

2024 Gives Back Annual Report



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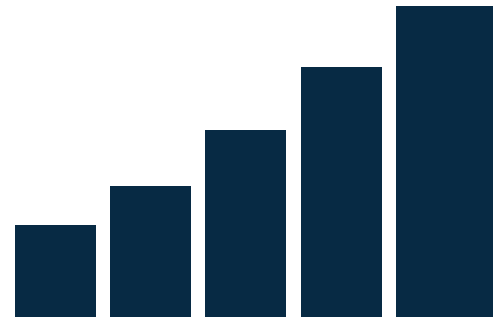


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History

In **2021**, The NRH Senior Center Gives Back program originated when the center was closed due to Covid. Members collected 74 gift cards (\$740 value) and delivered them to Medical City North Hills frontline workers. Collected towels, newspaper and food supplies for NRH Animal Services. Gather non-perishable food for a local food pantry. - The Lunch Box, Legacy Church of Christ.

In **2022**, Gives Back began organized campaigns for food donations, Animal Services, Water collection for the NRH Fire Department (\$450 value) and “I Can Still Shine” Women and children assistance.

In **2023**, Gives Back Team Leads and Assistants made contacts with area agencies and promoted the program at our Senior Center’s monthly luncheon. Announcements in special programs and monthly newsletters kept Gives Back campaigns fresh in members’ minds. The program added a webpage and routine Facebook posts. These steps along with team member enthusiasm helped to bolster the program and its impact in the community.



2024 Making an Impact



NRH ANIMAL SERVICES

LEAD LUPE MAGEE

ASSIST MARIAN SIMS



The first quarter NRH Senior Center Gives Back campaign involved the collection of used towels, blankets, washcloths, new dog and cat food, and various pet supplies to be donated to NRH Animal Services. Information was provided in the monthly newsletter, on digital boards throughout the Center, and through announcements at the January, February, and March monthly luncheons. The team delivered supplies to Animal Services twice during this first-quarter campaign. The team chose Animal Services as a campaign to provide an opportunity for members to donate used items rather than only new items or cash.

I want the members of the NRH Senior Center to know that all the donations are so appreciated. The animal shelter is city supported, and therefore receives a budget which doesn't always meet the needs of the animal shelter. So, all of the extra donations allow us to service even more animals. **Chun Mezger, NRH Animal Services Officer**



I CAN STILL SHINE

LEAD DEBBIE HARTMAN

ASSIST LUPE MAGEE

The Gives Back team selected "I Can Still Shine" as their campaign for the second quarter. "I Can Still Shine" is a nonprofit center dedicated to supporting battered women and children. Members contributed by donating toiletries, household items, clothing, cash, and gift cards. At the March luncheon, Pastor Linda Barnette highlighted the vital role of "I Can Still Shine" in our community. Additionally, the gives back team had the opportunity to tour the facility while dropping off items in July.

I want to thank you for the wonderful donations we got today from your group. This will help our mothers and kids start over. The cleaning supplies and clothes were wonderful. Also the gift cards to Walmart and QT will help our families with needed food and gas. You are a huge blessing to us and again, we are so grateful for your love and support of our families. **Brenda Jackson, Program for Women and Children**



REFRESH BISD / AREA ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

LEAD LUPE MAGEE

ASSIST ROBIN WEED

Following the success of our 2023 third-quarter campaign, our team attempted to collaborate with school district counselors to organize a supply drive. Unfortunately, due to the timing of school staff returning and the urgency for supplies, a direct partnership with the counselors was not feasible. Instead, we decided to align with the BISD Refresh program for school supplies. Any items we obtained after the BISD refresh deadline were directly allocated to elementary and middle school teachers in our region.

Thank you so much for the generous donation of supplies to our school! It was also such a blessing for us as teachers to have this supplemental donation as things don't always come in from our supply list. We often spend our own already limited funds to help get things for our students regularly. We were so encouraged that you thought of us and the kiddos in your community! The teachers kept emailing me "thank you's" and excited "whoo-hoo's" to pass on to you! I've attached a photo of our grateful students here at Smithfield middle making good use of the some of the supplies!

Vivian DeHart and Smithfield Middle School Art and College and Careers teacher Smithfield Middle School

2024 Making an Impact



CEC TOY DRIVE

LEAD JANINE PECK

ASSIST LINDA WHITE



For the fourth quarter "Gives Back" campaign, the team once more collaborated directly with the Community Enrichment Center to organize a toy drive. Nicholas Powell, the Executive Director of Operations at the CEC, attended our September luncheon. During the event, Mr. Powell elaborated on the CEC's mission and highlighted the toy drive's significance within our community. Before launching the Q4 campaign, members of the "Gives Back" team toured the Community Enrichment Center alongside Nicholas Powell and had the opportunity to meet the CEO.

The NRH Senior Center Gives Back campaign is a powerful testament to the incredible impact of community collaboration. This year, their heartfelt generosity provided 265 toys and 67 gift cards for our Christmas toy collection, bringing joy and hope to children and families who needed it most. This act of love reflects the beauty of a community united in purpose—reminding us that together, we can light up even the darkest times. Each toy and gift card is more than a present; it's a message to a child that they are seen, valued, and loved. We are deeply grateful for the NRH Senior Center's unwavering commitment to making this season brighter for those we serve.. **Nicholas Powell, Community Enrichment Center**

Special Activity

WATER DRIVE FOR NRH FIRE DEPARTMENT

LEAD MARIAN SIMS

ASSIST KATHY FARR



Following the tremendous success of the 2023 bottled water campaign, which collected 420 cases, the team opted to replace the planned three-month initiative with a standout one-day event. They organized a pool party at the indoor facility, turning the two-hour gathering into both an educational opportunity and a successful initial single-day activity. Even members of the Fire Department participated, taking part in the playful plastic duck race around the current channel.

The Department is grateful for the water. It is a blessing to know the seniors care. It is a cycle of "giving back".
Marcus Hodges, NRH Fire Prevention Specialist

Monthly Luncheon Food Drive

LEAD NITA FRANKLIN

ASSIST JAMES BOYD

ASSIST RAY PARISH

ASSIST DEBBIE HARTMAN



Recognizing food insecurity as a pressing issue in our community, the team decided to continue supporting the Legacy Church of Christ food pantry with monthly donations. Members are encouraged to contribute non-perishable food items at each monthly luncheon. Immediately following the luncheon, the Legacy Church of Christ collects the donations for distribution to community members through their Food Pantry

Thank you so much for the 2,342 food items and the \$1,192 cash donation given by your senior center in 2024. With your help, we were able to provide food for 558 local needy families, including 920 children. We really appreciate your generous donation. **Legacy Church of Christ Food Pantry**

2024 Donations

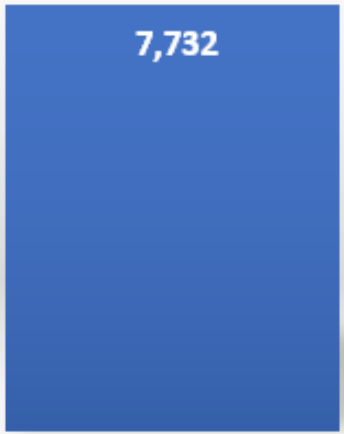
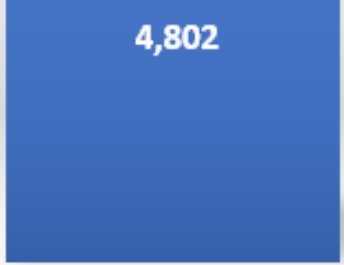
Gives Back 2024

	Month	Luncheon Items/Money Collected		Funds Collected	Items Collected	
Q1	January	180	\$ 36	Animal Services		
	February	94	\$ 46	Animal Services		
	March	219	\$ 115	Animal Services	\$ 242	360 + newspaper 360
Q2	April			Fire Dept	\$ 432	36 cases of water 15 cases of sports drink 1,440
	April	107	\$ 30	Shine		
	May	77	\$ 152	Shine	\$ 240	2,688 items 2,688
	June	113	\$ 53	Shine		
Q3	July	233	\$ 20	Refresh		281 items 281
	August	140	\$ 20	Refresh		249 items 249
	September	160	\$ 269	Refresh	\$ 100	125 items 125
Q4	October	217	\$ 229	CEC		
	November	416	\$ 130	CEC		
	December	368	\$ 92	CEC	\$ 1,530	total: 265 toys 67 GC at value \$1,530 265
TOTAL	Pantry	2,324	\$ 1,192		\$ 2,544	5,408
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Yearly Comparison

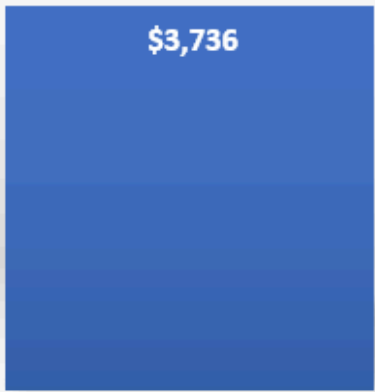
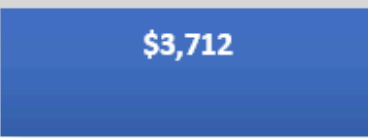
Donated Items



2023

2024

Monitary Donation



2023

2024