



American Dream

Seventy-seven year old Nimet Gulmez looks much younger than her years. She gestures enthusiastically and her eyes sparkle as she shares the story of how she came to the United States and eventually to NAM. Nimet is probably not what one thinks of when picturing a NAM client. This cultured, sophisticated woman is a world traveler and antique collector.

Nine years ago, Nimet emigrated to the U.S. from her native Turkey. She describes Istanbul as a dangerous city, filled with crime and terrorism. Nimet loved to read about other countries and decided to come to the U.S. To prepare herself for this life-changing journey, she studied American History. She admired our country's Constitution, fair legal system, and general safety and security. "It's a wonderful life here," she shared. "America has millions of citizens, but it is like a family. People look out for each other."

After Nimet retired from working as an accountant for Shell in Turkey, she made the move. Her first neighbors in Sugar Land were Mormons; Nimet was raised Muslim and later converted. She was impressed by the fact that this family, who were of a different religion and culture than her own, helped her with yard work and home repairs. "Americans really open their doors to neighbors," she says. Little did Nimet realize that soon she would meet even more Neighbors helping Neighbors.

After a few years in Sugar Land, Nimet decided to move to northwest Houston and to improve her English skills. She learned that Lone Star College offered English classes at NAM. She visited the NAM Learning Center and got the schedule for the next semester. In the meantime, she joined NAM's Fifty Plus program. Meeting other seniors helped her practice her English. She also learned to play a mean Bingo game, and took up ballroom and country-western dancing!



Nimet Gulmez

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NAM's Learning Center Makes a Difference

"To learn English . . . to get a General Equivalency Diploma . . . to learn to read . . . to prepare for a better job . . . to have a chance at a better life." These are some of the reasons people come to NAM's Learning Center. Education is one of the basic tools that enables NAM clients to implement their plan for a better tomorrow.

The Learning Center has only one part-time coordinator, but is able to accomplish a lot through collaborations. Through a partnership with Lone Star College - North Harris, the Learning Center hosts classes in English as a Second Language (ESL) and GED test preparation. Financial literacy classes are offered through collaborations with The Women's Resource of Greater Houston and Money Management International. The Houston Bar Association Speakers Bureau recruits volunteer lawyers to present legal

seminars on topics such as employment discrimination, landlord/tenant relations, and family law. Workforce Solutions works with employers and the Learning Center Coordinator to help arrange a variety of job fairs throughout the year. The newest Learning Center collaboration is with Literacy Advance of Houston. Thanks to this partnership, NAM now offers basic reading literacy tutoring for English-speaking adults.

NAM knows that success is more than just reading, writing, and arithmetic. The Learning Center offers life skills classes that help individuals succeed on more than one level. One type of life skill the Learning Center offered in 2011 was a nutrition program through a partnership with Texas AgriLife, part of Texas A&M University's Extension program. Another life skill program is a series of Parenting Seminars utilizing the ARK (Adults

Relating to Kids) Program.

In response to calls from clients complaining that the computers at Workforce Solutions and at the libraries were always full, the Learning Center decided to make available one of its computer labs every Tuesday. This enables clients to access computers to work on their resumes, conduct online job searches or improve computer skills.

Many of the Learning Center's clients are referred from other NAM programs or outside collaborators. In fact, participants in some of NAM's program activities such as in the Interfaith Hospitality Network and Shelter & Energy Assistance Program are required to participate in Learning Center Seminars. Adults participating in the Spring ISD Even Start program participate in either the ESL or GED test

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From the President & CEO...



Carole Little

A little more than ten years ago, I was sitting in my office looking at a plaque on the wall that read, "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). I was fairly new in my position

and up until that day, was just taking it all in stride.

That morning, I had arrived at the ministry to find a homeless woman sitting on a dingy, stained, donated sofa that had been placed at the back door of the ministry. Her car had broken down and she could not afford the repair. Without the car, she could not get to work so she lost her job. She was currently sleeping on a friend's couch, the third living situation since she lost her apartment. The hardest part about moving around so much is that when she applies for jobs and employers call back, she does not get the messages until it's too late. "If I had a phone number with a voice mail box that I could check whenever I came across a phone, I would appear more stable to potential employers

and I could call them back before they hire someone else." I thought to myself that perhaps we could look into installing a dedicated line and expanding the voice mail system to provide this service. I made a mental note to look into it. "For now, I just need some help getting my car repaired and perhaps a little money for gas so I can keep looking for a job."

I told her to make herself comfortable in the waiting area and explained the ministry wouldn't be open for a few hours. I showed her where the bathrooms were and asked if she had eaten. She shook her head no, so I went to the Food Pantry to get her some food. As I walked into the pantry that was abundantly filled with canned goods, meat, cheese, frozen foods and donations of bread and pastries from local grocers and bakeries, I felt blessed to be able to give her something to tide her over until the volunteers arrived.

She looked embarrassed but grateful as I handed her some juice and breakfast rolls. I then introduced myself and she told me her name was Alice. I told her that I had to go to my office, but that staff would soon be there to help her. I also thanked her for sharing her idea about the voice mail.

As I walked to my office, I couldn't help but think about what Alice was going through and how humiliating and unsettling to have to live off of friends and move around every few days so as not to wear out her welcome. I wondered what had led her to this point in her life. She appeared healthy and showed no signs of drug or alcohol abuse and although she looked tired and disheveled, she seemed otherwise very capable of becoming independent again.

I put my bag down under my desk after removing my Day-Timer with my To Do list. I quickly jotted down "Voicemail" so I wouldn't forget and then looked at the items on the page to see what I could knock out quickly before the phones started ringing and the lines began to form. By ten o'clock, the ministry was in full swing, the lobby was full and as I passed through to check on how many volunteers had arrived, the receptionist was calling Alice's name and she smiled as I said, "Things are bound to get better, just hang in there." She looked at me gratefully, her eyes filling a bit as she said, "They can't get any worse." As I went through the Assistance Program doors, I shuddered to think what was behind her words and said a silent prayer for her and all the Alices in this world.

As I went back in to my office, both lines were ringing, I put one on hold and answered the other, "This is Carole, how may I help you?" The voice on the other end responded, "Hello, I'm Margaret Donovan with Houston Community Voice Mail. We provide free Voice Mail for homeless individuals to assist them on their journey to independence..."

Margaret's call was an answer to a prayer and over the years many prayers have been answered and needs have been met before my very eyes. It is always humbling to meet people in need, and even more humbling to be able to help them. My mind returns to the words etched on the plaque in my office: "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord." I am eternally grateful for the support that allows us to serve.

Carole Little
Carole Little
President & CEO

NAM Programs and Services

Assistance Office	281-583-5600	Shelter & Energy Assistance ...	281-885-4531
Children's Clinic	281-885-4630	Treasures of the Heart Stores	
Development/		FM 1960	281-880-9000
Cash Donations	281-885-4605	Jones Road	281-897-8952
Furniture Donations		Corner Resale Shop	281-885-4544
Hotline	281-885-4545	Other agencies at NAM	
Family Violence Center	281-885-4673	Harris Co. Soc. Services	281-885-4591
Interfaith Hospitality		Even Start	281-586-1888
Network	281-885-4567	Harris County Sheriff's	
Meals on Wheels	281-885-4622	Office	281-885-4523
Learning Center	281-885-4616		
Senior Services	281-885-4600		

NAM Statement of Activities for the Twelve Months Ended 9/30/11

Total Support and Revenues	\$8,858,243
Expenses	
Program services	\$7,806,528
Management and General	\$558,147
Fundraising and Development	\$409,163
Total Expenses	\$8,773,838
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$84,405

NAM's fiscal year runs Oct. 1, 2010 to Sept. 30, 2011. In NAM's last fiscal year, 90 cents of every dollar went to direct services.

Celebrate Washington Monuments at Art for the Hungry!



This year's Art for the Hungry is a tribute to the USA with its theme "Washington Monuments"! Think of all the beautiful monuments in our nation's capital – the White House, Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Vietnam Wall, and more!

The annual event is open to congregation, business, school and civic groups that want to collect food for hungry families and create a food sculpture at Willowbrook Mall. A minimum of 1,000 non-perishable food items must be collected to participate. Thanks to a grant from the Feinstein Foundation, all food items are eligible for a proportional cash match.

There will be one Judges' Choice award, administered by a panel of judges and a People's Choice Award, which is determined by Mall visitors.

Art for the Hungry is a critical event in kicking off NAM's Survival over Summer food drive. The food collected from the event helps to replenish our Food Pantry after the holidays, in preparation for greater need over the summer. Last year, the Food Pantry served over 14,000 people. Stay tuned for the spring 2012 date, which will be announced soon.

For information on this event, contact Tanecia at 281-885-4608 or at tsnid@namonline.org.



Thanks to ceyond for volunteering at NAM's Treasures of the Heart store! (left to right) Kyle Tschudy from ceyond with NAM's Randy Boyer. Kyle learned about NAM through his church, The Church at Creek's End, and was inspired to organize a volunteer project with his co-workers.



(left to right) Newfield Exploration employees Kelly Frazier, Karen Julian, Mary Courtade, Carol Laney, Sharon and Doug McReynolds and Y. Ming Dong volunteer at NAM. The company performed a Day of Service at NAM and volunteered in the Food Pantry, Meals on Wheels, painting the project room, and sorting clothes at the Treasures of the Heart store.



HP volunteered twice at the Treasures of the Heart store in the month of October.



Chevron volunteers have fun and do good at NAM's Treasures of the Heart resale store! (Right to left) Rhonda Williams, Darla Nelson, Stephanie Magers, Shirley Smith, Kan Vestrong, Shunfuan Zhao, William Bailey, Sheila Walton, Pamela Hudson, and John Welch.

Christmas Cheer for Neighbors Near



Christmas is a time to celebrate life's blessings and to share with others. Many of the families NAM serves do not have the funds to enjoy a holiday dinner, tree or gifts. They are struggling to make ends meet and have nothing left over for holiday extras.

Each year, NAM plays Santa by providing food for Christmas dinner plus extra groceries, and holiday toys. This ensures that Neighbors in Need have a proper holiday celebration, and also gives them the security of knowing they have enough food to last the week.

NAM plans to provide food for over 1,000 families this year and toys to over 2,000 children age twelve and under. Please consider sharing your blessings by making a donation for this very worthy project.

\$15 will provide a dinner and groceries for a family of four.

\$35 can provide toys for a child.

\$100 will feed a family for a week.

\$175 can provide toys for 5 children.

\$350 can provide toys for 10 children.

\$450 will feed a family for a month.

Every gift will make a difference to a family in need. To give, go to www.namonline.org and click on "Special Projects". Then, select either the Virtual Toy Drive or the Holiday Food Drive. You can also bring non-perishable food items or new toys to NAM's main office at 15555 Kuykendahl. For more info on how to donate, call 281-885-4605 or email mmagee@namonline.org.

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When the new semester of English classes started, Nimet enrolled. She also signed up for computer classes offered at the NAM Learning Center through a partnership with the Houston READ Commission. When the NAM Learning Center teamed up with Fifty Plus to offer Internet Research classes for seniors, Nimet signed up for that too.

Nimet is passionate about her new home and proud to call herself an American. "All of my heart is American," she says with emotion. "I love this country!" In 2007, Nimet became an American citizen. The very same day, she went to the post office to get her American passport. She was so overjoyed that she actually slept with the passport next to her heart that night. On her first visit back to Turkey, she proudly showed the new passport to everyone. "But I would not let them touch it," she adds firmly.

NAM is also a place close to Nimet's heart. "It is a wonderful place," she says fondly. "Everyone here is so nice and helpful. The Learning Center has students of all ages and from so many countries." Nimet cannot say enough about her new life in Houston. "I will be 78 in January," she marvels. "I cook for myself. I shop. I use the computer and work in my garden. I can drive across the country if I want. This is my life, and I could not have this life in Turkey. God bless America!"

The NAM Learning Center helps people from all backgrounds boost their language, reading, computer, and job skills. Some clients are young students and others are in their prime, yet all share the same dream of a better life.



Employees of Discount Tire Co. collected 611 books for NAM's Children's Clinic. (left to right) Kathy Allen, Pam Walters and Darlene Wheelless deliver the books.

Welcome to NAM's newest Board Members!



Cece Sutphen

Director of Public Relations & Community Outreach

Lone Star College-North Harris



Danny Rea

Vice President

Midstream Anadarko Petroleum Corporation



Judy Rimato

Assistant Superintendent of Facilities

Klein ISD

...and welcome back to returning Board member



Regina Curry

Associate Superintendent of the Public Relations and Technology Division

Spring ISD!

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.

End of Year Giving

Gifts of Appreciated Stock

Many donors prefer to give appreciated stock instead of cash because they get a tax deduction and avoid capital gain.

Gifts of Bequests

A bequest is the easiest way for a donor to distribute their estate and it can be used as a creative vehicle to make thoughtful arrangements to favorite charities. An attorney can create or revise an existing will to provide for the needs of loved ones as well as help selected charitable organizations. A bequest gift is removed from the estate for estate tax calculations, and the tax savings may allow a donor to make a larger gift than they could otherwise.

Gifts of Life Insurance

A gift of life insurance may be an attractive option for donors who wish to make a gift from income rather than capital, and who want to leave a legacy after their death. Annual gifts may be made to a charity in the amount of the premium payments. In turn, the charity will pay the premiums to the insurer.

A donor can also transfer ownership of an existing policy which is not yet paid up. The charitable deduction will be determined in the same way as if they had donated a paid-up policy. The charity may surrender the policy or to keep it in force; the donor can make deductible gifts to offset the premium payments if the charity elects to continue the policy.

Gifts from IRAs

The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 provides that owners of traditional and Roth IRAs may direct a total of \$100,000 per tax year be transferred directly to qualified charitable organizations through December 31, 2011, by taxpayers who are 70 ½ years of age or more. The amount transferred will not be included in the the IRA owner's taxable income, and no itemized charitable deduction can be claimed for the amount transferred. The amount transferred may be used to satisfy the minimum distribution requirement for tax year 2011.

Quilting Bee

*"A Bed without a Quilt
is like a Sky without Stars"*

February 18, 2012

9 am to 1 pm

(Check in begins at 8:15 am.)

Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints,
16535 Kleinwood Dr.
Spring, TX 77379

For more information contact:

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Karen Weakly

281-885-4575 | kweakly@namonline.org.

Planned gifts may be made to NAM, to the NAM Endowment Fund, or to a specific NAM program. For more information, contact NAM's VP of Fund Development at 281-885-4605 or at mmagee@namonline.org.

Treasure Awaits You.

At NAM community stores, the treasures are never buried. They're hanging on racks. Organized in neat displays. Arranged on shelves awaiting your arrival. They're great discoveries that make your shopping lots of fun – and save you lots of money. Clothing. Appliances. Furniture. Toys. Jewelry and so much more. Come buy. Come save. Your purchases change lives. And the first one changed is yours.

Donations can be made at all "Treasures" locations. To arrange for free pick-up, please call 281-885-4545.

Treasures
of the  heart
NAM COMMUNITY STORE

15555 Kuykendahl | 3645 FM 1960 W | 10805 Jones Rd
www.namonline.org/resale

Store Hours

Mon - Sat 10am - 6pm

Community Programs benefiting NAM

Shen Yun Performing Arts – The world's premiere Chinese classical dance company will be performing at Jones Hall from Dec. 21-27. Tickets start at \$70. Order by phone or online and use code SY02, and NAM will receive 10% of proceeds. To order, call 1-800-380-8165 or visit www.HouShow.com.

Like Willowbrook Mall? – "Like" Willowbrook Mall on Facebook from December 1 - 31, and the Mall will donate \$1 to NAM – up to \$3,000 total!

"Eat Local Rewards" – This is a new restaurant card that benefits local charities, including NAM. The swipe-cards can be used at different restaurants and businesses in Spring/Klein. Each time the card is used, the merchant will donate a percent of the purchase to your non-profit. Purchases also are tracked for rewards based on how much the customer spends or how often they visit. For more info, call Mary at 713-823-1713.

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NAM's Learning Center Makes a Difference

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preparation classes. Additionally, the ARK program is recognized by Child Protective Services to meet court appointed parent training, and NAM's Learning Center is one of the only Free Parenting Programs in the NAM service area.

NAM clients face a host of challenges to overcome before they can get back on their feet. For parents, childcare is a huge issue. Transportation is also an obstacle for clients who rely on the bus system. Poor writing skills put job candidates at a disadvantage in today's highly competitive job market. Budgeting is also a challenge, as clients must learn to differentiate between needs and wants.

Those clients referred internally to the Learning Center are already getting their basic needs met by the other NAM programs. They have food, clothing, and shelter. They know that the next step is to better themselves to secure their futures. Learning Center Coordinator Bambi Alderson-Shields marvels at her diverse array of clients and how they all work together toward this common goal. "We have 18-year-olds next to 78-year-olds," she shares. "They study together to improve their language skills helping each other. They want to improve and will put forth the effort to do so."

For many clients, particularly the illiterate, mustering up the courage to walk through NAM's front door is a huge step. Many people do not want to ask for help. Bambi is inspired by her clients and gratified when they tell her "thank you." She shares the story of one young woman who was taking ESL classes. The woman thanked Bambi for hosting the classes, and then confided that she had been stressed out lately because she had recently been

diagnosed with breast cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy. "Even though she was going through this horrible stress," Bambi says, "she never missed a class. She constantly worked, even staying late and asking for extra help when she needed it."

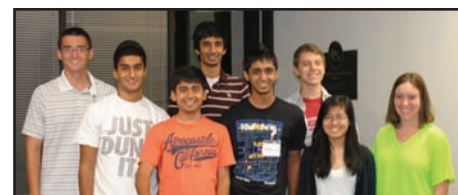
The Learning Center is a small program with big accomplishments...and big dreams. Bambi would like to restart computer classes; the classes are currently on hold until NAM can get educational exemption by the state. She would like to purchase Mango Languages software, which teaches vocabulary and grammar in thirty-seven languages. Right now, the two-year licensing \$7,500 price tag is cost-prohibitive. She sees a need to expand NAM's career development program, by offering soft skills classes, training opportunities, and career coaching. NAM has also recently secured a grant to assist returning veterans.

Bambi dreams big, and so do her clients. "They recognize the benefits of what we offer," she says. Education is the key to self-sufficiency, and the Learning Center helps people better themselves and better their quality of life. Walking in the door is the first step, but it is often the beginning of a life-altering journey.

For information about the Learning Center, call 281-885-4626 or email balderson-shields@namonline.org.



Thanks to the Cypress Woodlands Junior Forum for donating 50 bags of toiletries for the women served by NAM's Family Violence Center! (left to right) FVC Associate Director Sheryl Johnson, CWJF member Dale Gibson, FVC Director Donna Amtsberg, and CWJF members Sandra Loyd and Kathy Creel.



NAM is excited to introduce its new Youth Advisory Council! These young volunteers will work on a special NAM project throughout the year. (left to right) : Kevin Wilfong, Khalil Malznojia, Kais Maknojia, Emit Chauhan, Zahid Ali, Ben Hathcock, Minh Nguyen, and Caitlyn Donahue.



Thank you to Valero Energy for donating \$10,000 to NAM's Children's Clinic! Valero distributed a total of \$9 million to area charities through their Valero Texas Open golf tournament. (left to right) Valero retiree Joe Ellis who nominated NAM, NAM's Maria Magee and Valero's Bridgett Griffin.

Sidelines with Sarah

by: Assistance Counselor Sarah Fisk

Ask or Care

If I were not a volunteer at NAM once a week, I would be able to live my life without caring about the burdensome problems others face every day. But I do volunteer at NAM and hear troubling stories from my clients on Tuesdays. I know about the mother of four who believed that her husband left her because she had gained weight. I remember the 59-year-old father who lost his sales job in July and hadn't found another, and the quiet 4-year-old boy who sat next to his mother as she told me about her broken life. A happier meeting was with a 26-year-old man (not a NAM client) who fondly remembered receiving NAM's toy bags at Christmas when he was a little boy. He is now a chef.

If I were not a volunteer at NAM, I would take my life for granted. My husband has stayed with me through thin and thick, my children and grandchildren are well fed and well provided for. I now know how blessed my life is.

Thanks to all groups that volunteered at NAM Resale from September - November 2011!

(These groups are taken from the resale volunteer calendar. We apologize if any groups were inadvertently omitted.)

- Asian American Youth Association
- Boy Scouts
- cbeyond
- CenterPoint Energy
- Chevron
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
- Faithbridge United Methodist Church
- Girl Scouts
- Icon Office Solutions
- Klein United Methodist Church
- Lakewood United Methodist Church
- Newfield Exploration
- Northwest Bible Church
- Northwoods Presbyterian Church
- St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
- University of Houston
- UPS
- YES Preparatory Academy

NAM's wish list

For the Organization

Frequent Flyer Miles
2 fireproof file cabinets for Human Resources (\$2,400)
Digital Voice Recorder for Administration (\$100)
White Board for conference room (\$150)

Development Department

Corporate sponsor for newsletter (\$6,000 per quarter)
Web site sponsor (\$600 per month)

Assistance Program

Heavy duty shredder (\$350)
Fax machine (\$150)
5 locking file cabinets (\$750)

Building Maintenance

Upgraded security monitoring for NAM's Kuykendahl building (\$15,000)
Ceramic floor tile throughout building (to eliminate carpet repair, maintenance & replacement) (\$25,000)
Resurface NAM parking lot (\$7,500)
Renovate bathrooms on all four floors (\$15,000 per floor)

Business Office

Heavy duty paper shredder (\$2,000)

Children's Clinic

Pedialyte- five 32-bottle cases (\$275)
10 Youth Bike Helmets (\$400)
5 Car Seats and Booster Seats for Infant/toddler (\$425)
10 Blood Pressure Cuffs Pedi/X-Large Adult (\$450)
2 Portable Blood Pressure Machines (\$100)
Five 12-bottle cases of Alcohol (\$275)
Five 12-bottle cases of Hydrogen Peroxide (\$275)
2 cases Gatorade (\$150)
100 Toothbrushes and toothpaste (\$500)
20 cases Diapers and Ointment (\$450)
1 case Hand sanitizer (\$250)
50 boxes Band-Aids (\$150)
5 cases Children's Stickers (\$100)
10 Children's Tylenol and Motrin (\$120)
10 Benadryl Liquid and Ointment (\$60)
10 Neosporin (\$40)
2 cases Cotton Balls (\$50)
10 Clorox wipes and Lysol (\$100)
10 Children's DVDs G Rated (\$200)

Interfaith Hospitality Network

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
Toiletries (pricing varies)

Fifty Plus Senior Center

Senior Wheels volunteer drivers
Crafters and sewers for Helping Hands
Big screen TV (\$1,000)
Roll of batting for quilts (\$92)
Cotton material for quilt tops (pricing varies)
1 New Bingo set (\$50)
New wheelchair accessible 14 passenger van/bus - (\$45,000)

Food Pantry

Nonperishable Food Items, snacks and drinks (Pricing varies)
50 cases of water (\$200)
Pull-ups and Diapers (\$30)
Toiletries (Pricing varies)
Adult Diapers (\$45)
Elkay EZH20 Bottle Filling Station (\$994)

Meals on Wheels

Volunteer Drivers for weekday meal deliveries
Volunteer Drivers for Saturday Frozen meal deliveries
Volunteers needed for office assistance, answering phones
2 new office chairs (\$100)

Information Technology

Windows Server Device CALS - \$2/ea, \$100/50
Microsoft Office 2010, 40 licenses, \$2,140.00
Dell PowerEdge R710 DATA-BASE Server (current is old and struggles), specs available through IT, \$5,800
Memory: 1GB 1Rx8 PC2-6400 RAM, \$70 each, 10 preferred total \$700

Rotary Learning Center

Volunteers for Job Coaching would prefer people who have HR or management experience
Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing 20 Platinum for Schools (25 Network License) (\$600)
Mango Language License:
2 year agreement provides full access to 33 language/unlimited users (\$7,500)
1 year agreement provides full access to 33 languages/unlimited users (\$5,000)
15 Rolling Office Chairs with mats

(\$1,500)
10 Sharp Atomic Wall Clocks (\$200)
30 Stacking Chairs (\$900)

Resale Shops

Volunteers to help sort donations
10 rolling recycled plastic containers (\$1,300)
6 Children's mannequins (\$510)
6 Men's mannequins (\$690)
12 Aisle Gondolas (8 feet with 8 shelves), new or gently used, plus shelving (\$4,800)
8 Wall gondolas (8 feet with 4 shelves), new or gently used (\$2,400)
25 Shopping Carts, new or used (\$1,000)

Shelter & Energy Assistance

Electric stapler—40 sheets (\$150)
Electric hole punch—30 sheets (\$130)
1 personal paper shredders (\$200)



Susan Brueggeman (left) delivers food and toiletries to NAM Assistance Director Debbie Peterson. The items were donated by the Houston Sport Flyers club, a group of local pilots.

Corporate & Foundation Gifts

(\$1,000 and above)

September - November 2011
(not Jeans & Jewels related)

Anything Bling
BP America
Chevron
Church World Service Inc.
Edith & Robert Zinn Foundation
EPCO, Inc.
ExxonMobil Foundation
Florence S. Ducey Charitable Foundation
Greater Houston Community Foundation
J.A. & Isabel M. Elkins Foundation
Klein Funeral Homes
Kujawa Elementary School
Labrada Nutrition
Local Independent Charities of Texas
Randall's
St. Luke's Episcopal Health System
Starbucks Coffee - Red Oak
Target Steeplechase #2144
The Simmons Foundation, Inc.
The Hamill Foundation
The Iris & Lloyd Webre Foundation
The Methodist Hospital
The Waggoners Foundation
Valero Energy Foundation
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Author David Cook to speak at NAM Endowment Dinner



NAM is excited to announce that David Cook will be the featured speaker at its 2012 Endowment Dinner. The event will be held the evening of April 24, 2012 at Champions Golf Club.


Cook's first novel, *Golf's Sacred Journey: Seven Days in Utopia* was made into a movie starring Robert Duvall and was released in the summer of 2011. The book is about meeting someone who will change your life and about the power of influence. It was inspired by Cook's experience counseling thousands of athletes and being a peak performance coach. The characters, a rancher with a passion for teaching truth and a young golf pro at the end of his rope, represent all of us in various stages of growth. The book combines golfing, spirituality, and a powerful message.

David Cook is one of the country's top Peak Performance coaches and seminar leaders. He served as "Mental Training Coach" for the San Antonio Spurs from 1996 - 2004 including two World Championships, the Kansas Jayhawks 2008 National Championship, as well as many PGA Tour winners. His business clients include Fortune 100 companies Exxon/Mobil, Sprint, HP/Compaq, Texas Instruments and American Express. He is President of his Texas-based Peak Performance firm that bridges the gap between the sports and business arenas.

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