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**NEWS FLASH!!!! * NEWS FLASH!!!!

Next year the House of Neighborly Service will be celebrating 100 years of service to the Westside of San Antonio. Events will take place as part of the celebration and information will sent out soon.

HNS’ annual gala has been held in February in years past; however, since we are including the gala as part of our celebration we will be pushing the date back further in the year to September 15th. We are hoping to make it an exciting and memorable event. The gala will be held at a different venue and will take place at the Whitley Theological Center. More information on this event will be sent out early next year.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors of House of Neighborly Service, we hope that each of you will join us for our centennial festivities.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLY GIVEAWAY

Families enrolled in HNS’ Early Intervention Program received backpacks filled with school supplies for children attending Early Head Start, Head Start and elementary schools. With generous donations and contributions made from individuals and some of the Presbyterian churches in the city, we were able to distribute 125 backpacks with supplies before the start of the 2016-2017 school year. We were also very fortunate to have had 3 hairdressers and 1 barber that donated their time to give haircuts to all children in attendance that day.

THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS POSSIBLE!!

Backpacks were also provided.

Getting children ready for school.

Above: Backpacks filled with school essentials.

Left: One of the children who received a backpack was very happy and ready for school.
We have a new website!! Please make sure and visit us at www.hnstodays.org to learn more about HNS and the programs we provide.

**In Appreciation**

We would like to thank the following foundations for their continued support to House of Neighborly Service:

1. Carl C. Anderson, Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation—in support of our Senior Program.
2. Capitol One—to provide Financial Literacy classes to our community.
3. Faye L. and William L. Cowden Charitable Foundation—in support of our Early Intervention Program.
4. Dixie Starnes Wenger Foundation—for general support of the organization.
5. First Presbyterian Church Local Missions Committee—in support of scholarship assistance for Kid’s Place.
6. Greehey Family Foundation—in support of our Early Intervention Program.
7. Kronkosky Charitable Foundation—in support of CBE programming to teach parents who are depressed intervention skills to “exercise” the part of the child’s brain that promotes resiliency.
8. Mission Trail Rotary Charities, Inc.—in support of Kid’s Place gardening project.
9. Najim Family Foundation—in support of scholarship assistance for Kid’s Place.
10. Trull Foundation—in support of our Early Intervention Program.

I want to personally thank a dear friend of mine, Vicente Sanchez, for collecting 165 turkeys on behalf of HNS. This is the third year that Vicente has helped HNS with this project.

We distributed the turkeys through our weekly Breadline, which is held on Tuesday mornings. Many families from the community came out to collect a turkey for their Thanksgiving meal. Thank you to Pete Alaniz and his students from South San High School who helped with the set up and distribution.

On behalf of House of Neighborly Service, I would like to thank each of you who have contributed to our organization throughout the year. We appreciate your kindness and generosity that allows us to continue serving our Westside community by providing food through our Pantry and Breadline, nutritious meals and supplies for our seniors and support for Kid’s Place Child Development & Treatment Center.

TECH NEWS

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