



Dinner with the Authors: An inspiring evening

A modern-day slave, an international art dealer, and the unlikely woman who bound them together... "Same Kind of Different as Me" chronicles the remarkable lives and inspiring friendship of authors Ron Hall and Denver Moore.

Often shocking in its honesty, this true story navigates through accounts of pain, betrayal and shame to reveal a heartwarming and uplifting message of hope and unconditional love.

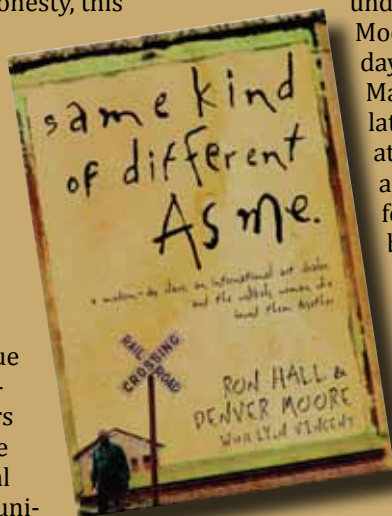
"The inspirational story in 'Same Kind of Different as Me' is a true example of how Neighbors Helping Neighbors can be a powerful force in improving individual lives and entire communities. Dinner with the Authors is sure to be a positive event for NAM and for our guests," said NAM President and CEO Carole Little.

Ron and Denver will share their stories in person at Dinner with the Authors, an event hosted by the NAM Endowment Fund Board, on Tuesday,

April 13, 2010 at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott. Proceeds from the dinner benefit NAM's programs and services. Tickets are \$150 each, and tables for 10 range from \$1,500-25,000.

To call their friendship unlikely is an understatement. Denver Moore grew up a modern-day slave, working for "The Man" on plantations as late as the 1960s, never attending a day of school and never being paid for his years of back-breaking labor. He later chose to try surviving on the rough streets of Fort Worth, considering it a step up in life from plantation work. Years on the streets and time in prison hardened Denver, turning him into a dangerous drifter. He never dreamed he'd make friends with a rich white man like Ron Hall, an international art dealer who socialized with the world's elite.

Ron did not grow up rich, but his entrepreneurial personality quickly catapulted him from his modest



Denver Moore



Ron Hall



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Nikki, her son, Taylor, and daughter, Sierra, gratefully accept Thanksgiving supplies from a NAM volunteer.

Thousands receive help for Thanksgiving, food and toy donations still needed for holidays

Each month, NAM's Food Pantry feeds an average of 900 families, but during the winter months, even more families in need turn to NAM for help with supplies for the Holiday season. This year, NAM provided Thanksgiving meals to more than 800 families who might otherwise not have been able to celebrate the holiday.

Among the many families picking up Thanksgiving supplies this year was Nicki, a single mom with two children. "We're barely making it," Nicki said, with weary eyes. "I have a good job, but it's hard with just us. After buying diapers and baby food, that's all we've got. So this is a tremendous help to us."

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A challenging, but successful year

2009 is coming to a close, and as I look back through NAM's accomplishments over the last 12 months, I am nothing short

of inspired by what our community has achieved by working together.

This has not been an easy year, by any stretch of the imagination. The sluggish economy has presented us with a real challenge: an increase in requests for assistance and a decrease in donations and donation amounts.

People who never thought they would have to ask for assistance are now knocking on our door. Neighbors in Need are coming from all neighborhoods requesting help from our various programs. Meanwhile, many donors are being affected by the economy as well, finding it increasingly difficult to sustain their donation levels.

Despite this tough situation, what I find encouraging is that as a community, we

were still able to better the lives of more than 148,000 individuals this fiscal year. That means we helped 28,000 more people in need than we were able to help last year...with fewer resources.

Such an accomplishment was only possible because so many groups and individuals were determined to help. This year, our congregations especially stepped up through cash and in-kind support as well as volunteer hours. From organizing food drives and holding special fund collections, to completing group volunteer projects, our congregations demonstrated their commitment this year to NAM's mission of Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

In so many ways, this year has been successful. We have remained one of the most effective and cost-efficient charities in the community, striving to be good stewards of the resources we receive. Approximately \$0.90 of every dollar donated in the 2008-2009 fiscal year went to direct services. These services include outreach to a diverse population of Neighbors in Need, from kids in the Children's Clinic, to seniors in the Fifty Plus Program.

Our major projects this year have also been successful, thanks to outstanding support from the community. We met our distribution goals for the annual Back-to-School program (2,940 local children received basic school supplies, clothing and shoes), the Shot Blitz (821 children received necessary immunizations), and the Thanksgiving Project (800 families received Thanksgiving food supplies), among others.

The next, and final, project for the year is the Holiday Project. We are continuing to work toward our goal of providing food to at least 1,100 families for the December holidays and giving toys to at least 3,000 children. Each year, this is a major undertaking, and we are only able to accomplish such a major goal with the help of our entire NAM community. Many groups and individuals have already been hard at work collecting food, toys and monetary donations for this important project. Please consider helping us finish the year strong by donating to our Holiday Project.

This year, we have been blessed with the ability to help so many people at a very tough time. The NAM staff and the people who come to us for help are grateful for the support we have received this year. It really does take a community to accomplish what we do each day.

If you would like to make a year-end gift to NAM, please call 281-885-4605 or go to www.namonline.org. Thank you for your support, and please continue to keep your Neighbors in Need in your hearts.

Carole Little
President & CEO

NAM Statement of Activities for the months ended 10/31/09 (unaudited)

Total Support and Revenues\$797,428

Expenses

Program services\$624,438

Management and General\$50,991

Fundraising and Development\$30,806

Total Expenses\$706,235

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets\$91,193

NAM's fiscal year runs Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009. In NAM's last fiscal year, 89 cents of every dollar went to direct services.

NAM Programs and Services

Assistance Office 281-583-5600

Children's Clinic 281-885-4630

Development/

Cash Donations 281-885-4605

Furniture Donations

Hotline 281-880-9482

Family Violence Center 281-885-4673

Interfaith Hospitality

Network 281-885-4567

Meals on Wheels 281-885-4622

Rotary Learning Center 281-885-4616

Senior Services 281-885-4600

Shelter & Energy Assistance... 281-885-4531

Workforce Development 281-885-4506

NAM Resale Shop & Donation Centers

FM 1960 281-880-9000

Jones Road 281-897-8952

Corner Resale Shop 281-885-4544

Other agencies at NAM

Harris Co. Soc. Services 281-885-4591

Even Start 281-586-1888

Gulf Coast Community

Services 281-397-0176

Volunteers Needed!

NAM has an immediate need for volunteers in its Resale Shop and Donation Center.

This is a great opportunity for individuals and groups to lend a helping hand to NAM. Shifts are available every week, Mon-Sat. Call 281-885-4609.

Paying it forward: The Guariglia family's lasting legacy

For NAM supporter Vincent Guariglia, helping his neighbors is not only an important way to share the blessings he's received in his life, it's also a way to honor his loved ones who have passed away. Guariglia recently created the Guariglia Memorial Fund within the NAM Endowment Fund in the names of his son, Michael, and his brother John.

Guariglia was born in Brooklyn, NY, in the middle of the great depression, when jobs and money were scarce. He was considered fortunate, having a father who earned a steady income of about \$28 per week working for the city of New York.

During that time, he said, he saw firsthand that lending a little help could save a family from separation, degradation and loss of pride. Just a small amount of assistance could secure a family's future.

"I think people like myself, who have been lucky, should not only be thankful, but should pay it back in some way," Guariglia said.

Guariglia's son, Michael, was taken by cancer at 41 years old. Guariglia says he knows Michael would be honored by the Memorial Fund and would be happy to see the money going to children and the less fortunate through the services NAM offers to the community.

"He would recognize NAM as a non-denominational ministry, and that would appeal to him," Guariglia said. "He believed charity and good works are not the cornerstone of one group or religion, but are within all of our hearts. He knew that we are really our brother's keeper, no matter what creed or color our brother is, or how he practices his religion."

Guariglia's brother John, a sergeant on the New York police force, was shot in the performance of his duties. He was a hero in the Korean War, receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, a Combat Infantry Badge with three battle stars, and a Far East service Medal. He also earned three academic degrees, despite the family's humble beginnings.

However, even with his highly decorated history, Guariglia says John missed his calling.

"He was a man of peace, not war," Guariglia said. "His true calling should have been as a Catholic priest rather than as a warrior, for he was truly a devout Catholic."

For Guariglia and his family, creating a Memorial Fund was a fitting way to sustain the memories of loved ones.

"NAM provides the means for people of all walks of life to honor their loved

ones in the best way possible—to offer a helping hand to someone who could use it," Guariglia said. "What's better than that?"

If you're interested in honoring your loved ones through the NAM Endowment Fund or a planned gift, NAM can help you start helping others now. Contact Maria Magee at 281-885-4605.

Our MISSION

The mission of Northwest Assistance Ministries is to strive to meet basic human needs through Neighbors helping Neighbors.

Our VISION STATEMENT

NAM's vision, grounded in our mission and true to our values, is a community in which Neighbors care for Neighbors through our collaborative effort with area congregations, community partners, donors and volunteers. Resources are pooled and leveraged to meet basic needs and to help individuals regain their self-sufficiency, thereby creating a safer and more stable community for all.

Our VALUES

Northwest Assistance Ministries values: maintaining a strong commitment to our mission of meeting basic human needs through Neighbors helping Neighbors; fostering a spirit of respect and charity; striving for excellence in all we do; and strengthening connections with our spiritual, funding, and volunteer partners.



Panelists at NAM's Legislative Breakfast answer audience questions. Panelists were (left to right): State Rep. Debbie Riddle, State Rep. Allen Fletcher, Constable Ron Hickman, City Councilman Ron Green, State Rep. Sylvester Turner, District Attorney Pat Lykos, State Rep. Patricia Harless, State Rep. John Zerwas, City Councilman Jarvis Johnson, and Sheriff Adrian Garcia. NAM Executive Board Chair Tom Forestier (right) served as moderator.



NAM President and CEO Carole Little gives a presentation at NAM's first Nonprofit Education Conference, held Sept. 30.



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Community celebrates and gives back at NAM's 2009 Jeans & Jewels gala

More than 500 NAM supporters attended NAM's 11th annual Jeans & Jewels Gala, held in October at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott. The event exceeded its goals by grossing over \$430,000 for NAM's programs and services.

Among those present were Gala honorees Jackie and Pat Riley, Gala co-chairs Dana Hines and Diane Porter, and major sponsors Ultra Petroleum Corporation, Valerie and John vonBerg, Linda and Joe Fowler, Citation Oil and Gas, Linda and Harlan Martens, Jackie and Pat Riley, and Joanne and Mike Watford.

The evening began with a cocktail hour, featuring a signature turquoise cosmopolitan created and donated by Grey Goose Vodka. Guests enjoyed drinks,

appetizers, and a silent auction and Big Boards.

The program was emceed by Deborah Duncan of Great Day Houston and the live auction was led by Judge Eric Andell. Guests danced to the sounds of Yvonne Washington & the Mix.

Top right: Gala honorees Pat and Jackie Riley pause for a photo during the event. Near right: Gala co-chair Dana Porter and her husband enjoy the Jeans & Jewels cocktail hour. Bottom right: Gala co-chair Diane Porter (left) stands with John and Kathy Carson.



Giving Back



Sue Stewart (left) and Marjorie Rice enjoy a game of Mah Jongg at NAM's second annual Mah Jongg tournament. The event was organized by volunteer Bonnie Knowlton and proceeds from entry fees benefited NAM's Fifty Plus Senior Center.



More than 70 Chevron employees volunteered at the NAM Resale Shop at 3645 F.M. 1960 on October 2-3 through the company's "Human Kind" program. This program also enables employees to give a donation to a charity of their choice, which is matched by Chevron.



NAM V.P. of Fund Development Maria Magee (left) receives a donation of 10 boxes of children's books from Bonnie Collins, Manager of Waldenbooks #1124 at Willowbrook Mall. The books will be given to patients at NAM's Children's Clinic to promote literacy.



NAM Director of Operations Randy Boyer (left) receives a donation of backpacks and vitamins for the Back-to-School Project with the help of State Representative Debbie Riddle. Rep. Riddle coordinated the donation of backpacks through Nourish America, which has a national partnership with the Office Depot Foundation and New Chapter Organics vitamins.



NAM Board President Harlan Martens (left) and Reverend Jeffery Alvestad (right) present a check from Kinsmen Lutheran Church for \$7,500 to NAM CEO Carole Little for Thanksgiving food. The congregation also collected over \$700 worth of food to donate.



Brent Hankins (left), Mark Skobel (second from right) and Fred Newhouse (right) present a check for \$18,700 to Denese Hammon (second from left) and Maria Magee of NAM. The donation was made by Valero Houston Refinery employees with proceeds from the 2009 Valero Texas Open and Benefit for Children Golf Classic.

NAM seeks donations for Holiday Projects *Continued from Page 1*

Thanks to support from NAM's covenant congregations, community partners and corporate and individual donors, families like Nicki's did not have to go hungry over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Volunteers also play an essential role in ensuring the success of NAM's Holiday Projects. From collecting food, to organizing and distributing supplies, NAM's volunteers give selflessly of their time and contribute an important dynamic to the Holiday Projects—a compassionate environment.

Wesley, a 12-year old student at Cypress Christian School, volunteered with his mom at the Thanksgiving food distribution because he wanted to help people have a good Thanksgiving. "It's nice helping other people. We want to help underprivileged families who don't have as much as we do," he explained.

Wesley helped dozens of people load bags of groceries into their cars, wishing each person "a happy Thanksgiving," and offering a "God bless you" as they left. It was apparent that this 12-year-old's warm, sincere words were appreciated.

"It's great to see what an impact we each can make when we just give what



Twelve-year-old NAM volunteer Wesley helps Maria (center) and Sabrina load their car with Thanksgiving supplies.

we can," NAM President and CEO Carole Little said.

With the Thanksgiving Project completed, NAM plans to continue to serve the community this season by providing food to at least 1,100 families for the December holidays and giving toys to at least 3,000 children. In order to meet these goals, the organization is collecting food, toys and monetary donations. Community members interested in donating online should visit www.namonline.org and view the online food and toy drives under the "Special Projects" link. Donations are also gladly accepted in person or by mail.

To donate to NAM's Holiday Project, call 281-885-4605 or go to www.namonline.org. Any excess funds will be applied where needed most.

Dinner with the Authors *Continued from Page 1*

career as a soup salesman to an upscale lifestyle of designer clothes and expensive cars. A family man at heart, when Ron found his marriage in trouble, he agreed to volunteer with his wife at the Fort Worth Union Gospel Mission. He never expected the next chapter of his life would be written in that homeless shelter.

Central to the story is Ron's wife, Debbie, who encouraged the relationship between the two unlikely friends. A strong, faithful woman, dedicated to bettering the lives of the Fort Worth homeless, Debbie became an inspiration to the book's authors and has since inspired countless individuals who have now read her awe-inspiring story.

NAM Endowment Board member Dr. Rusty Schlattman recommended the Dinner with the Authors event to the Board when he heard of the impact the book and its authors were making in communities around the country.

"When you look at the times we're in and the economy, it makes it so important for us to create awareness and give back...to feel that we're a part of helping people. I think this can be a very important event," Schlattman said.

Ron, Denver and Debbie's story has touched the lives of thousands of people across the country, and even more people will have the opportunity to be inspired by their message now that the book is slated to become a major motion picture.

"The thing about this book is, once you've read it, it becomes embedded in your heart," Schlattman said. "When you look at an endeavor like this, creating community awareness of the problem of homelessness is the most important part, and the fundraising is a by-product of it."

Dinner with the Authors is hosted by NAM's Endowment Fund Board, which

is donating proceeds directly to NAM's programs and services, rather than to the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund Board is chaired by Pat Riley. Members at large, in addition to Dr. Schlattman, are: Buddy Bolt, Elbert Coker, Stan Curtis, Bill Farrell, Eddie Harrell, Stan Horton, Pam Hughes, J. Kimball Kehoe, Carole Little, Charles Manley, Lionel Sirois and Valerie vonBerg.

"I used to spend a lot of time worryin that I was different from other people, even from other homeless folks...but I found out everybody's different—the same kind of different as me.

The truth is, whether we is rich or poor or somethin in between, this earth ain't no final restin place. So in a way, we is all homeless—just workin our way toward home."

*~ Denver Moore from **Same Kind of Different as Me***

DINNER WITH THE AUTHORS

Presented by the
NAM Endowment Board
Proceeds benefit NAM

Tuesday, April 13, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Tickets: \$150 adult, \$100 youth
Tables start at \$1,500

For tickets, call 281-885-4605.

Find information about the book and its authors at:

www.samekindofdifferentasme.com

Donor spotlight

Mike and Joanne Watford and Ultra Petroleum

Mike and Joanne Watford have been NAM supporters for more than a dozen years, since Joanne discovered the organization through their church's newsletter. Seeing that NAM needed volunteers, Joanne decided to attend a volunteer orientation, and chose to donate her time as a counselor in the Assistance Program.

"I chose to support NAM because it serves people in my community," Joanne said. "Neighbors Helping Neighbors is a mission statement I try to live by."

Over the years, Joanne has served in the Food Pantry and Fifty Plus program, as well as for the Back-to-School and Shot Blitz events. Joanne has helped with the Jeans & Jewels Gala, and she and Mike have co-chaired the underwriting committee for the Gala.

Mike is CEO of Ultra Petroleum, a major corporate donor to NAM. Ultra Petroleum has been a Jeans & Jewels Platinum Partner for the last several years, contributing much-needed funding to NAM's largest fundraising event.

"We choose to support NAM because it is a focused, caring, and effective local organization helping our neighbors. It's all about trying to take care of the folks in your own community," Mike said. "It's the same for businesses. Businesses have a role in their communities. If you have success, it makes perfect sense to give some of that back."

Doing their best to help meet the changing needs of the community, the Watfords significantly increased their



Mike and Joanne Watford

giving after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans and NAM was helping many of the survivors.

"During Katrina, Joanne volunteered every day for several weeks," NAM President and CEO Carole Little said. "She never tired of helping the hundreds of people that came through our lobby day in and day out. She couldn't do enough."

Ultra Petroleum also increased its giving after the hurricane, donating extra funding to help NAM serve the additional clients who were affected by the storm.

Joanne and Mike decided to offer more help to NAM after the storm because they were so moved by the stories of people affected by the hurricane: "We live in an area vulnerable to these storms, and that makes it personal to us. It really touched home," Joanne said.

"The Watfords are true community supporters who have continuously contributed to their neighbors in need in so many ways," said Little. "It's donors like Mike and Joanne who allow us to continue the important work we do each day at NAM."

Sidelines with Sarah

By Sarah Fisk,
Volunteer Assistance Counselor

As a Volunteer Assistance Program Counselor, I see firsthand the faces of the people whose lives are touched by NAM's services. This season I'd like to shed some light on a question many of us may be asking:

Who will benefit from NAM's 2009 holiday program?

- A woman, new to NAM, who has been unemployed for eight months with no sign of a job in the near future. Her only son, a "good" student, worried about their finances.
- A mother working a minimum wage job whose ex-husband stopped paying child support. During our interview, she smiled as she told me the chaos that erupts every morning as she wakes her six children at 5:30 a.m. in order to get them to school on time.
- A family of four, the father works in air conditioner repair and has had his work hours shortened. The last time this family needed help at NAM was 2006.

Multiply these stories one-hundred fold. And now, one more question...

How do you spell "Santa Claus?" N-A-M.

Announcing...

NAM is now partnering with **www.holyarmor.com** to raise funds!

Holyarmor.com, the producer of weekly Christian planners for women, will donate a portion of the profits to NAM when you purchase online.

Please visit www.holyarmor.com to get your planner for 2010 and get ready for a great year.

Help NAM when booking corporate events and conventions

Thanks to the Greater Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, businesses that book hotel rooms through the Bureau can designate a charity to receive a \$5 donation per hotel room per night. For example, a business that uses 300 rooms for a three-night convention would end up donating \$4,500 to the charity of their choice! The rooms must be booked through the Bureau at www.visithouston-texas.com/give_back/. Twenty-three area hotels are participating in the program.

NAM's wish list

For the Organization

Used or refurbished forklift (\$15,000)
2 fireproof file cabinets for Human Resources (\$1,200 each)

Development Department

DSLR camera with kit lens (\$700)
Adobe Creative Suite 4 Software Design Standard (\$160)
Corporate sponsor for newsletter (\$5,000)
Web site sponsor (\$500)

Assistance Program

Fax machine (\$150)

Building Maintenance

Caulking of exterior windows to eliminate leaks (\$40,000 or \$10,000 per side)
New Box Truck for IHN, Food Pantry and Resale Shops (\$50,000)
Upgraded security monitoring for NAM's Kuykendahl building (\$15,000)
Ceramic floor tile throughout building (to eliminate carpet repair, maintenance & replacement) (\$25,000)

Business Office

Heavy duty paper shredder (\$2,000)

Children's Clinic

2010 CPT and ICD9 medical reference books (\$650 for 4 sets of books)
Antibiotic ointment (\$300)
Baby wipes (\$250)
10 bottles of antibacterial soap (\$100)
Phlebotomy Certification (\$1600 for four clinical staff members)

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Toiletries/hygiene items (15-20 items monthly/ \$150)
15 Pillows quarterly (\$75)
5 sets of towels quarterly—face, hand and large bath towels (\$100)

Family Violence Center

Used cell phones for 911 access, no service required
Full-size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)
4 5-drawer metal filing cabinets (\$200)
IBM Selectric typewriter (\$400)

Fifty Plus Senior Center

2 Wii Consoles (\$200 each)
2 Sports CD's for Wii (\$60 each)
2 "Brain" CD's for Wii (\$60 each)
Senior Wheels volunteer drivers
Crafters and sewers for Helping Hands

Antibacterial hand soap with Tri-closan in 7-1/2 oz. pump bottles (\$40 each)

Food Pantry

Nonperishable Food Items, especially dry pasta, rice and dry beans (900+ families per month)
50 cases of water (\$200)

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Drivers for weekday meal deliveries
Volunteer Drivers for Saturday Frozen meal deliveries
Volunteers needed for office assistance, answering phones
Volunteers needed for data entry
2 Rubbermaid Flat Shelf Rolling Utility Carts-33.33" x 19" (\$177.00 each)

Information Technology

VOIP Telephone system—NAM (\$80,000) or comparable
6 - 146.6 GB 15000 RPM Ultra320 SCSI drives (\$1,320) OR
HP ProLiant DL180 G6 E5520 2.26GHz Quad Core 3x2GB 8 LFF Rack Server (\$2200)
Space in a NOC/DATA Warehouse for offsite storage of data for NAM's Disaster Recovery Plan

Rotary Learning Center/ Workforce Development

Acrylic Literature/Magazine Display Rack (\$200)
2 Computer Trackballs (\$25 each)
3 Da-Lite Model B Manual Wall and Ceiling Projection Screens - 70x70 - Item #40188 (\$70 each)
New or used 23" or larger monitor for visually challenged clients (\$150 and up)
Loose leaf paper (can be open packages)

Resale Shops

Volunteers to help sort donations
Copy machine (\$600)
Two 2-wheel dollies (\$150 each)
Four 4-wheel dollies (\$25 each)
Updated phone system and intercom paging system for Jones Rd. (\$5,000)
4 rolling fiberglass containers (\$500 each)
New Soda Machine (\$2,500)
10 Mannequins (\$200 each)
Floor Cleaning/Waxing Service (\$1500 each)

Shelter & Energy Assistance

Battery-operated doorbell or buzzer for office (\$50)
Electric stapler—40 sheets (\$150)
Electric hole punch—30 sheets (\$130)

Corporate & Foundation Gifts (\$1,000 and above)

Administaff	St. Luke Episcopal Health System
Anadarko	St Mary Land & Cattle
A-OK Transmission	Sysco
Bank of America	Target Steeplechase #2144
Bentley & Associates, P.C.	The Care Group of Texas
BP	The Crump Foundation
Chevron	The Edwards Charitable Foundation
Citation Oil & Gas Corp	The Hamill Foundation
Curtis & Doris K. Hankamer Foundation	The Hope Initiative For Better Health Foundation
Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum	The Iris & Lloyd Webre Foundation
Data Retrieval Corporation	The Methodist Hospital
ExxonMobil Foundation	Trustmark National Bank
Hamill Foundation	TXU Energy
HEB	UPS
KB Homes, Inc	Valero Energy Foundation
KBR	Walden Books- Willowbrook Mall
Klein Funeral Homes	Wal-Mart - (Cornerstone)
Labrada Nutrition	Willowbrook Mall
Long Horn Rod & Custom Club, Inc.	Willowbrook Terrace Chapel
Macy's Foundation	
Meadows Foundation	

Save the Dates

Doncaster Sale

Dec. 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Conservatory, 8215 Cypresswood Drive

Enjoy a private sale of Doncaster clothing and accessories, including Italian hand-made handbags, scarves, wraps and jewelry. A percentage of the proceeds will benefit NAM. For info, contact Maria Magee at 281-885-4605 or mmagee@namonline.org.

Art for the Hungry

Spring 2010

Consider putting together a community group to participate in this annual NAM event that kicks off the Survival over the Summer food drive. Groups are challenged to create a themed structure using a minimum of 1,000 non-perishable food items. For info, contact Tanecia Snid at 281-885-4608 or tsnid@namonline.org.

Interfaith Quilting Bee

Feb. 20, 2010, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 16535 Kleinwood Drive.

Community members are invited to create quilts that will benefit NAM's Interfaith Hospitality Network, Meals on Wheels, The Children's clinic and the Family Violence Center. For information about the event or to register, call Becky Black at 832-717-0622.

NAM's 2nd Annual Nonprofit Education Conference

August 4, 2010

NAM staff members will share the organization's best practices with other social service providers in the community. To receive more info, e-mail mmagee@namonline.org.

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New Meals on Wheels location opens at Windwood Presbyterian

Windwood Presbyterian Church graciously opened its doors this August to serve as the new satellite location for NAM's Meals on Wheels (MOW) Program. The convenient location (10555 Spring Cypress Rd.) serves as a distribution center for 11 MOW routes.

Rebecca Landes, NAM's V.P. of Program Services, says the new space easily accommodates the MOW equipment and provides a comfortable office space for NAM staff. "The Windwood congregation members and staff have been very helpful and gracious as new partners," Landes said.

Rev. Kevin Rudolph serves as pastor at Windwood. He says the congregation chose to offer their space to MOW because they believe in the program. "MOW is a wonderful ministry to people who are in need, and it's a great opportunity for people who can help out their community," Rudolph said.

Rudolph explained that the philosophy at Windwood is simple: "We need to share our toys and play well with others," he said.

Luckily for NAM and the NAM community, that includes sharing their beautiful facilities. The new MOW location includes ample space for the current needs of the program and even allows room for growth in the future. Windwood installed a separate entrance for volunteers and staff to enter without disrupting activities at the Church and to make it convenient for the program's volunteers. The building has an external walkway and it located next to a parking lot, making it an ideal location for volunteer drivers to load their supplies.

MOW at NAM

The MOW program delivers meals to homebound seniors and individuals who are homebound because of illness or disability.

Providing hot, well-balanced meals and other nutritional services helps program participants maintain or improve their health, preserve and support independence and prevent premature or unnecessary institutionalization.

More than 500 volunteer drivers deliver thousands of hot, nutritious meals throughout the year. Qualifying individuals receive meals each weekday, and Saturday meals are provided to clients



Nam's new Meals on Wheels satellite location at Windwood Presbyterian

with the greatest need. Drivers also deliver groceries once a month to qualifying needy seniors through NAM's Senior Food program. Drivers provide a link to the outside world for many homebound clients. Many MOW clients have needs other than food, and program coordinators refer those clients to the appropriate sources.

In the last fiscal year, volunteer drivers delivered more than 137,430 nutritious meals to an average of 550 homebound seniors and disabled adults each weekday and 90 individuals on Saturdays.

To volunteer as a MOW driver, contact 281-885-4609 or fullerton@namonline.org.