



## 2009 Jeans and Jewels Gala to honor Jackie and Pat Riley

**“How could you ever be bored? There are really not enough hours in the day,”** marveled Jackie Riley. And, Jackie believes this. She and her husband, Pat Riley, have spent the last 25 years in dedicated, enthusiastic service to their community. For this couple, retirement has not meant a time of rest and relaxation, but rather a chance to enjoy their time together in service to others.

The Rileys are NAM’s 2009 Jeans and Jewels Gala Honorees, nominated for their lifetime commitment to philanthropy, volunteerism and compassionate leadership. The Gala will be held Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Woodlands Waterway Marriott.

“Jackie and Pat Riley truly deserve to be honored at our 2009 Gala,” said Carole Little, NAM’s President and CEO. “They are committed to NAM on a number of levels through financial support and volunteer service and also are wonderful advocates for NAM in the community. They have introduced others to NAM, helping raise our organization’s visibility and reputation. They are true community leaders with generous hearts.”

After marrying more than 40 years ago, the Rileys had three children, and Jackie spent her time taking care of the

kids, while Pat spent his time “earning a living and traveling,” as he says. Pat was no stranger to traveling, having been an engineering officer in the Navy and traveling as a petroleum engineer for Amoco Production Company in Houston.

Pat explained that during these early years, they weren’t able to give as much as they can now. “We spent a lot of years living paycheck to paycheck,” he said. “We didn’t always have the time or resources. We were working at raising a family.”

Yet, even during this busy time in their lives, Pat and Jackie “always had a heart for giving back.” They were active in their church and volunteered with Young Life of Northwest Houston, serving as committee members, and then chairs for two years.

“Giving back to the community, that’s an obligation we all have,” said Pat. “I really



2009 Jeans and Jewels Gala Honorees Pat and Jackie Riley

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believe we ought to help to the extent we can.”

This value that the Rileys share is evident when looking at their increased community support over the years.

In the mid-80s, Jackie was a member

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Hope and her daughters, Lane (left) and Erin, are grateful for NAM’s assistance in their lives. Now, Hope is finding ways to give back to NAM.

## Hope finds a way to give back

Hope Baumel is a successful mother of two with a college degree, a job as a paralegal, and a secure future. But life wasn’t always this bright for Hope. In 2001, she was a single mother struggling to make ends meet for herself and her daughter. With

nowhere else to go, she turned to NAM for support.

At NAM, Hope found the Supportive Housing Program, which helps families acquire basic needs and re-establish secure standards of living. The program assists 26 families per year with necessities such as housing, utilities, food, clothing, transportation (gas money and

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## New law has great impact on NAM and community

February was a time of change for NAM, as you may have noticed if you've visited any of our three resale shops recently. As a community organization, we

pride ourselves on striving to serve the basic human needs of our neighbors at all stages of life, from infants to seniors. However, new regulations for the sale and distribution of children's items have presented us with a challenge in meeting some of the needs of children in our community.

On Feb 10, 2009, new requirements of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act took effect, prohibiting the selling or reselling of clothes and toys for children 12 and under if they contain more than a specified percentage of lead or a plastic additive called phthalates.

There has been much confusion surrounding the new law and its application to resale stores, but the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has clearly stated that although resellers are

exempt from testing children's merchandise, they will still be held accountable for any merchandise they sell that contains the contaminants.

We do our best to ensure that NAM is in compliance with all federal and state regulations, so we have chosen to discontinue the sale and distribution of merchandise for children 12 and under in our resale shops as well as our programs.

We know NAM and our supporters care about the safety of our children. In fact, many of our programs work to ensure the security, health and well-being of children on a daily basis.

Unfortunately, although this law was passed with good intentions, it seems like it has been interpreted quite broadly. Some services that NAM once provided for families and children will no longer be available. Plus, not only are we no longer able to provide low-cost children's clothing, books, toys and furniture at our resale shops, we also are unable to give these items to children through our programs. Many families in dire need have counted on NAM's as-

sistance with free items such as clothing and baby furniture for their children. For years, NAM has been able to offer these essentials thanks to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

In recent years, up to 10% of NAM's resale shop revenue has come from the sale of children's merchandise. Last year, this translated into approximately \$140,000. Revenue from the stores goes toward helping community members in need through our multiple social services programs.

Although many resale shops like NAM's throughout the country are hoping for a reprieve on these strict regulations, it seems unlikely that any clear changes will be made in the near future.

We intend to stay informed on any changes that arise in the law, but for now, we are considering creative and efficient ways to continue to serve our youngest neighbors in need.

We are now emphasizing the need for more furniture donations in our resale shops to replace the lost revenue from children's merchandise. Furniture pick-up may be arranged by calling 281-880-9482. In terms of program necessities, our future focus may be on the donation of gift cards, rather than merchandise, to fulfill the needs of our clients.

These new regulations have presented a considerable challenge to NAM, but with the continued support of our donors, volunteers and the community, it is a challenge that we will face with the type of determination that has made NAM so effective as a community resource for more than 25 years.

If you are concerned about the impact of the new federal regulations, please contact your legislators or visit [www.congress.org](http://www.congress.org).

For further information or updates, please check the Consumer Safety Product Commission's Web site at [www.cpsc.gov](http://www.cpsc.gov).

Carole Little  
President & CEO  
Certified Professional Coach

### NAM Statement of Activities for the months ended 12/31/08 (unaudited)

Total Support and Revenues .....	\$2,678,021
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program services .....	\$2,232,839
Management and General .....	\$180,055
Fundraising and Development .....	\$80,655
<b>Total Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$2,493,549</b>
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets .....</b>	<b>\$184,472</b>

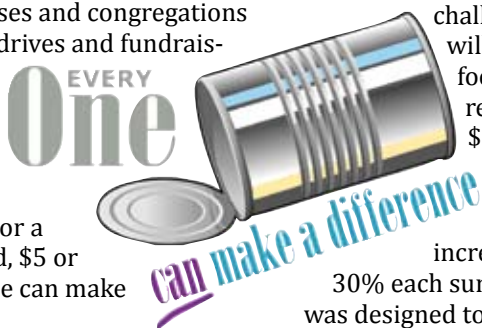
NAM's fiscal year runs Oct. 1, 2008 to Sept. 30, 2009. In NAM's last fiscal year, 89 cents of every dollar went to direct services.

### NAM Programs and Services

Assistance Office .....	281-583-5600	Shelter & Energy Assistance ...	281-885-4531
Children's Clinic .....	281-885-4630	Workforce Development .....	281-885-4506
Development/ Cash Donations .....	281-885-4605	NAM Resale Shop & Donation Centers	
Furniture Donations		FM 1960 .....	281-880-9000
Hotline .....	281-880-9482	Jones Road .....	281-897-8952
Family Violence Center .....	281-885-4673	Corner Resale Shop .....	281-885-4544
Interfaith Hospitality		<b>Other agencies at NAM</b>	
Network .....	281-885-4567	Harris Co. Soc. Services .....	281-885-4591
Meals on Wheels .....	281-885-4622	Even Start .....	281-586-1888
Rotary Learning Center .....	281-885-4616	Gulf Coast Community	
Senior Services .....	281-885-4600	Services .....	281-397-0176

## Helping families survive over the summer

NAM's Survival over the Summer (SOS) Project is seeking individuals, groups, schools, businesses and congregations to conduct food drives and fundraisers to feed hungry children this summer. Whether it's by donating one bag of groceries or a truckload of food, \$5 or \$1,000, every one can make a difference.



30. Because donations received before April 30 will be counted toward this challenge, the contribution will have added value. Each food item and dollar NAM receives will be valued at \$1 toward the challenge.

The demand for food at NAM's food pantry increases by approximately 30% each summer. The SOS project was designed to help meet this need.

"SOS is designed to help families whose children receive free or reduced price meals during the school year," said Carole Little, NAM's President and CEO. "When school isn't in session, many of these children go without nutritious meals. Through SOS we try to provide these families with additional food so they can stretch their limited budgets to cover other summer expenses, such as increased utility bills."

Each year the Feinstein Foundation offers a \$1 million proportional challenge to help fight hunger. NAM is a participating agency and will receive a portion of the \$1 million based on the amount of donations received March 1-April

"The cost of feeding their children during the summer may mean some parents must choose between food and paying the rent or running the air conditioner," Little said. "The community's support really does help children and families survive over the summer."

### SOS Kickoff: Art for the Hungry

The kick-off to the SOS Project is Art for the Hungry, a food sculpture competition that challenges local community groups to create a themed structure using a minimum of 1,000 non-perishable food items. This year's event will turn Willowbrook Mall into a page right out of a storybook, as builders enter

"A Fairytale World" and create cartoon character sculptures.

Sculpture building night will be Sunday, March 22 at Willowbrook Mall. The edible artwork will be on display through April 5, and community members are encouraged to vote by making a monetary donation for their favorite sculpture. Groups are divided into three categories: School Groups, Community Organizations/Businesses and Churches.

For information on conducting a food drive for SOS or participating in Art for the Hungry, community members should call Tanecia Snid at 281-885-4608.

Donations to NAM's Food Pantry may be made by going to [www.namonline.org](http://www.namonline.org) and clicking on SOS Virtual Fundraiser under "Special Projects," or by mailing a check to NAM at: 15555 Kuykendahl, Houston, TX 77090.



### Help keep NAM's Food Pantry stocked this summer by donating these essential items:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly • Spaghetti Sauce • Canned Pasta • Canned Fruit/Vegetables • Fruit Juices • Dry Cereal/Dry Soup/Dry Pasta • Rice • Macaroni & Cheese • Tuna/Canned Meat • Personal Hygiene Items (Toothpaste, deodorant, bar soap, toilet paper)

\*Cash donations are always appreciated\*



Twins Shannon and Dawson Klein turned their 12th birthday party into a food drive and fundraiser for NAM. Rather than collect gifts, the two collected food and monetary donations. They arrived at NAM with a truck full of food and \$100 in donations.

### Our MISSION

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

### 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.



## NAM NOTES

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## Birdies for Charity Program

The Houston Golf Association (HGA) is giving NAM the opportunity to generate funds from its Birdies for Charity Program, part of the Shell Houston Open PGA Tour event set for March 30-April 5 at Redstone Golf Club.

NAM supporters can make a minimum pledge of a penny per birdie for every birdie made Wednesday through Sunday by the pros at the Shell Houston Open. Of course, you can pledge more if you like or even make a flat contribution. The minimum flat contribution is \$20. Then, as an extra bonus, you get to guess how many cumulative birdies (a score of 1-under par on a hole) will be made this year, and the person who guesses correctly will win fantastic prizes.

After the tournament, you will be billed by the HGA for the amount of your

pledge. For instance, if the pros made 1,500 birdies and your pledge is a penny per birdie, you will be billed for \$15.

The deadline for submitting "Guess the Birdies" forms to NAM is Friday, March 27, 2009.

Visit [www.namonline.org](http://www.namonline.org) to download and print the Shell Houston Open Birdies for Charity pledge form and instructions.

For more information, contact Tanecia Snid at [tsnid@namonline.org](mailto:tsnid@namonline.org) or 281-885-4608.



## NAM staff development retreat featured state of NAM address, motivational speaker

Northwest Assistance Ministries' (NAM) 2009 Staff Retreat emphasized the positive impact that NAM has on the community and the challenges that lie ahead for the organization in the current economy.

NAM President and CEO Carole Little presented an update on the state of NAM, focusing on the strides NAM made in the last fiscal year. She reported that despite an economic downturn in 2008, NAM was able to overcome a \$400,000 deficit to end the year on budget. NAM provided services to 120,000 individuals in the 2007-08 fiscal year and served an additional 3,500 people after Hurricane Ike left many in need.

Little also stressed that the demand for services has increased recently, with food pantry requests up 20% over the last 12 months. She cautioned that although NAM was on budget for fund-

raising as of the end of December, 2009 promises to be a challenging year for the organization.



Motivational Speaker Kimaka Willis

To help motivate the staff for the inevitably tough road ahead, NAM hosted presenter Kimaka Willis, a motivational speaker who presented material from "Change the Reel," her top-selling personal empowerment book.

Willis is the Director of Refining Redefining, a personal and professional development firm that specializes in helping individuals and organizations move forward by making use of their valuable, and often overlooked, resources. The company's programs, products, and services all have a common focus: to build up the individual.

The retreat was held at ABC Pest, Pool and Lawn in a conference facility that was donated by the company. Also donated to the retreat was breakfast from Chick-Fil-A and HEB.

## 2009 Interfaith Quilting Bee

Quilters from around the city gathered in February to create quilts for families in need. NAM families in several programs will receive these comforting gifts.



From left: Patricia, Margaret and Nora, members of North Side Christian Church, put the finishing touches on their quilt.



Hundreds of quilts line the pews at the Annual Interfaith Charity Quilting Bee.

### Save the Date

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,  
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## Hope finds a way to give back *Continued from Page 1*

bus cards), education and job training, counseling, and medical/dental care.

Case Manager Debbie Workman said, "The Supportive Housing Program offers our clients all of their basic human needs. We establish a case plan, and we work to help our clients remove the obstacles that keep them from being self-sufficient."

The Supportive Housing Program helped Hope and her daughter with many of these basic needs, such as obtaining an apartment and paying rent and utility bills for the year.

"I have always been very grateful for the financial assistance from NAM, and for the sense of security they gave me and

my daughter," said Hope. "The help from NAM really gave me the opportunity to earn my degree and advance in my career."

Workman remembers Hope as a great client.

"Hope was always an exemplary client. She was very determined," said Workman. "She had very strong goals, she was a hard worker and responsible. She wanted to thrive on her own. She was taking all the steps; she just needed a little help to get there. She really did all the work."

Hope credits NAM with helping her pull her life together, and because of that, she feels compelled to give back to NAM

and to assist others who are currently struggling.

In addition to her full-time job, Hope also works part-time selling Tupperware. In January, she held a Tupperware fundraiser at Wal-Mart, with proceeds benefiting NAM. She plans to host a similar fundraiser in the summer or fall.

Hope also made a donation to NAM from her personal Tupperware inventory. She chose items she felt would be especially useful to NAM's clients.

"Whenever I come across an opportunity to donate something, I always think of NAM," said Hope. "They helped me get back on my feet, and I feel like now I can help others and pay it forward."

## Jackie and Pat Riley *Continued from Page 1*

of The Cypress Woodlands Junior Forum, and through that organization, she discovered NAM. She began volunteering at NAM as an Assistance Program Counselor, among other activities. Pat retired as President and CEO of Dominion Exploration & Production in 2001, and he, too, began volunteering at NAM.

It's been more than 25 years now since their first time volunteering at NAM, and the Rileys have become increasingly committed supporters, donors and volunteers.

Pat is Chair of the NAM Endowment Board, and Jackie has been a NAM Trustee, acting as liaison between NAM and Northwest Bible Church, for more than 10 years. Jackie served as Co-Chair of the Jeans and Jewels Gala in 2004, and Pat was on the Underwriting Committee for the event. Pat created the wooden bid boards for the Gala auction, and the boards are still used at the event. Jackie also volunteers regularly with Meals on Wheels.

The Rileys share an appreciation for NAM and a belief, which has only grown stronger over the last 26 years, in NAM's mission.

"NAM is functioning where we live. People it serves are people in our community," said Pat. "NAM has a 10%

operating overhead, and that's fantastic. They're efficient with their dollars, and they are offering services that have to be offered."

Jackie added, "NAM fills needs. We've seen firsthand what they do. It's amazing to me how the organization seems to add new programs each year."

In addition to their dedicated service to NAM, the Rileys are also heavily involved in their congregation, Northwest Bible Church. Pat is an elder in the church, and the couple participates in multiple ministries within the church. They are heavily involved with their church's Between Jobs Ministry, which has helped several thousand individuals find jobs in the community.

Jackie and Pat donate time and energy to the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts as well. Pat is on the Board of Directors and his Underwriting Committee is responsible for underwriting the

2009 Fundraising Gala. Jackie is on the Gala Committee.

When asked why they feel so strongly about helping others, the Rileys talk about their shared faith. "We feel blessed with what we've been given," said Pat. Referring to the Gospel of Luke, he adds, "To whom much is given, much is expected."

The Rileys feel their blessings come in many forms, including having nine grandchildren, all of whom live in the Houston area. When they're not volunteering or visiting with their family, the Rileys do get to enjoy some of the more relaxing pleasures of retirement. Pat likes to spend time in his woodworking shop at their house, and they both enjoy golfing and traveling the world.

Fortunately for the Houston community, they always return from their travels to the city they call home, and continue working to make it a better place for everyone.

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& Jewels**  
...A Texas Size Party

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**Saturday, October 24, 2009**  
Woodlands Waterway Marriott  
Honorees: Jackie and Pat Riley  
Chairs: Dana Hines and Diane Porter  
To reserve your table today,  
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## Corporate spotlight

### Sam's Club at 7650 FM 1960

In the past several months, the people of Sam's Club on 7650 FM 1960 West have reached out to NAM and become a unique mix of corporate philanthropists and friendly neighbors down the street.

Club Manager Mike Calabro and his high energy staff have donated a remarkable amount of food, money, time, and in-kind gifts to NAM and our neighbors in need, and they plan to continue their community support in the future.

Calabro says he chooses to donate to NAM because of all the good works the organization does for the community. He says he and his wife became NAM supporters when they took the New Volunteer Orientation.

"We were so overwhelmed with all of the great things NAM does," said Calabro. "NAM really inspired us. After the orientation, we were hooked. We thought, 'what can we do?'"

From then on, Calabro and Sam's Club have become true community supporters of NAM, achieving the following:

- Hosted a craft fair for NAM's Fifty Plus Helping Hands craft group in October, which raised \$1,350.
- Donated an in-kind gift of an "Open" sign to NAM's Resale shop in October.
- Hosted a Thanksgiving Food Drive in November, which raised \$500 and contributed 1,332.5 lbs. of food to NAM's food pantry.
- Hosted a Holiday Food Drive in December, which raised \$625 and contributed 890 lbs. of food to NAM's food pantry.
- Gave NAM a \$2,000 community grant in December.
- Donated 90 Christmas stockings to NAM staff members over the holidays.
- Collected \$250 through internal store fundraisers for the Fifty Plus group in February.

In addition to these donations, Calabro and his management team take turns calling Bingo numbers to the Fifty Plus players every Wednesday. To make the games more fun, Sam's Club donates treats and prizes each week for the players. Calabro's wife, Anna, also calls Bingo and volunteers as a receptionist for the Fifty Plus group.



From left: Sam's Club Co-Manager Curt Brown, Club Manager Mike Calabro and (right) Merchandise Manager JoAnn MacRae present a check to NAM Corporate Liaison Julie Anderson-Smith.



Center: Sam's Club Co-Manager Curt Brown and merchandise Manager JoAnn MacRae present pallets of food and money collected during the holidays to NAM employees Keith Rowel and Julie Anderson-Smith.



Sam's Club Manager Mike Calabro (right) calls out Bingo numbers for the Fifty Plus senior group with the help of Co-Manager Curt Brown.

Calabro and Sam's Club plan to continue their support of NAM with future community grants and fundraisers and are actively encouraging more Sam's Club locations to donate to NAM. They have already scheduled two more craft fairs, one in the spring and one in the fall, and they are planning another food drive in the spring.

## Sidelines with Sarah

By Sarah Fisk  
Volunteer Assistance Counselor

I thought that the woman who walked into NAM's Assistance office was a volunteer or a NAM employee; but then she stood at the front desk and said, "I have an appointment for help with my rent."

**"We help others because we're aware of our own good fortune."**

I learned that she graduated from college (me too), appeared well organized (I try), married at 21 then had two children (I married early and we had two children), had planned to be a stay-at-home mother and raise her children (I did too), but then her husband left her with a maybe-see-you-later attitude (I'm still happily married).

She adjusted her plans...got a job, moved to an affordable apartment, managed her new life. However, after missing work to care for her sick child, she needed NAM's help. The lost wages meant a paycheck that fell short of her monthly rent.

After a review of her budget and confirmation of her job, NAM helped pay her rent and gave her food so she could save money for other monthly expenses. After she left my office, I could not forget her. She had adapted well to a life she hadn't planned to live. Could I have adapted as well? I will never have to answer that question.

Every Tuesday, as an Assistance interviewer, I help those who don't live my life. Every Tuesday I am reminded how fortunate I am to live the life I planned. Chances are we will never have to walk into NAM for assistance. We help others because we're aware of our own good fortune. That's the whole point, isn't it?

### Save the Date

#### The Greater Northwest Crop Walk

Sunday, April 19 at 1:30 p.m.  
at the Meyer Park north side pavilion  
A percentage of the proceeds will benefit NAM. Call 281-440-7753.

# NAM's wish list

*Donations of cash or in-kind donations welcome.*

## For the Organization

Payment for development of a phenomenal new client database software to help volunteers and staff (\$14,000)  
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 3 Software Design Standard (\$400)  
Corporate sponsor for newsletter (\$6,000)

## Assistance Program

New chairs for the waiting area (\$50 each)

## Building Maintenance

100 stacking chairs (\$3,500)  
Upgraded security monitoring for NAM's Kuykendahl building (\$15,000)  
New Box Truck for IHN, Food Pantry and Resale Shops (\$50,000)  
Ceramic floor tile throughout building (to eliminate carpet repair, maintenance & replacement) (\$25,000)  
Clean and seal four air handlers (\$30,000)  
Caulking of exterior windows to eliminate leaks (\$40,000 or \$10,000 per side)

## Business Office

Heavy duty paper shredder (\$2,000)

## Children's Clinic

Phlebotomy Certification (\$1600 for four clinical staff members)  
2010 CPT and ICD9 medical reference books (\$650 for 4 sets of books)  
Sharps containers (\$170 every quarter)  
Antibiotic ointment (\$300)  
Baby wipes (\$250)

## Interfaith Hospitality Network

Toiletries/hygiene items (15-20 items monthly/ \$150)  
2 new large capacity washing machines (\$700)  
2 new large capacity dryers (\$700)  
15 Pillows quarterly (\$75)  
5 sets of towels quarterly—face, hand and large bath towels (\$100)  
Computer for families (\$500)

## 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)  
Lighting added to hallway  
IBM Selectric typewriter (\$400)

## Fifty Plus Senior Center

Back-up bus driver and driver for trips  
Senior Wheels volunteer drivers  
Ride-along volunteers to assist drivers on Wednesdays and Fridays  
Crafters and sewers for Helping Hands

## Food Pantry

Nonperishable Food Items, especially dry pasta, rice and dry beans (900+ families per month)

## Meals on Wheels

Coolers—28 or 32 size (25 @ \$17 each)  
Volunteer drivers  
Locking filing cabinet (\$500)  
4 collapsible wheel carts (\$80)

## Information Technology

VOIP Telephone system—NAM (\$80,000)  
Telephone system—FM 1960 Resale Shop (\$6,000)  
Point of Sale System for Resale Shops (\$6,500)

## Rotary Learning Center/ Workforce Development

1 32-inch color TV w/DVD player (\$800)  
Adobe Instructional Design Software (\$800)

## Resale Shops

Copy machine (\$600)  
Two 2-wheel dollies (\$150 each)  
Four 4-wheel dollies (\$25 each)

## Shelter & Energy Assistance

Battery-operated doorbell or buzzer for office (\$50)  
TV/DVD player to show training videos to clients (\$500)  
Electric stapler—40 sheets (\$150)  
Electric hole punch—30 sheets (\$130)  
Four file cabinets with 4 or 5 legal-size drawers with locks (\$125 each)

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

A-OK Transmission	Memorial Hermann Healthcare System
Bammel Middle School	Noble Energy, Inc.
CSI Technologies	Payless ShoeSource Foundation
Curtis & Doris K. Hankamer Foundation	Sam's Club
Equipment & Technical Services Inc.	Sempra Energy Foundation
God's Share Foundation, Inc.	Spindletop Charities, Inc.
Haulaway Trucking LLC	The Lyons Foundation
Houston Northwest Medical Center HP	The Methodist Hospital
Isla Carroll Turner Friendship Trust	The Prudential Foundation
Krahn Elementary School	The Robert H. and Anita Q. Lawe Foundation
Long Horn Rod & Custom Club, Inc.	The Transporter Inc.
Lulu Bryan Rambaud Charitable Trust	United Caring Inc.
MBC Foundation	Universal Technical Institute
	Wal-Mart
	Wells Fargo Foundation

## Giving Back



*Greenspoint Club members present a check for \$11,071 to Maria Magee (center), NAM's V.P. of Fund Development. The funds were raised through the Club's 2008 "An Evening of Wine and Romance Gala" honoring Bill Farrell (right of check). The Gala chairs were Linda Elder (left of check) and Donna Glaser (far right).*



*Pampi Bartels, NAM's Information Technology Director, sets up new equipment donated by HP. In 2008-09, HP has donated more than \$70,000 worth of equipment to NAM.*

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## Annual Volunteer Luncheon will be April 16

*No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else.* ~Benjamin Franklin

In the 2007-08 Fiscal Year, NAM served more than 120,000 people in need. This type of community impact can only be achieved with the help of community support, the generosity of donors and, of course, volunteers.

In fact, NAM's relatively small staff of approximately 85 employees could not carry out the mission of Neighbors Helping Neighbors without the help we receive from our 2,000 volunteers.

The federal government assigns a dollar value to volunteer hours, and NAM's volunteers contribute more than \$1 million worth of service annually.

Volunteers are recognized throughout the year for their hard work, and they are especially celebrated at the annual spring Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. This year, all active NAM volunteers are invited to attend the luncheon in their honor on Thursday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. at the graciously donated

Cultural Hall within The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (16535 Kleinwood).

The luncheon will feature live entertainment and a delicious lunch, donated by Shirley Acres.

Active NAM volunteers who wish to attend the luncheon should sign up at the department in which they are currently volunteering.



NAM Resale volunteers take a break from sorting donated items to smile for the camera.

**NAM's dedicated volunteers help out in nearly every aspect of the organization, including:**

- Executive Board
- Endowment Board
- Assistance
- Holiday Project
- Administration
- Business Office
- Greeters
- Children's Clinic
- Art for the Hungry
- Rotary Learning Center/ Workforce Development
- Interfaith Hospitality Network
- Jeans & Jewels Committee
- Back to School Project
- Making Change Project
- Survival over the Summer food drives
- Information Technology
- Helping Hands crafts group
- Shelter and Energy Assistance
- Board of Trustees
- Food Pantry
- Meals on Wheels
- Fifty Plus
- Accounting
- Development
- Receptionists
- Resale Shops
- Family Violence Center

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