

A Letter to our Neighbors



Hello 2021!

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer" – Romans 12:12

When I read the verse above, one word comes to mind: Intentionality. This past year showed us how easy it is to let time pass, to miss out on relationships, and to be blind to moments of goodness mixed in with the day's distractions. The world we live in is a heavy and noisy place to be, and if we are not intentional, we will be swept away in it all. God calls us in Romans to sift through the heaviness and the noise, to be LOVE IN ACTION. To live in this way, God gives us three intentional actions:

- Rejoice in Hope – God calls us to REJOICE! Are we intentionally seeking and seeing moments of God's goodness every day?
- Be Patient in Tribulation – Relationships and transformation are long term work and take years! Are we being patient in the everyday to see the good that will come years later?
- Be Constant in Prayer – God's goodness and love outweighs anything I can do. When we pray, we are humbling ourselves and putting God back in the center so He can move mountains and change lives. Are we giving up our perception of control and praying for God to move so His will can be done?

We have been asking ourselves these questions at Friends of North Richmond because we want to be intentional this year – we want to be LOVE IN ACTION.

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Food Distribution Reopens

OF HOUSEHOLDS:

6,575

OF INDIVIDUALS:

28,198

In 2020, our location was able to serve 6,575 households and 28,198 individuals!

We were excited to open our drive through Food Distribution for the first time in 2021. It was wonderful to have an energetic team of volunteers to greet and serve our community.



Christmas Market

Our annual Christmas Market is an opportunity to empower and connect with adults and families in our community. Through volunteering and attending classes, our neighbors can earn points to buy gifts for their families. Some of the residents pictured: Monica, Tarussa, Yeshua, and Lacreisha.

Despite COVID-19 and a rainy day, we were able to organize our market as a drive through.

Our friend Lacreisha offered a ride to Monica who had to walk with her kids and stroller in the rain to get her gifts. We are thankful for the chance to witness neighbors helping neighbors and loving one another well.





Understanding the WHY behind the goal

As we look for ways to empower adults in North Richmond in their education, we have teamed up with the Fort Bend Literacy Council. We have been conducting evaluations to determine the needs of our students who are seeking to complete their GED or learn English in our ESL classes. We asked a few students why they are choosing to take classes and the goal they hope to achieve afterwards. Check out the responses below:



Jessy wants to begin working on her GED for her two younger daughters and lead by example. She is looking forward to expanding her family piñata business with her mother.

Jessy



Hector is a pastor who is eager to improve his English so that he can have more conversations with his grandchildren when they visit, as well as English speaking visitors that attend his church.

Hector



After the passing of her daughter, Alice gained her 3 grandkids and now takes care of them full time. She wants to earn her GED to set an example for her grandkids and be one step closer on becoming a Foster grandparent.

Alice

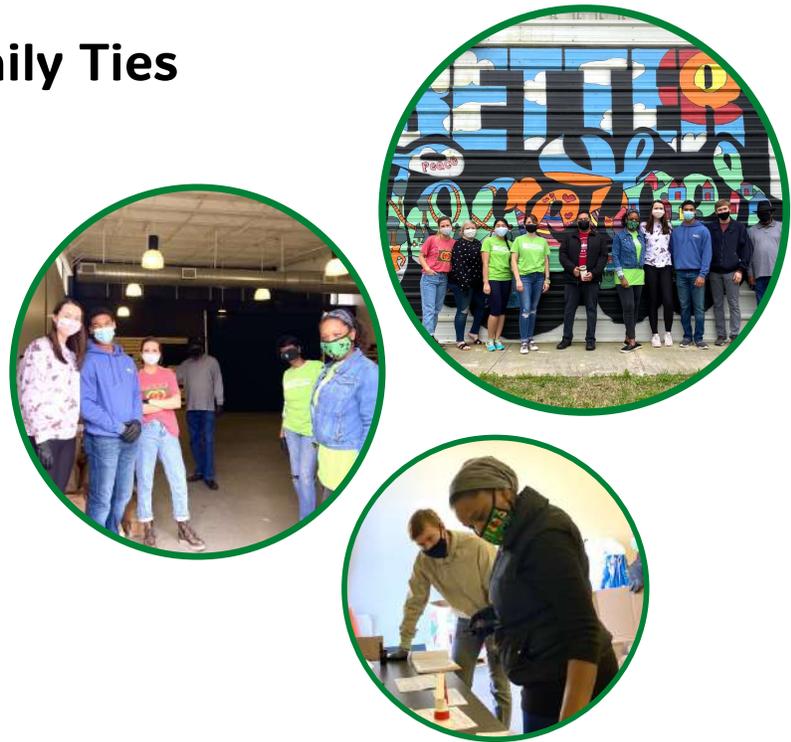
VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT

As a staff led and volunteer run organization, we cannot accomplish this work without our amazing partners and volunteers who invest in the North Richmond community. Thank you!

Family Ties

Stephanie is a volunteer who recently moved to our area from Kansas City, Kansas. She was looking for a place to get plugged in to volunteering in her community, and she found us online. After serving with us at food distribution one week, she came back and brought her son Jonathan and his girlfriend Olivia. They brought some great energy, working hard and helping our drive through run smoothly.

We love to see families who serve together!



Hope in Fort Bend

Once a month, we partner with several non-profits in our community to provide a hot meal for the homeless community of Richmond and Rosenberg. This event, called Hope in Fort Bend, is a space for homeless individuals to get their immediate needs met, with food, socks, snack items, blankets, hygiene packs and more.

Not only do we share needed items, but we connect individuals with important resources that they might need. Over time, as we hold this monthly event, we look forward to building relationships with our homeless neighbors and empowering them to support and make next steps.

If you'd like to contribute or volunteer for Hope in Fort Bend, visit bit.ly/saturdayhotmeal

FNR CALENDAR 2020-21

We've planned the year but we know as we work, changes are necessary.

"In their hearts human plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps."

Proverbs 16:9

July 2020

- Food Distribution 5 days a week
- Financial Assistance
- Virtual Summer Program - Read. Deed. Run.
- Hot Meals for the Homeless

August 2020

- Food Distribution 3 days a week
- Financial Assistance
- Hot Meals for the Homeless

September 2020

- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Prayer Walk through the Community
- Financial Assistance
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- Hired a new Assistant Director!

October 2020

- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Financial Assistance
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- Come & See: Trunk or Treat

November 2020

- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Financial Assistance
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Friendsgiving Drive Through
- 50 Thanksgiving meals hand delivered to our senior neighbors

December 2020

- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Financial Assistance
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Elementary Christmas Party Drive Through
- Christmas Market Drive Through

January 2021

- Prayer Walk through the Community
- Financial Assistance
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- ESL Class
- GED Class

February 2021

- Prayer Walk through the Community
- Financial Assistance
- Volunteer Meet & Greet
- Faith & finance Workshop
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- ESL Class
- GED Class

March 2021

- Prayer Walk through the Community
- Financial Assistance
- Family Outdoor Movie
- Eagle Week
- Faith & Finance Workshop
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- ESL Class
- GED Class

April 2021

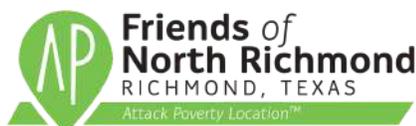
- Prayer Walk through the Community
- Financial Assistance
- Incentive Parties
- Faith & finance Workshop
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- ESL Class
- GED Class

May 2021

- Prayer Walk through the Community
- Financial Assistance
- Teacher Support
- Virtual Elementary School Support
- In Person Elementary School Support
- Food Distribution 1 day a week
- Hot Meals for the Homeless
- ESL Class
- GED Class

June 2021

- Food Distribution (Wednesdays)
- Mission Week (TBD)



Thank you for partnering with us as we empower the North Richmond community through spiritual growth, education, revitalization and basic needs.

Looking Ahead...Save the Date!

We have on-going opportunities for volunteering, donating, and volunteering. Don't miss these ways that you can be involved!

Volunteer Meet and Greet (Zoom)

Tuesday February 23, 6-7pm

This virtual event is a great space to listen, learn and ask questions about all the ways you can volunteer with us at Friends of North Richmond.

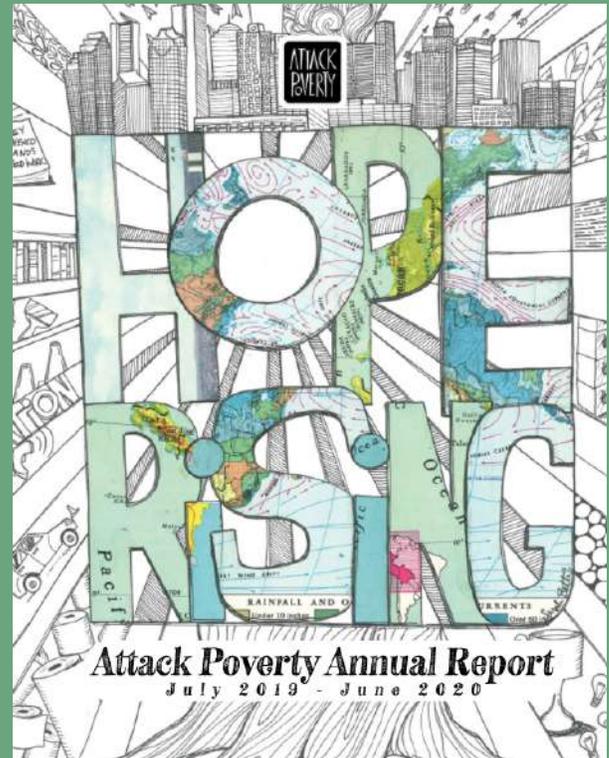
To join and get meeting info, email our Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Beth Baca:
sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org

Bottled Water

Can you help? Our team needs cases of bottled water to share with our community members and volunteers that serve. Donations can be dropped off at our Resource Center Monday-Friday between 9am-5pm:

**FNR Neighborhood Resource Center
1305 Clay St.
Richmond, TX 77469**

Annual Report



Our Attack Poverty Annual Report is hot off the press!

Click here to read:

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