



2012 Report to the Community

Empowering people in need to improve their own quality of life



Thank you for your generosity in 2012!

Did you know that there are around 900 children in the Hurst-Euless-Bedford School District who are considered homeless? When I first heard that statistic, I was astounded, but the truth is that many of our neighbors are struggling every day. They often feel powerless and unsure of how to begin moving forward again.

And that's why I'm so proud of the work we do here at Mission Central. We are here to provide emergency assistance and to empower people in need to improve their own quality of life. We have programs to help people in crisis with immediate needs, and we also have programs to help families gain the tools they need to truly rebuild their lives.

Through your generosity, in 2012 we were able to help more people than ever before. It was a huge year of growth for us: we doubled the number of students we serve at the Village Library, we doubled the number of times a family can visit the Village Food Pantry, and we doubled the number of families who can participate in the Family Opportunities Program.

As the needs of our community continue to grow, we are focused on ways to provide the most relevant help to families in Hurst, Euless, and Bedford. We are working on plans to move the Village Food Pantry and Family Opportunities Program into a larger space. Moving the Food Pantry will allow us to serve families more efficiently and more frequently. Our new space will also have a meeting room, so we can invite providers of quality programs into the neighborhood to share their skills and expertise with our guests. From tax help to parenting classes, a larger facility will help us serve the community in new ways.

We're also growing at the Coat of Many Colors resale store. Revenues in 2012 topped \$275,000 and are on course to continue growth in 2013. To provide our customers with the best shopping experience and to create the most organized systems for our volunteers, we're also expanding the store by moving into a neighboring space. As the Coat of Many Colors grows, so do the opportunities we have to build programs in the

community.

One of the projects I enjoyed most in 2012 was working with the Client Care and Hospitality Advisory Group to find a way to communicate what we truly value at Mission Central. The outcome of that project was the adoption of Mission Central's CORE values. These values are Compassion, Open-Mindedness, Respect, and Empowerment. It has been a joy to bring these values into the framework of which we make decisions on a daily basis. It allows us to not only provide services to our guests, but also dignity and kindness.

I'm so excited about what's in store for Mission Central, and I hope you find a way to connect with us, whether that be through donations, volunteering, or encouragement. If you've never seen Mission Central in action, I invite you to visit any time.

With warm regards,

Paula Jernigan, Executive Director



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Connect with Mission Central

Mission Central is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization serving the communities of Hurst, Euless and Bedford.

Administrative offices, Village Food Pantry, and Family Opportunities Programs are located at:

732A East Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053
817-595-0011

Village Library and Adult Education classes are located at:

742 East Pipeline Road
Hurst, TX 76053
817-595-0011

The Coat of Many Colors Resale Store is located at:

625 Harwood Road
Bedford, TX 76021
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Email missioncentralvolunteers@gmail.com to sign up for our email newsletter.



Village Garden

On a little plot of land just outside of the First United Methodist Church of Hurst, you'll find a host of raised garden beds. Depending on the season, those gardens might be filled with bright-red radishes, plump tomatoes, or big heads of broccoli. These organic vegetables and herbs are lovingly tended by the Hurst Harvesters, who offer their bounty to the guests of Mission Central. Their contributions provide fresh, healthy food for our guests, adding variety and nutrients to their diets.

2012 Impact: The Village Garden provided 512 pounds of fresh produce to Mission Central guests.



Mobile Food Pantry

On the second Friday of each month, an 18-wheeler pulls up outside First United Methodist Church of Hurst. That truck is full of meat, dairy, produce, and pantry staples which Mission Central's volunteers will distribute to their neighbors over the next few hours.

It takes 75 to 100 volunteers to share this much food with our guests, and those volunteers show up rain or shine, heat or cold. This event truly brings the community together, with volunteers from many churches and businesses.

2012 Impact: The Mobile Food Pantry served an average of 420 families each month.

Village Library Tutoring



on-one tutoring to make sure they can successfully complete their homework, as well to help build their math and reading skills. Volunteers and students make the Village Library a lively place that's full of fun and learning.

At the beginning of 2012, the Village Library was only open two nights each week, and there was a waiting list of students who wanted to be a part of the program. With the help of generous donors and volunteers, we were able to expand the program to four nights a week beginning in the fall of 2012.

2012 Impact: Each week, 55 children received help with their schoolwork.

On four afternoons each week, students from local elementary and middle schools have a place to get help with their homework. The Village Library provides students with one-



Family Opportunities

When a family is on the verge of losing their home, they often see no way out. They often have no money for transportation, a job that won't pay enough to meet the family's needs, or medical issues that must be addressed before a parent can get back to work.

Our Family Opportunities Program helps empower families to move beyond these situations. When a family enters this program, our Master's-level social worker helps the family build a plan that will lead them back to stable housing and finances. Together, our social worker and the family set goals to make sure their plan will continue to move them forward. As long as the family continues to meet these goals, Mission Central will be there to assist them — helping them get the training they need for a better job, making sure they have reliable transportation to work, and offering food and help with utilities until they are back on their feet. All families in the program have children living at home, so this program helps build a solid foundation for these children as they grow.

2012 Impact: 30 new families were added to the program, for a total of 61 families who were given the opportunity to return to a life of self-sufficiency. At this time, 57 of those families have achieved their goals.



Village Food Pantry

When a family is in crisis, they need to be thinking about the big picture — finding a job, getting well, or securing housing. They don't need to be thinking about where their next meal will come from. That's where the Village Food Pantry comes in. We provide families with meat, bread, vegetables, fruit and toiletries that keep their pantry shelves stocked while they focus on improving their own quality of life. The Village Food Pantry also offers supplemental food for the elderly and disabled who may be on a fixed income.

In 2012, we were able to increase the number of times a family can receive groceries from three times a year to six times a year. More than 13,000 bags of groceries left the Village Food Pantry in 2012 to feed hungry families in Hurst, Euless and Bedford.

2012 Impact: 1,620 families received groceries a total of 4,773 times.



Coat of Many Colors

The Coat of Many Colors is a bustling place. Shoppers come in for the perfect dress, a good book, or decorations for an upcoming party. Whatever the season, the store offers shoppers affordable items that families need, as well as hidden treasures for collectors and hobbyists.

All this shopping has a profound effect on our community. Every dollar spent at the Coat of Many Colors helps fund the programs of Mission Central. In 2012, the Coat of Many Colors was responsible for 59% of Mission Central's total revenues.

In addition to providing revenue for Mission Central, the Coat of Many Colors is another means for serving our community. When Mission Central guests need clothing due to an emergency or job requirements, they can receive a Gift Card to the store to help purchase the items they need.

2012 Impact: Almost \$20,000 in clothing items were given to our guests in the community who were in need.

Village Library Adult Education

It's hard enough to find a job, but finding a good job without a high school diploma can be almost impossible. Our Adult Education Program offers classes each week that help students study for their GED exam, so they can earn their diploma

and find suitable work.

2012 Impact: 41 students participated in GED classes. 18 students took the GED exam, with an 89% passing rate.

Our Supporters Make Our Work Possible

We are grateful to the many organizations, corporations and foundations who support Mission Central with their gifts.

This list includes:
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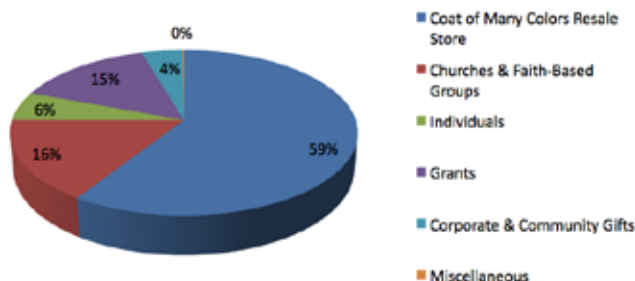
Mid-Cities Pacesetter Rotary Club
North Pointe Baptist Church
St. Philip Presbyterian Church
Tarrant Area Food Bank
Texas Methodist Foundation
University of North Texas Community and Public Service Class
Walmart

2012 Revenue By Source

Coat of Many Colors Resale Store	\$276,464
Churches & Faith-Based Groups	\$74,508
Individuals	\$26,557
Grants	\$69,000
Corporate & Community Gifts	\$20,433
Miscellaneous	\$770

Total Revenue

\$467,732

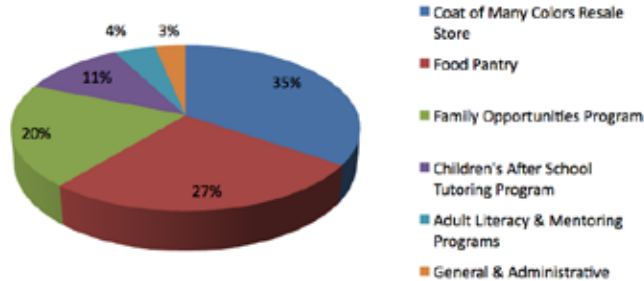


2012 Expenses By Cost Center

Coat of Many Colors Resale Store	\$139,161
Food Pantry	\$106,853
Family Opportunities Program	\$81,065
Children's After School Tutoring	\$44,617
Adult Literacy & Mentoring	\$18,032
General & Administrative	\$13,190

Total Expenses

\$402,918



How Can You Help?

Donate Today

Donations can be mailed to Mission Central, 732A East Pipeline Road, Hurst, TX 76053 or can be made online at www.missioncentralmetroplex.com. All donations are tax deductible.

Does Your Company Match Donations?

Many companies will match your donations and/or allow employees to deduct donations via payroll. If you work for companies such as Bell Helicopter, IBM, JP Morgan Chase, or Sabre Holdings, please ask your HR Department about giving options.

Volunteer

Last year, volunteers shared more than 17,000 hours of their time with Mission Central. Whether you only have an hour a month or would like to volunteer for a few hours each week, we can match you with an opportunity to share your talents with the community. Email missioncentralvolunteers@gmail.com for more information.

Host a Food Drive

Having a birthday party? Ask your friends to bring a canned good. Is your company looking for a staff activity? Collect a different type of food each month. Whether just a few

cans or a truckload, we'll get your donations to hungry people.

Shop at Coat of Many Colors

Every dollar spent at the Coat of Many Colors helps us keep programs running. It's a great place to get gifts, clothes, furniture or craft items. (We'd love to have your gently used clothing and household items, too!)

Share Our Story

"Like" us on Facebook, share this report with a friend, and add us to your church prayer list. When you help spread the word about the needs of our community, you help Mission Central meet those needs.