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## Letter from the Executive Director

Wow!!! What a 2008!

\$155,268.

GPUC assisted 20,015 residents with Rent/Mortgage, Utilities (Electric, Gas, Water), Food Pantry, and Prescription/Medication Assistance.

Christmas registrations totaled 569 families, with 750 children on the Angel Tree.

And to end the year, GPUC purchased from the North Texas Food Bank 111,587 pounds of food, which equals 66,420 meals.

The year 2009 will bring:

Local Businesses and Corporations donated \$16,700. Foundations donated \$117,793.

Individuals donated \$13,189.

TXU donated \$92,000, for Energy Aid Assistance.

The annual “Valentine Luncheon” scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, at the Texas Roadhouse in

Grand Prairie.

In-Kind donations totaled

Our annual “Golf Tournament” will be Wednesday, April 29, hosted Prairie Lakes Golf Course in Grand Prairie.

We Continue the Breakfast/Lunch Summer Program in partnership with The Star Group & G.P. Weed & Seed will begin in June.

Elvis will be in the building September.

Thanks for all you do,

Debra Blubaugh

## Christmas 2008

With unemployment at an all time high in sixteen-years, many wonderful companies and individuals “came to the rescue” in order to make “Christmas 2008” a great time for some Grand Prairie families and their children.

Wal-Mart/Grand Prairie provided three-trees to hang “Angels.” Poly America provided turkeys and Sara Lee provided hams. Others were on hand to donate food and/or money: American Eurocopter, City of Grand Prairie, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Eagle Advantage Academy, Grand Bank of Texas, G.P.I.S.D., James McDaniel, Jody Morris (Hexter-Fair Title), Kasner & Associates, Mom’s Club of Grand Prairie, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Pratt & Whitney, Quaker Foods, Soroptimist International of Grand Prairie, and Stuart & Debbie Johnston. Then there were those who wanted to adopt families: Deb Rohde (American Eurocopter), Duncan Disposal, Fawn Pendegrass (Quaker), Grand Prairie Chamber of Commerce, Greg Cashman and The Women’s Soroptimist of Grand Prairie.

Able Driver Staffing donated the driver to pick up the hams and Roper Mechanical Home Repair donated the driver to pick up the turkeys. South Grand Prairie Student Council, through the leadership of Student Council President of the Senior Class Courtney Calvert, donated coats.

And last but not least, Aletha Hicks who coordinated the “Angel Tree” at Wal-Mart. We could not have done this special project without “all of you.” It is so amazing when a community pulls its resources all together. Thank you!!

**Wednesday, February 11, 2009  
Texas Roadhouse/Grand Prairie**



**11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Individual Tickets: \$25  
Sponsorships Also Available**



**North Texas Food Bank**

111,587 pounds of food was purchased from the North Texas Food Bank for the year 2008.

**Volunteers Makes it Possible**

From June through December 2008, 200 volunteer's donated 2,257 hours and 18 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.

**Food Stamps Available Here**

GPUC, in conjunction with the North Texas Food Bank, is offering Food Stamp, TANF, CHIP, Medicaid, Women's Health and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program Assistance. The Education and Outreach Coordinator will be available at the GPUC office the first Tuesday of every month, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Questions will be answered and assistance provided.

**Did you know Grand Prairie United Charities networks with other agencies to ensure that clients receive all available resources?** We are proud partners of: Brighter Tomorrows, Dress for Success, Grand Prairie Food & Clothing Co-op, Kids, Inc., Lifeline Shelter for Families, Mission Arlington, People That Care, Salvation Army and Urban League just to name a few.

**Did you know we accept most donations, and items we are not able to use are forwarded to an agency that can?** Weekly donations are received that are immediately passed along to those who can use them.

**Did you know we provide opportunities for volunteers?** Community Service, required by the courts, The Great Texas Scholars, Local Business & Individuals, and Civic Clubs & Organizations are some of the ways that volunteers can help.

**Did you know GPUC accepts credit cards?** For the convenience of those who participate in supporting our mission, the agency accepts MasterCard and Visa.

**Did you know GPUC and Lifeline Shelter for Families work "hand in hand?"** Being in the same building gives us the opportunity to stretch our resources and provide better assistance for those requesting services.



*Grand Prairie United Charities  
 2009 Golf Tournament  
 Wednesday, April 29, 2009  
 Prairie Lakes Golf Course  
 3202 S.E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Grand Prairie, Texas*

We invite you and your company to join our mission by selecting a Sponsorship Level.

**Registration & Breakfast: 8:00 a.m.**

**Shotgun Start: 9:00 a.m.**

**End of Scramble: Reception, Lunch and Prizes**

**Title Sponsor: \$1,000**

- 8 Playing Positions
  - 2 Tee Signs
- Add Advertisement material to thank you bags

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Company Name

**Platinum Sponsor: \$500**

- 4 Playing Positions
  - 1 Tee Signs
- Add Advertisement material to thank you bags

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Address, City, State, Zip

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Four Person Team - \$350.00

**Gold Sponsor: \$300**

- 2 Playing Positions
  - 1 Tee Sign
- Add Advertisement material to thank you bags

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Name (Player 1)

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Name (Player 2)

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Name (Player 3)

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Name (Player 4)

**Hole Sponsor: \$200**

- 1 Playing Position
- 1 Tee Sign

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Individual Player - \$100.00

For more information call:  
 Grand Prairie United Charities  
 (972) 262-2014x11

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Player Name & Company

To register, fill out the enclosed registration form and mail to: Grand Prairie United Charities, 1417 Densman Street, Grand Prairie, Texas 75051