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Letter from the Executive Director

Greetings from GPUC!

Our Valentine Luncheon has come and gone. The annual Golf Tournament is on its way.

The Dallas Morning News Charities has designated GPUC one of its recipient's for charitable support.

Through the "Scouting for Food" Event, the Boy Scouts of America donated 2,201 assorted canned food items.

The Grand Prairie Lions

Club donated 75 passes, in order for children to attend a local movie.

GPUC will once again be a satellite office for Dallas County's Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

In May, the National Association of Letter Carriers and GPUC will again partner to fight hunger. Last year, the food drive generated 4,715 items.

The agency has joined forces with "Dress for

Success." This organization promotes economic independence for disadvantaged women.

TXU Energy has pledged \$90,000 to GPUC, in order to assist residents who are struggling to pay their energy bill.

The "Tools for School" Event will provide homeless school children with school supplies again this August.

Thank you all for assisting the agency to continue its mission.

Sincerely,

Debra Blubaugh

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Valentine Luncheon Results

The 2009 Valentine Luncheon was a great success. Even though we are in the middle of a recession, the agency collected more than \$2,000 over the previous year.

Our thanks go out to:

Mayor Pro Tem Ruthe Jackson, Mistress of Ceremony
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We couldn't have done it without you!!!!

Dallas Morning News Charities

GPUC has been given the prestigious honor of being a Dallas Morning News Charity. The agency has been awarded funds, in the amount of \$7,500, to assist Grand Prairie residents living in Tarrant County.

Scouting for Food

February 21, was the official day of “Scouting for Food” in our city. This annual event enables many scouts to participate in “Fighting Hunger.” Collection bags are left on Grand Prairie residents doors, and the following week troops descend on neighborhoods and pick up assorted canned food items. This year, (2,201) items were delivered to GPUC.

Grand Prairie Host Lions Club

Grand Prairie Host Lions Club once again partnered with GPUC, enabling many children to “Go to the Movies.” The club donated (75) tickets, in order to assist families with children to see a children’s movie at a local theater.

Volunteers Makes it Possible

From January – March 2009, (97) volunteers donated (751) hours and (44) minutes. They assisted with picking up the food orders from the North Texas Food Bank, donations from Quaker, Sara Lee, Wal-Mart, Target, as well as filling the food pantry shelves, assisting clients with the requests, and clerical duties.

Emergency Food & Shelter Fund

The Emergency Food & Shelter Fund Program has awarded GPUC \$44,262 in grant funds, to assist Dallas County residents with their Rent/Mortgage, Utilities (Electric, Gas & Water) and Food. The funds come at a time when the economic climate is in a downward spiral. Many families are seeking assistance with basic necessities, in order to keep some stability in their household.

National Association of Letter Carriers

In May, local letter carriers will be collecting food to fight hunger. Please give generously, as GPUC is one of the recipients of that donation.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program

GPUC will once again be a satellite office for Dallas County’s Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) the Program provides a wide range of assistance to income eligible residents who reside in Dallas County. The program: 1.) assists a household in developing goals for self-sufficiency through case management and a co-pay utility plan, 2.) provides relief for those low-income elderly and physically impaired households most vulnerable to the high cost of home heating and cooling, 3.) provides one-time assistance in an energy related crisis, 4.) and addresses inefficient home heating and cooling appliances through a retro-fit repair and replacement program. A Dallas County caseworker has been assigned to Grand Prairie through GPUC. The caseworker is available Wednesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please call (972)262-2014 to set an appointment.

Dress for Success

GPUC has joined forces with “Dress for Success.” This organization is a non-profit offering services designed to help our clients find jobs and remain employed. The mission of Dress for Success is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools to help women thrive in work and life.