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Letter from the Executive Director

With the second half of 2009 arriving, GPUC is "hitting the floor with both feet running."

The 2009 Golf Tournament went off without a hitch.

As of May 31, 2009, the agency has assisted 8309 residents with 10,781 services, which include Rent/Mortgage, Utility (Electric, Gas, Water), Food Pantry and Prescription/Medication Assistance.

With the significant rise in

requests for services, the need for funds and volunteers has increased.

The Emergency Food & Shelter Fund Program has awarded GPUC \$44,262 to assist Grand Prairie residents, who live in Dallas County.

The Hillcrest Foundation granted the agency \$3,000, for food.

Summer Camp 2009 is in full swing.

"Tools for School" is scheduled for August 22.

"An Elvis Tribute" is scheduled for Saturday, September 26.

And the "Water Assistance Program" is still assisting our friends and neighbors, who may need help.

Thank you to all who make our mission possible.

Kindest Regards,

Debra Blubaugh



2009 Golf Tournament

With the conclusion of our 2009 Golf Tournament, we would like to thank all who supported our event: Aletha Hicks, American Steel & Aluminum, Arnold Brothers Dry Cleaning, Brian Ownby State Farm, Calab, Inc., City of Grand Prairie, Councilman Dick Fregoe, Councilman Mark Hepworth, Duncan Disposal, Eddlemons, Giessner Insurance, Grand Bank, Grand Prairie Memorial Gardens, Greg Cashman, Integra Medical Group, Kim Thorne, Lockheed Martin, Lone Star Park, Monterey's Little Mexico, Outlaws Bar-B-Que, Pro-Crate & Assembly, Ruthe Jackson Center, Sunset Baptist Church, Texas Roadhouse, TXU Energy, and Wal-Mart Grand Prairie.



Emergency Food & Shelter Fund



The Emergency Food & Shelter Fund Program has awarded GPUC \$44,262, for the 2009 year. Last year the agency received \$35,320 in funds. This is an increase of 8%. These funds can be used to assist Grand Prairie residents, which live in Dallas County with Rent/Mortgage, Utility (Electric, Gas, Water), Hotel/Motel and Food Assistance.



Hillcrest Foundation

The Hillcrest Foundation has granted GPUC \$3,000, to assist with fighting hunger. The contribution to our food pantry account is greatly appreciated. This year the agency budgeted \$25,000, which is a substantial increase from 2008.

Summer Camp 2009

Once again, Grand Prairie United Charities, The Star Group and GP Weed & Seed are partnering to host a FREE Summer Camp, for children in Grand Prairie. The camp, being held at Morning Star Baptist Church, will run from June 8th to August 14th from 7:00am to 12:30pm and children will be able to participate in field trips, fun, games and lots of other activities. A one time registration fee of \$25 per child will be charged. However, any children wanting to come only for breakfast and lunch can come free of charge.

The program will provide transportation to the Dalworth Recreation Centers "Stay and Play" program at 12:30pm for any children who have a membership (fee for membership is \$10) to the recreation center. All other children will need to be picked up from Morning Star Baptist Church no later than 12:30pm.



Meal times are:

Breakfast --- 7:30am to 8:30am Lunch --- 11:30am to 12:30pm

To register your child or receive more information contact:
Ms. Carol Monroe 972.602.3853
Ms. Sheila Timmons 214.676.8871



"An Elvis Tribute" Saturday September 26, 2009 6pm to 10pm

Elvis Presley, featuring Bennie Wheels, will be "In the House" at the Ruthe Jackson Center, Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. This will be an evening filled with Dinner (Rib-Eye Steak served by Eddlemons), Entertainment and Dancing. For more excitement, a silent auction has been added to the event. Once again the opening act will be Glen T.

Tables of (8) are \$520 and Individual Tickets will be \$65. Mark your calendar to be there. For more information, please contact Debra Blubaugh at 972.262.2014 x11.

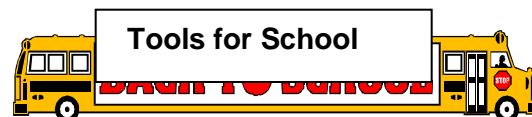


Tools for Schools

We would like to announce the 2nd Annual "Tools for School." The event provides children from homeless and low-income families, school supplies and a new outfit to begin the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Grand Prairie United Charities, GPISD's Connections program and Inglewood Baptist Church have expanded their efforts by welcoming new partners, Boys and Girls Club, Morning Star Baptist Church, Metro Rotary, and the NAACP of G.P., who are joining us to insure that all children have the basic supplies needed to insure a successful start to the school year.

Students needing assistance must pre-register for the event by contacting:
Christine Gonzalez at 972.522.3220.



This year we are initiating the "Fill the Bus" campaign to collect the supplies needed. Watch for the yellow school bus parked in front of Wal-Mart, IH20 at Great Southwest Parkway, from July 24 through August 14 to drop off your donation.

Please help us make this a success by donating school supplies or gift cards (to purchase clothing).

Water Assistance

The City of Grand Prairie, in cooperation with Grand Prairie United Charities has made it easier to help your friends and neighbors in need. Since January 2008, residents have had the opportunity to include an additional \$1 with their water bill payment to help Grand Prairie families who are in need of assistance. To participate, please call the water department: 972.237.8200.