chair twice, being service chair for RMH and now Family Place, being directory co-chair, and facilitating our new logos on shirts so we can continue to market our new logo.

IMPORTANT DATES

DSF Holiday Party

December 8

General Meeting

January 5



DECEMBER

| Alice Freidline | 5 |
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| Kathy Havel | 6 |
| Jean Heinkel | 9 |
| Kathy Caywood | 12 |
| Julie Harkins | 18 |
| Jill Pratt | 18 |
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| Debbie Penick | 26 |
| Simone Farah | 28 |
| Cindy Jefferson | 30 |

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To volunteer for one of our DSF service agencies, please contact the designated DSF Service Chair:

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DEVELOPMENT NEWS

With the end of 2022 in sight, I would like to thank you all again for your loving kindness and generous hearts this year. You have helped, and given hope, to the people that we serve. Wishing you a very happy and blessed holiday season!! With gratitude, Lexia



END-OF-YEAR-GIVING

I'm sure you've read the Eblast that was sent to members regarding End-of-Year Giving. Please consider a donation to DSF as you prepare your own End-of-Year Giving donations. Donations not only help us with operating expenses but they also provide much needed assistance to the Agencies we serve throughout the year, especially during this time of inflation and uncertainty. Thank you for your generosity as we continue our 45-year tradition of serving women, children, and families in need.

| Mary Cartwright | |
|--------------------------|------|
| End-of-Year Giving Chair | |
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SPRING EVENT

You and your friends and family won't want to miss **Dallas Service Forum Celebrates: A Royal Affair**. It's DSF's annual luncheon and fundraiser, an occasion to celebrate who we are and how we help people in need in our community through financial support and the service of DSF volunteers.

After check-in, lovely piano music will play as ladies stroll about, pick up raffle tickets and purchase interesting wines from around the world. Guests will view an array of enticing silent auction items – which we'll all want to bid on. Newcomers to **DSF Celebrates** will experience the cheeky fun and joyful chatter we enjoy, take in how beautiful the ladies look, and perhaps see a fascinator or two. When it's time for lunch, we will dine on first class fare at beautiful tables bursting with lovely spring bouquets, reminiscent of an English garden. Our guest speaker, Royal Chef Darren McGrady, will then rattle the dishes and spill the tea with stories of cooking for the British Royal Family.

So mark your calendar for, as they say across the pond, 28 March 2023. Check the fit of your luncheon finery. Ready yourself for a regal time. And one more thing: Your friends & family will enjoy A Royal Affair too. Send your invitation list to lglsupport@dallasverviceforum.org – include their name, address, email, and phone # so we can make sure they get in on the fun!

Kristin Parrino 2023 Spring Event Chair



DALLAS SERVICE FORUM CELEBRATES

A Royal Affair

SPRING LUNCHEON & AUCTION

Tuesday, March 28, 2023, 10:30 - 1:30 Northwood Club, Dallas, TX

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SPEAKER: DARREN McGRADY

Former Personal Chef to The British Royal Family

Chef / Author / Eating Royally Catering



DEVELOPMENT (CONT)

The Cork pull for The Royal Affair is almost here!!! Save yourself a trip and bring your donation of bottle of wine worth \$30 or more to the Holiday party at Gail Mosher's home on Dec 8th. We will have donation receipts available. So easy. Ask your friends for donations and start looking for those holiday specials. While dining at your favorite restaurants ask the manager if he would like to donate. The more expensive the wine the greater your tax write off.



Also we are collecting your leftover corks. Please bring those also.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

DSF HOLIDAY PARTY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8 2:00 - 4:00



We hope you have RSVP'D (<u>Lorettacarpenter@gmail.com</u>) and made plans to attend the DSF While Elephant Holiday Party on December 8. We will "jingle and mingle" at the home of Gail Mosher, 4621 Bobbitt Drive from 2:00 - 4:00.

It's a White Elephant Party, so clean out your closet and bring your oddest or funniest white elephant item for a fun gift exchange. Please wrap your gift.

Thank you to Gail Mosher for offering her home for this event and to those of you who have offered to contribute a small bite or bubbly for the festivities. We look forward to gathering together to celebrate this special time of the year with DSF friends.

PLEASE report your Hours of Service.

Send your hours to Kim Jehlik. The new Hours Reporting Form is attached near the end of this newsletter.

Kim Jehlik — hours@dallasserviceforum.org 6910 Oak Manor Dr. Dallas, TX 75230

Remember you may also submit your hours online on our DSF website.

Kathy

VP Membership Kathy Havel ~ 972-345-1956 ~ kathy@havel6.com

TREASURER'S TIDBITS



Stock Donations Now Accepted With Our New Investment Firm and Other News

Lisa Bordelon with Raymond James is our new investment advisor. Our Raymond James account can accept stock donations unlike our previous account. We recently had a donation by **Renee and Tommy Parrett** and are thrilled to have this new avenue for donations. Thank you Renee and Tommy for this generous donation.

Reasons to donate stock from my Google from Fidelity online:

Maybe your stocks have appreciated greatly since you purchased them.

Maybe a surge in value of one of your holdings has thrown your portfolio off balance.

Maybe you just want to refocus on other investment categories. If you also give to charity, these scenarios should encourage you to review your investment portfolio with a donation strategy in mind. Why? Because *donating stock directly to charity* is one of the most tax-smart ways to give. Yet, it is often not well understood or widely used. *According to a 2016 study* by Fidelity Charitable, 80 percent of donors own appreciated assets, such as stocks, mutual funds or bonds, but only 21 percent of those donors have contributed these types of assets to charity.

Tax Exempt with Amazon and other Vendors

For items you are purchasing online with Amazon for Dallas Service Forum, you need to set yourself up for non-exempt on Amazon. This link will take you to the setup for you personal account. You need to have the information from our tax-exempt form to complete. That form is attached to this newsletter. https://tax-exemption.amazon.com/wizard/exemptionStates. Many other vendors have our forms on file—members can set us up for tax exempt without board approval. You must submit the current tax-exempt form I referenced above.



TREASURER'S TIDBITS (cont)

Bookkeeper Update

Our bookkeeper, Terez Smith, is working hard to log our in-kind donations that some of our members submit. As we prepare for the budget process starting in February, your in- kind donations will be carefully evaluated in our planning process. Please keep the reimbursement forms coming in marked "donation." Carolyn Tobin, our super data input woman, is logging it into our system for Terez. Thanks to Carolyn for her help and her always-positive attitude to help.

Next Treasurer

I am working really hard to make this job much simpler and will continue the next 5 months. I've alleviated many tasks that can be done by fabulous other board members and service chairs. If you "think numbers are fun" as one of notorious members says often, (Vanessa Hoffman) please think about being on the board as Treasurer. I think my brain is sharper after keeping up with the numbers and problem solving I have done. That's a really good thing!! Our bookkeeper is wonderful to work with—real chill and easy to work with. We have been under budget what we planned to spend with her and she has been so worth every dollar.

My greatest joy recently has been opening the mail at the office—how weird is that!! Usually it is solicitations, wrong address, etc. Recently I open checks of money to DSF. Thank you for bringing joy to me as I feel pride in DSF.

Treasurer Valerie McMahan ~ 214-957-9258 ~ vmcmahan@gmail.com



SERVICE FROM THE HEART

Grant Announcement

Your 2022 grant committee received, examined, researched and thoughtfully evaluated grant requests from all of our seven partner agencies. These grants are made possible by the hard work of our members. The total dollar amount for grant rewards is \$90,000.00 this year, allocated as follows:

| Organization | Project | \$ Grant Recommendation | Notes |
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| DCAC | CACC Scholarships/ Holiday Bags | \$ 8,700 | 12 CACC Scholarships; Holiday Bags |
| Ebby House | Personal Counseling | \$ 12,500 | Weekly counseling for 2 residents for 1 year |
| Family Place | Transportation of Cli- ents | \$ 20,000 | Bus passes or Lyft services to transport clients to the shelter, to medical appointments, court appearances, etc. |
| Hope's Door | Project Safe Home | \$ 13,800 | 138 hotel nights for emergencies and to fill gaps for shelter nights |
| Juliette Fowler | Music Therapy Pro- gram | \$ 15,000 | Augment budget to provide 4 hours of music therapy each week |
| Network | Clear Door Refrigera- tor | \$ 10,000 | Replacing steel door refrigerators for a more "regular" & dignified grocery shopping experience for neighbors. |
| RMHD | Kitchen/Household Items | \$ 10,000 | New kitchen equipment to replace/replenish current equipment in the commercial kitchen |
| TOTAL | | \$ 90,000 | |

A motion to approve the committee's recommendation was unanimously approved. Each agency will be notified immediately of the amount of grant dollars they have been awarded and that they will receive a check next week. As Beth Leos from Hope's Door was our guest speaker today, we surprised her with her "big" check, which she received with tears and much gratitude. For their diligent work, thank you to the committee members: Marla Nunally, Ginny Delfleche, Valerie McMahan, Alice Freidline, Cindy Jefferson, Lexia Allen, Kay Trapp and Patti Burks.

Betty Cooper, Vice President-Service

VP Service Betty Cooper ~ 972-743-4391 ~ bettyjoecooper@verizon.net



Thanksgiving, November 17 and Christmas. December 15

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers Kim Childress, Patti Burks, Vanessa Hoffman, Rosemary Carter, Marla Nunally, Gayle Jenkins, and not pictured Mary Cartwright, the young ladies at Ebby House enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving feast.

Gayle Jenkins, Ebby Holiday chair





Co-Chair Gayle Jenkins ~ 972-322-4110 ~ grandmamagj@yahoo.com



Thank YOU, Bingo Babes!

Faithfully caring for generations.

We had a fabulous time at our October Bingo party. Thank you to everyone who volunteered. We needed every one of you and a little extra

help from the staff who are always happy to assist. We always think of our volunteers with immense gratitude, especially this time of year. Our relationship with Fowler residents is precious; they love us and are so appreciative of our time and efforts on their behalf. We have the BEST prizes plus McDonald's burgers and fries.

November 17, Fowler dedicated its new residential building, The Peak. Peak was Juliette Fowler's middle name. Upon meeting a gentleman in Fowler management, he said, "Bingo Babes! Our residents LOVE you guys; you're their favorite!" Our service of over 40 years there is well known. Let's keep up the good work.

We do not meet in December because our sweet Provisionals will host a fabulous holiday party for the Fowler residents. Thank you, Sweeties! Our next Bingo party is Wednesday, January 19. Please consider volunteering. It is hugely rewarding spending quality time with our senior friends at Juliette Fowler. We will have a sign-up sheet at the General Meeting on January 5, 2023.

Happy Holidays!

Love, hugs, and Bingo, Elaine Foster and Janice Gragg

> Co-Chair Elaine Foster ~ 972-816-3715 ~ paniszczyne@gmail.com Co-Chair Janice Gragg ~ 214-213-8457 ~ jdenodallas@aol.com



the family place
The Family Place 2nd Tuesday dinner team will serve as usual in
December. However, due to the holidays, the 4th Tuesday team will not meet again until January.

Kay Trapp and Maureen Waldie, co-chairs

There is always a place for you at the FP Resale Shop. Wednesdays – any time that fits your schedule. Contact Renee Parrett for more info.

> Co-Chair Renee Parrett ~ 214-418-9956 ~ renee.parrett@gmail.com Co-Chair Kay Trapp ~ 214-727-1631 ~ kaykingtrapp@gmail.com Co-Chair Maureen Waldie ~ 214-507-9321 ~ maureen.waldie@gmail.com



Toyland

DSF is serving at Network's Toyland again this year. We had our first group of volunteers on November 14 serve a steady stream of "neighbors." Network gives their clients an allowance to shop for Christmas toys for their children. Toyland will only be open on Mondays this year. We will have shifts of eight people helping to check clients in for their appointment, assist with shopping and checking out.

Our shifts are: Monday, Dec. 5 10-12 Monday Dec. 12 10-12 Renee Parrett and the organizer Kensey Methvin. DSF members stocked the tables with toys and helped shoppers pick out Christmas gifts for their children. A very fun day.



Contact Susan Ward at smward@swbell.net or 972-342-1835 if you would like to volunteer.

Food Pantry and Clothing Closet

With increased food and gas prices, Network is seeing an increase of clients. They are always in need of volunteers in their food pantry and clothing closet and mobile food pantry. Network has a new volunteer signup system. You can signup to volunteer individually at networkofcommunityservices.volunteerlocal.org.

> Co-Chair Linda Puster ~ 972-727-5963 ~ lindaspuster@gmail.com Co-Chair Susan Ward ~ 972-342-1835 ~ smward@swbell.net



These volunteers participated in our yearly activity at the Trains at Northpark on November 16, 2022.



Co-Chair Gayle Jenkins ~ 972-322-4110 ~ grandmamagj@yahoo.com Co-Chair Sue Greta ~ 214-718-7418 ~ suegreta@hotmail.com



Meals continued to be prepared through November. Here is a photo of our president, Marla, helping Candy Carby deliver yummy Luby's Thanksgiving dinners to residents at Hope's Door.



Chair Elizabeth Minahan ~ 214-490-0993 ~ Emin6294@aol.com



The DCAC Tuesday dinner series continues every week. We provide a salad and dessert to supplement the pizza provided by DCAC. We get to serve everyone and then do a quick clean-up. This eliminates a barrier for a mom to get her child the help they need.

Where healing begins for abused children

If you are interested in helping with this, you can use the link below or go to Sign-up Genius and sign-up for a Tuesday night.

DCAC Tuesday Dining Series

On Wednesday, December 7 from 1–4 we have the opportunity to help with DCAC's Holiday of Hope. We will be setting up and can use a few more helping hands. Please contact Janeva if available.

MONTHLY HOURS REPORTING FORM

Hours Manager Info:

Kim Jehlik

6910 Oak Manor Dr; Dallas, TX 75230

hours@dallasserviceforum.org

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LEGEND:

DCAC - Dallas Children's Advocacy Center

OTHER SERVICE - Any service for an agency that is not listed, or Provisional meeting about service.

3 — GENERAL MEETINGS - the 1st Thursday of each month

4 — DEVELOPMENT - fund raising, working on spring event, etc.

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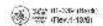
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would be included under the hours for Juliette Fowler, not Other Service.)



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