

A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS



North Rosenberg Edition

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Mission Week Recap!

This was our 4th Annual Friends of North Rosenberg Mission Week! Whether this was your 1st or 4th experience, we are so grateful for each person who sacrificed their time and resources to participate this year!

While Mission Week looks a little different each year, the point and purpose of this event remains the same. First, Mission Week exists to help build trust and relationships within the community of North Rosenberg. Secondly, Mission Week helps build a bridge that connects North Rosenberg to other communities. Lastly, Mission Week is a purposeful event that connects to everything that Friends of North Rosenberg does throughout the year. We offered kids camp, soccer camp, and basketball camp as well as home revitalization, and a prayer team who went out into the community from home to home to pray for each home and family. We had over 200 participants and 130 volunteers that came out to be a part of this year's event. In addition, we had several dozen community members come out to enjoy BBQ provided by Ralph Villarreal with Smoked Out Cookers.

Each night began with an introduction from one of Friends of North Rosenberg's Staff and a prayer from one of the pastors or ministers present for mission week and a quick meal. Immediately following, teams broke out and went to their assigned areas. The children in our kid's camp learned about God's love for us, and why he loves us so much! Our kids in basketball and soccer camp were able to learn the fundamentals of soccer and basketball, run drills, and play games.

Our prayer team went door to door spreading the word of God, praying for each home and each family. They were also able to spread the word about who Friends of North Rosenberg is and a little bit about what we do! Thursday we had a celebration of our community and of God, we had cake and entertainment by J. Riley Entertainment, complete with line dancing and dance battles and sno cones provided by The Lord's Kitchen. We are so blessed to be a part of this community for this community. Thank you to everyone who came out to participate, volunteer and support! We look forward to seeing you next year!





The Volunteer Classifieds

Email Faith Guerrero for more details: Faith@attackpoverty.org

THURSDAY WASH DAY

Every 1st Thursday of each month

We use Wash Day as a day to shower love and kindness onto the homeless and less fortunate population of North Rosenberg. We invite volunteers to come and prepare a home cooked meal, pray with, sit with and assist in washing linens, blankets and clothes for these individuals. All at no cost to them. We also provide clothes, personal hygiene items, toiletries, towels, and feminine items as we have them available. This is a great way to empower our homeless community and show them that they are loved!

ADULT EDUCATION

Our adult education program empowers individuals to take the next steps in their life. We know a hand up through education is vital to ongoing growth and transformation as adults seek to achieve their long-term and short-term goals. It is exciting to see a growing number of adults engaged through our programs as they obtain jobs, get their GED, learn English, and gain additional skills through our computer and financial education classes. Volunteers are needed to mentor adults in ESL and GED Prep classes as well as Basic Computer skills.

REVITALIZATIONS VOLUNTEER

Saturday Work Days (2nd and 4th Saturday of every month)

Our Home Repair program is geared to assist low income, single parent, elderly or flood affected individuals with critical repairs needed to their home. We also do community revitalization projects. We have volunteer opportunities for the whole family. Since Hurricane Harvey devastated the North Rosenberg and Cummings Road Area we will be assisting home owners in the rebuild process as well. Skilled volunteers are needed for drywall hanging, insulation, painting and flooring as well. Volunteers can call Faith at 832.471.6090 for details.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

We have a 6 Raised Bed Community Garden that is geared towards providing fresh fruits and vegetables to the residents in the community. Our garden also has a Prayer Wall and Picnic Tables for the community to be able to come in to enjoy. We will also host events in the garden for both children and adults. If you are interested in learning more about the CommUNITY Garden contact Jennifer at 832.471.6090.

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Wash Day



Wash Day, held on the first Thursday of each month is an opportunity that we at Friends of North Rosenberg take to shower our members in the community who may be in need with love. The hard reality of our community is that there are some who do not know where their next meal will come from. Things like clean clothes and showers are a luxury. This is the reality these community members face every day. We set up at Brazos Park, in collaboration with Our Lady of Guadalupe Church we are able to provide a hardy meal to fill their stomachs. We also offer toiletries, feminine items, clothes (as available), and the ability to wash and dry clothes and linens. Most importantly we offer a caring ear, prayers, and friendship. If you or someone you know may be in need, please contact Jennifer for more information. 832-471-6090.

Important Dates

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| • Every Monday & Wednesday | GED/ESL Classes 6-8pm |
| • July 14 | Saturday Workday (7:30am -12:30pm) |
| • July 28 | Saturday Workday (7:30am -12:30pm) |
| • August 9 | Last day of Summer Buddy Reading |
| • August 29 | You Can Academy Registration begins! |
| • September 17 | You Can Academy begins! |

Summer Buddy Reading



YOU CAN ACADEMY presents BUDDY READING

Our Summer Buddy Reading Program is off to a great start! Our participants are reading, reading, reading! Under the leadership of Amy Waters and her great group of volunteers, each child has many reading and writing experiences daily. Students write and share, read and share and read independently. Students are adding up reading minutes to earn books for their personal library. This incentive reading program works through a collaboration with Usborne Books. Participants also use reading strategies that help with comprehension, learn songs and chants and read bible verses. On each Thursday, there are special activities scheduled. On the first Thursday, The Rosenberg Police Department conducted a session titled Abduction Awareness and Preparedness. The boys and girls learned so much but enjoyed themselves also!

The Summer Buddy Reading Program meets Monday through Thursday at the Friends of North Rosenberg Resource Building from 1-4, June 18-August 9.



Small Successes!

As we are quickly approaching the one year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey we are so excited for the work that has been done in the community. We have gone through the muck/gut phase, repair/rebuild phase and now we are starting to see several elevated homes coming to a complete stage! This process has been a little slow but steady. We are so grateful for our continued volunteer groups, church partnerships and our involved home owners. We do understand that it can take some homeowners 12-18 even 24 months to recover and we plan to be here to celebrate successes with them every step of the way.



Volunteer Highlight | David Goff



Each month we like to take a moment to appreciate the people who help our community to mend itself, to better itself and who help our community to grow. Let us introduce you to one of our key leads for our home revitalization program. This is David Goff! David was born and raised in Houston, some of David's hobbies include baseball, reading and family history. David has been an Astros fan from the very beginning, when the team was formed in 1962 and enjoys visiting stadiums around the country. David is also constantly reading a variety of books and researching genealogical roots and his family tree. David joined our team shortly after Hurricane Harvey when his neighbor Amy, who volunteers at our sister initiative Friends of North Richmond, told him about the recovery efforts going on in the Richmond area. From there, David began volunteering at Friends of North Rosenberg. We asked David a few quick questions about his work with Friends of North Rosenberg. David, what do you do at FNRO? Whatever Rose tells me to do! Why do you volunteer at FNRO? I primarily volunteer to assist in the Hurricane Harvey Recovery work. So many people are in need of help and I'm happy to assist in whatever manner I can. We salute you David! It's because of volunteers like you that we are able to continue doing the work that we do and are able to bless our community in the way that we do!

Prayer Team



Need Prayer? Stop by our Community Garden where we have a prayer wall that you can write your prayers on, or simply place them in the box for our Spiritual Growth Team of local ministers to pray over.

If you have the gift of compassion and prayer and would like to join the Spiritual Growth Team contact Betty Ragsdale at Betty@attackpoverty.org for more details.



New programs-planning in progress!!

New programs are coming to The Friends of North Rosenberg Resource Office! Planning is underway, and programs are anticipated to begin in the fall. If you may be interested in participating or volunteering please contact us today!



Jobs for Life-Offers unique solutions to poverty and joblessness in communities.

Resume Building 101 (Workshops)- Learn to build and present your resume with confidence!

Basic Computer-Learn to turn on, operate and work with computers in your everyday life.

Faith & Finance (Workshops)- Workshops specifically designed for individuals living in low income environments. Each session is designed to meet the learning needs of those who struggle to manage their money.

To participate: contact Jennifer at 832-471-6090 or Jennifer@attackpoverty.org

To volunteer: contact Faith at 832-471-6090 or Faith@attackpoverty.org

Where Will You Volunteer This Summer?

Buddy Reading (Begins June 18th) Monday thru Thursday 1-4pm-Reading and interactive activities with children from the community.
ESL Tutor (TBD) – Help adults learn English
GED Tutor (Mondays and Wednesdays | 6-8pm) – Tutor adults as they earn their GED
Home Repair (Second & fourth Saturday of each month | 7:30am – 12:30pm) – Provide assistance with home repairs including drywall, painting, and construction
CommUNITY Garden (TBD) – Assist with the maintenance and upkeep of the garden.
Email Faith Guerrero to get involved: Faith@attackpoverty.org

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