

## Small investment yields big reward at Resale

Julia Garza, who paints as a hobby, recognized the canvas at Northwest Assistance Ministries' Resale Shop and Donation Center as the work of a professional and bought it for \$13.

When Garza asked experts at the Museum of Fine Arts for an appraisal, they valued the oil painting at \$2,000 to \$5,000. Charles Pruitt created the painting of Vermajo Ranch, New Mexico, in 1986.

"I'm an artist myself and I know the imperfections in my own work. In this painting the perspective was right, the dimensions were right. I could tell he was a professional," Garza said.

Garza contacted Pruitt who offered to buy the painting back for "double what I paid for it plus he would pay for the shipping." Garza declined the offer.

She plans to sell the painting and use the proceeds to pay for a new roof on her mother's house.

Garza is an ardent resale store shopper. "This is the only way to go," she said. "Shopping at thrift stores saves me thousands of dollars."

Although most of her finds aren't as valuable as the painting, she has furnished many apartments for her chil-



*Julia Garza is a believer in shopping at resale stores to get the most value for her dollars. Here, she's holding an original oil painting she bought at NAM's Resale Shop and Donation Center for \$13. The canvas appraised for \$2,000 to \$5,000.*

dren with items from resale shops. Before discussing her painting she was eyeing quilts and crocheted doilies at NAM's Resale Shop at 3645 FM 1960 West. The quilts were priced at \$5 and the doilies were \$1.50.

"New quilts and doilies like that sell for upwards of \$150," she said. "They may need a little repair, but that's not a big deal. You can buy baskets for 25 cents and with a little glue you have something

that would cost \$5 to \$10 at a regular store."

Garza said part of her success comes from doing her homework. "When you know what you're looking for and other people don't value it, you can find some real deals," she said.

"I go to a regular, expensive store and do my studying. If I see something I like, I go to the resale shop and I always find it. Sometimes, I do better."

### Save the Date NAM's Legislative Breakfast

7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 4

Call 281-885-4607.

## Give a holiday gift that makes a difference

Businesses can give a holiday gift that makes a difference by making a donation to Northwest Assistance Ministries in honor of customers, vendors, employees, family and friends.

"Your gift will have a special meaning for those you are honoring while also helping those less fortunate in north and northwest Houston," said Carole Little, NAM President and CEO.

"For each gift, NAM will send a holiday

card informing the recipients of your special gift given in their name."

The gift unless otherwise specified will go to NAM's general fund where it will be used to address the greatest need. For more information on NAM's programs and services visit NAM's website, [www.namonline.org](http://www.namonline.org).

The recommended minimum honorarium is \$5. For information, call Ryan Barnes at 281-885-4582.

# Your comfort zone, are you ready to step out?

I recently read something written by Kate Steinbacher, a Life Coach, who posed the following questions, "Is comfort all it is cracked up to be?"

She asks you to think about the times during your life that you have been comfortable. Comfort with your job. Comfort in your relationships. Comfort with your home. Is there a sense of peace that comes to mind? Is there a status quo? How about a bit of boredom and inactivity? Perhaps even complacency?



Being too comfortable can also be a detriment. When we are most comfortable and confident we often become stale and sometimes even lazy. We are not as aware of changes and nuances going on around us. It happens to people, and it happens to whole companies as well. When we lose our edge to too much comfort, we risk stagnation, and in this fast-paced world, we

WILL be passed by. Now let's look at the places in your life where you encountered your most significant growth. These are generally places when we are outside our comfort zone. Often they are times when we are not in control of the outcome.

It can be as painful as a divorce and having to learn to be on your own for the first time, or the loss of a job, or your first year out of high school or college, struggling to make it, getting that first job.

Consider the discomfort and the investment you had to make and the risks you had to take. Looking back at a difficult time we have come through, we can see we had skills or developed skills we did not believe were possible.

When it is all over and done, we have grown, learned lessons about ourselves and the world and how we may more "comfortably" move through a difficult place the next time.

And even more interesting, we have enlarged our field of comfort or our comfort zone. Not that we would choose to put ourselves in as painful a place as divorce or

job loss, but we now can recognize skills and attitudes we had to develop, that we can use in lesser situations. Each time we step outside our comfort zone we are faced with growth and learning, and we enlarge our world.

Another return on our investment of stepping out of our comfort zone is the perspective we can gain. What was once the most feared loss, can sometimes become a gift.

My challenge to you is to find YOUR GROWTH ZONE, somewhere between comfort and pain. Take some steps outside your comfort zone and embrace the growth and strength it fosters. Take responsibility for something that will stretch your abilities.

Join our team of volunteers and staff at NAM and make a difference in our community. Take one step.

Sincerely,

Carole Little  
President & CEO

**P.S. - For information on volunteer opportunities at NAM, volunteer orientation or otherwise contributing to NAM, contact NAM Volunteer Coordinator Linda Fullerton at 281-885-4609 or email her at lfullerton@namonline.org.**

NAM Statement of Activities for the 10 months ended 7/31/08 (unaudited)	
<b>Total Support and Revenues</b> .....	\$7,376,065
<b>Expenses</b>	
Program services .....	\$6,599,947
Management and General .....	\$468,904
Fundraising and Development .....	\$224,937
<b>Total Expenses</b> .....	\$7,293,788
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets</b> .....	\$82,277

NAM's current fiscal year runs Oct. 1, 2007 to Sept. 30, 2008. In NAM's last fiscal year, 89 cents of every dollar went to direct services.

NAM Programs and Services			
Assistance Office .....	281-583-5600	Workforce Development.....	281-885-4506
Children's Clinic .....	281-885-4630	NAM Resale Shop & Donation Centers	
Development .....	281-885-4605	FM 1960.....	281-880-9000
Donations 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	Harris Co. Hospital Dist.....	281-587-8596
Rotary Learning Center.....	281-885-4616	Even Start .....	281-586-1888
Senior Services .....	281-885-4600	Gulf Coast Community	
Shelter & Energy Assistance.	281-885-4531	Services .....	281-397-0176

## NAM NOTES

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## Caldwells give back to the community through NAM

Caldwell Companies owners Susan and Fred Caldwell along with their staff members adopted NAM's Interfaith Hospitality Network program participants for the December holidays last year and wound up doing an extreme home makeover.

The Caldwells have been involved with NAM for many years. Susan first got involved through the Cypress-Woodlands Junior Forum and with her daughters in the National Charity League. They volunteered with the Fifty Plus seniors program, Meals on Wheels and the Food Pantry.

"I always really enjoyed the people who work at NAM. They always had such good attitudes," she said. "I like how efficiently things are run. I don't feel like my time is wasted. I see that all the way through the organization."

Fred said, "I've been aware of NAM for 20 years and have always felt like it was the backbone for outreach in the community. The programs at NAM are directed at people clearly in need. NAM doesn't have layers of administration and costs. The dollars you give

go to help people."

In 2005, the couple served as co-chairs of NAM's Jeans & Jewels gala. Susan and Fred also worked at the resale shops following Hurricane Katrina helping evacuees locate clothing.

Fred said, "NAM does a wonderful job supporting people in times of need with the long-term goal of equipping them for the future. NAM has a very successful track record of helping individuals rise above their circumstances."

Susan said, "NAM helps people who are down at the moment and they come back to help and give back to NAM. People go from sleeping in cars to having a great job to volunteering at NAM. I love that about NAM. It comes full circle. You never know when you'll be in someone else's shoes and need a helping hand from somebody."

The company's involvement with NAM evolved over time.

"We introduced our employees to NAM, and they were on board to help. The whole company was involved with



*Karen Weakly, left, Interfaith Hospitality Network Director, thanks Susan Caldwell on behalf of IHN families for her generosity. The IHN program helps families make the transition from homelessness to independence.*

food drives and supply drives. We made contests out of them," Susan said. "Our employees are not compensated for their involvement. They just do it because they want to. We were overwhelmed with their generosity."

Last Christmas, Fred wanted to provide Christmas dinner to the families in IHN. "Our workplace is our family and at Christmas, especially, we've been very blessed and want to

give back," Susan said. "The whole company adopted IHN and provided the families with dinner and gifts."

The company provided gifts and food, but the Caldwell employees were surprised to see the food being heated on a two-burner hotplate. "And the door on the refrigerator didn't close," said Susan. "You had to lift it up with your knee." She was concerned the baby

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## 'Dinner with Dierker' raises over \$56,000 for NAM Endowment Fund

The Northwest Assistance Ministries' Endowment Board's "Dinner with Dierker," July 23rd at Champions Golf Club featuring former Houston Astros' pitcher, manager and broadcaster Larry Dierker raised over \$56,000.

Dierker entertained dinner participants with a few baseball stories, but focused on the importance of doing charitable work as donors and volunteers.

"I'm not talking about giving

people a handout, but helping them learn to take care of themselves, Dierker said. "You know the old story about giving a man a fish and he has food for a day, but teach him to fish and he has food forever... that's what I like about NAM, you're not just giving people a fish, you're teaching them how to take care of themselves."

Dierker encouraged attendees at the men's event to

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*Eddie Harrell, left, an Endowment Board member and an organizer of the Dinner with Dierker men's event, talks with former Astros pitcher, manager and broadcaster Larry Dierker and Endowment Board Chair Pat Riley. The July 23rd event raised over \$56,000 for the Endowment Fund.*

# FVC offers help in coping with domestic violence

By Donna Amtsberg, LMSW  
Family Violence Center Director

The caller said, "My sister is in an abusive relationship, what should I do?"

Answering a domestic violence hotline we hear this question over and over. Friends, family members, co-workers at this point don't want to hear about all the reasons why women stay, they want to know what they can do about it. It's an emergency and the caller feels responsible and helpless all at the same time.

Tragic stories of domestic violence appear in the media with alarming regularity. The FVC Hotline answers over 700 calls in an average month. We all know that being in an abusive relationship is terrifying. But what can be even more terrifying for a woman is terminating the relationship with the man who is abusing her. Equally terrifying for a friend or family member is knowing the abuse is taking place and not knowing what to do about it because domestic violence all too often has deadly consequences.

The Northwest Assistance Ministries Family Violence Center offers programs to help people involved in violent domestic situations. One of those services is a 24-hour hotline, 281-885-4673 or toll free at 1-888-750-4673.

The heat of summer and the stressors of preparing children to go back to school can shorten the fuse of an explosive domestic situation. For a woman to maximize her safety, it is critical that she develop and implement a comprehensive safety plan. Family or friends can play an important role helping her to follow these



guidelines:

1. Establish a support system of friends and professionals to whom she can go for financial assistance, emotional support and day-to-day practical needs.

2. Pre-plan a safe place to go—somewhere unknown to the batterer, such as a women's

shelter. Also pre-plan child care resources and alternatives if necessary.

3. Pack and hide an emergency bag with essential items in case she feels her life is in danger and she has to leave at a moment's notice.

4. Document everything relative to the abuse. Encour-

age her to keep a diary, letters, audiotapes, medical reports, police reports, court affidavits, photographs—anything that substantiates the abuse. Help her secure these items in a safety deposit box or at your home or the home of a friend.

5. Never disclose her whereabouts to the batterer under any circumstances after she leaves. She may need to take extreme safety precautions — such as always telling a friend where she is going and when she plans to return. She should also obtain as many safety devices as possible, such as alarm systems, dead-bolts, locks on windows, a watch dog, a cellular or cordless phone, and a caller identification device.

6. Encourage her to use the laws and the courts to help protect her. Get a protective order and request status hearings from the courts to monitor the batterer's compliance. You may act as an advocate to accompany her to all court appearances. Local women's programs and legal aid agencies will advocate for her too. Encourage her to follow through with the legal process — this is the most effective way for her to keep herself safe and hold the batterer accountable for his actions.

For help in coping with domestic violence, call the NAM Family Violence Center hotline at 281-885-4673 or toll free at 1-888-750-4673.

*Amtsberg is licensed and holds a Masters degree in Social Work. She is a Certified Family Education Specialist and is a co-founder of the PetSafe Program which is administered through the Houston SPCA. She also chairs the Harris County Domestic Violence Death Review Team.*

## Ten Ways to Commemorate National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October

- Donate to FVC to provide cab rides to those fleeing dangerous situations.
- Share the Hotline number (281/885-HOPE) with a friend in need.
- Donate needed toiletries to the FVC.
- Collect & donate cell phones so FVC clients can make emergency 911 calls.
- Include the issue of domestic violence in your local newsletters.
- Call the FVC and ask for a speaker to come to your group, 281-885-4559.
- Light a candle at your place of worship, in your home, or at a meeting.
- Wear a purple ribbon during the month.
- Pray for strength for those who are suffering due to the Domestic Violence.
- Attend the FVC's Domestic Violence Class, starting October 20th (it's free and open to the community, call 281-885-4673 to register).

For more information about domestic violence, visit these links:

[www.namonline.org/fvc](http://www.namonline.org/fvc)  
[www.tcfv.org/resources/abuse-in-texas/](http://www.tcfv.org/resources/abuse-in-texas/)  
[www.domesticviolence.org/](http://www.domesticviolence.org/)

## Sidelines with Sarah: Do Something!

By Sarah Fisk  
Volunteer Assistance Counselor

Every day families come to NAM hoping for the best because most have not been able to save for the worst.

They admit that they need help which must be a humbling experience for someone who has always met their family's needs.

That was the situation for my client, new to NAM, who sat in my office one Tuesday afternoon. A college educated woman and a foster parent, she had loaned her cousin a portion of her rent money for a burial. Surprise, surprise...my client's cousin did not pay back the loan. And then, my client was laid off from her job.

Yes, my client made a bad decision to loan money (who hasn't), yes, she assured me that she had learned from

the experience and yes, she claimed that it was the first time she had been late with her rent. Her apartment manager confirmed that assertion. NAM was able to help with a portion of her overdue rent and give her food.

New clients, who walked into NAM needing assistance for the first time, rose substantially in 2008. Donations declined. Our neighbors who need help think of NAM as the solution. NAM helps all it can, but NAM is limited by the volunteering and donating of those who read this newsletter.

To quote Helen Keller, "I am only one, but still I am one. I can't do everything, but I can do something." Maybe today you can "do something" or "do something" more. NAM needs volunteers, NAM needs donations, NAM needs your help.

## Club honors William J. Farrell

Greenspoint Club members are hosting "An Evening of Wine and Romance" on Saturday, Sept. 27, honoring William J. Farrell and benefiting Northwest Assistance Ministries, the Muscular Dystrophy Association and the ClubCorp Employee Care Fund.

The evening will feature Bart O'Brien, owner of O'Brien Estate Winery in Napa Valley, California, who will share stories of wine and life in the Valley while guests enjoy a dinner crafted to go along with O'Brien's award-winning line of wines called "Seduction."

Festivities include a "roast and toast" of Farrell, a wine auction, a drawing for a trip to Colorado and a drawing for a trip to Napa Valley.

Farrell is a long-time Greenspoint Club member,

and he is active in a variety of charitable activities. He has helped raise more than a million dollars for charity.

He serves on the NAM Endowment Board of Directors and is a past chair of that board. He also serves on the board of the American Heart Association of Northwest Harris County, and the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts Advisory Board.

Event tickets are \$135 each. Table sponsorships are available for \$3,000, \$5,000 and \$10,000. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 12 for \$100. The attire is black tie optional. The Greenspoint Club is located at 16925 Northchase. To make reservations, call Loida at 281-875-0191 or email [loida.rico@ourclub.com](mailto:loida.rico@ourclub.com). For sponsorship information, contact Donna Glaser at [donna.glaser@ourclub.com](mailto:donna.glaser@ourclub.com).



### Shot Blitz, Back-to-School supplies

Charity Bliss, 10, top, closes her eyes and pretends to blow up a balloon as Tai Ching Mao from St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital administers an immunization. With the help of volunteers including individuals from the University of Texas School of Nursing Health Science Center Graduate program, 514 youngsters received immunizations required by area schools. Below, Heather, 9, Jessica 10 and Teresa Mason, 16, collected school supplies during NAM's Back-to-School Project. Volunteers helped provide supplies and vouchers for clothing to more than 2,500 youngsters – a new record.



## Comerica Bank donates to charities

Comerica Bank recently moved its headquarters to Texas and is opening more branches in the Houston area.

As a show of support for the community, Comerica will donate \$100 to a charity of choice for new customers opening checking accounts with a minimum \$2,500 opening balance. Existing customer who select a new Comerica product or service receive a \$25 donation per service for the charity of their choice.

If you are opening an account at Comerica, please consider naming NAM as your charity of choice.



NAM's Interfaith Hospitality Network for families in transition from homelessness held an open house to show off a kitchen makeover donated by the Caldwell Companies. On hand to receive a photo of IHN participants, were Caldwell Companies owners and employee volunteers, from left, Ananesia Ware, Fred Caldwell, IHN Director Karen Weakly, NAM President and CEO Carole Little, Susan Caldwell, Karen Cordes and NAM Corporate Liaison Julie Anderson-Smith.

## Caldwells donate time, dollars

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formula kept in the refrigerator would spoil.

The Caldwells decided to do a kitchen makeover and Caldwell employees helped coordinate the effort.

Fred was the real impetus behind the Christmas dinner and the kitchen remodel, Susan said. He provided staff time off so they could coordinate the project and many employees worked painting and cleaning to get the kitchen ready. The makeover included new cabinets, appliances, flooring, and furnishings like silverware, dishes and cooking equipment. The new kitchen was dedicated and blessed at an open house.

People can support NAM with volunteer time, cash donations or in-kind gifts, but Susan

encourages people to get more directly involved.

"You can see the needs, and you can see the opportunities you might not otherwise see," she said. "You can also see the joy you can provide for someone else."

"I encourage everyone to get involved in some way and to give back. It is so much fun. If you don't have a lot of time, you can drive a Meals on Wheels route in an hour and a half. You get hooked once you do a route and see how many people you can help in that short amount of time."

For more information on how your company can partner with NAM, contact Corporate Liaison Julie Anderson-Smith at 281-885-4534 or [janderson-smith@namonline.org](mailto:janderson-smith@namonline.org).

## Endowment dinner is big success

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get involved. Since leaving the Astros, he said he's gotten involved in some charitable work and he has found the time he spends helping people to be especially rewarding.

Endowment Board Chair Pat Riley said NAM served over 103,000 people last year and fills a vital role in the community. The NAM Endowment Fund is designed to ensure the future services of NAM by providing a permanent source of income from endowed funds.

"NAM helps families in need regain their self-sufficiency, and as a community, we all

benefit," Riley said.

Eddie Harrell, Endowment Board member and an organizer of the dinner, said Dierker's message was timely since NAM has launched a three-part fundraising campaign to "meet the needs of today, the challenges of tomorrow and to ensure continued services for future generations." He urged attendees to consider supporting the campaign.

For information on the fundraising campaign, contact Maria Magee, NAM Vice President of Fund Development, at 281-885-4605 or [mmagee@namonline.org](mailto:mmagee@namonline.org).

## Landes is V.P. of Service Programs

Rebecca Landes has joined the NAM staff as Vice President of Service Programs.

Ms. Landes has worked with Houston non-profit organizations for over 20 years. Among these are Healthy Family Initiatives, El Centro de Corazon, Guadalupe Area Social Services, The Rothko Chapel, and Casa Juan Diego.

She holds certifications as a parent educator, trainer, and/or supervisor of early childhood and relationship-strengthening curricula. She has also been a member of the Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Academic and Professional Honor Society International, and the Texas



Rebecca Landes

Counseling Association.

Ms. Landes earned her bachelor of arts degree from the College of William and Mary, and her master of science degree from the University of Houston- Clear Lake.

## Annual CROP Walk set for Oct. 12

The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, on the north side of Meyer Park on Cypresswood between Champions Forest Drive and Stuebner Airline.

Individuals and groups can register and pick up packets the day of the event. Informa-

tion is available from Ellen or Grant Gaston at 281-440-7753 or 281-627-9342.

Walkers can designate a local agency, NAM, to receive 25 percent of the funds to end hunger in the Houston area. The other 75 percent goes to Church World Service for international relief efforts.

# NAM's Wish List

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

### Organization Needs

Payment for the first phase of development of a phenomenal new client database software to help volunteers and staff (\$14,000)

### Development Department

Digital video camcorder (\$500)  
Adobe Creative Suite 3 Software Design Standard (\$400)  
Corporate sponsor for Annual Report (\$10,000)

### Food Pantry

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

### Assistance Program

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

### Building Maintenance

Walk Behind Automatic Floor Scrubber - 28-inch (\$7,000)  
100 stacking chairs (\$3,500)  
Upgraded security monitoring (\$15,000)  
New Box Truck for IHN, Food Pantry and Resale Shops (\$50,000)  
Relamp and Clean Marquee (\$5,000)  
Upgrade landscape sprinkler system (\$15,000)  
New carpet on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallways, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor clinic file room, 4<sup>th</sup> floor learning center (\$15,000)  
New tile (\$25,000)  
Clean and seal four air handlers (\$30,000)  
Expand parking lot to add 200 parking spaces (\$450,000)  
Replace window gasket system on entire building (\$1,000,000)

**Business Office**  
Heavy duty paper shredder (\$2,000)

### Interfaith Hospitality Network

Toiletries/hygiene items (15-20 items monthly/ \$150)  
Baby clothes/bottles/blankets/wipes/bath tubs (\$200)  
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)  
Printer for families (\$300)  
2 Bassinets (\$200)

### Family Violence Center

6 Matching Rolling Desk Chairs for Hotline (\$200 each)  
Toy box for waiting room (\$70)  
Construction to divide group room  
4 5-drawer metal filing cabinets (\$200)  
Lighting added to hallway  
Photo printer with color photo viewer and SD memory card reader. (\$250)  
Used cell phones for 911 access, no service required  
Full-size toiletries (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)  
IBM Selectric typewriter (\$400)  
Typewriter table (\$200)  
“Don't Pop Your Cork” book series by Adolph Moser (\$100)  
Punching Bag (\$80)  
Miniature castle with princess and prince (\$30)

### Fifty Plus Senior Center

Van drivers, especially on Fridays  
Senior Wheels volunteer drivers  
Ride-along volunteers to assist drivers on Wednesdays and Fridays  
Back-up bingo caller  
Dart baseball board (\$400)  
Ice machine (\$2,300)

### Meals on Wheels

Coolers - 28 or 32 size (25 @ \$17 each)  
Volunteer drivers

### Information Technology

Surge protectors for workstations/equipment, (Belkin - 3540 joules rating) - 30 (\$1,200)  
Server – (\$6,500)  
Telephone system - NAM – (\$75,000)  
Ten flat panel monitors (\$5,500)

### Children's Clinic

Aquarium (\$500)  
Baby wipes (\$250)  
Shelving for medical records (\$750)  
Antibiotic ointment (\$300)  
Syringes for Shot Blitz (\$250)  
Tylenol, antibiotic ointment and misc. small clinic drugs (\$100)  
Bicycle Helmets (50 @ \$20 each)  
Breathing treatment medication (\$100-\$300 each month)  
Moving file cabinets in Clinic file room so it can be recarpeted (\$1,200)  
Bilingual volunteers

### Rotary Learning Center/Workforce Development

2 locking file cabinets (\$1,000)  
New PCUs in the computer lab (30 computers @ \$600 each)  
Rosetta Stone licenses (\$200 each)

### Resale Shops

Copy machine (\$600)  
Rolling racks (16-20 racks @ \$75 each)  
Shopping carts (30-40 carts at \$400 each)

### Shelter & Energy Assistance

Battery-operated doorbell or buzzer for office (\$50)  
Paint and labor to repaint the office walls  
Four large screen computer monitors (\$1,000)  
TV/DVD player to show training videos to clients (\$500)



NAM Vice President of Fund Development Maria Magee thanks Matthew Hillman, the Corned Beef Fund-raiser Chair for Congregation Jewish Community North and committee member Steve Natenberg. CJCN is repeating its successful project and will be taking orders through the end of February. The sandwiches will be delivered March 22-23. Sponsorships are available. Call Hillman at 281-362-4717 for more information.



Volunteers Tolly Lovelace, left, and Chris Chapman from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints along with Jason Cathart of Spring Woods United Methodist Church unload food the LDS church donated to NAM's Food Pantry. The LDS Bishop's Storehouse provided 556 cases of food.

## Corporate & Foundation gifts

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The Crump Foundation  
Data Retrieval Corporation  
Dr. Gleem Car Wash & Lube Center  
EOG Resources, Inc.  
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**Fingers**  
Houston's #1 Furniture Store

Finger Furniture celebrated the opening of its new-concept store in Willowbrook by donating \$35,000 to Northwest Assistance Ministries.

The Finger Furniture donation was based on a percentage of sales from the Willowbrook store's first month of business.

## Luncheon honors Doyle, gala is Oct. 18 at Waterway Marriott

Jeans & Jewels...A Texas Size Party presented a Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Style Show before a soldout crowd benefiting Northwest Assistance Ministries on Sept. 11, at Shirley Acres.

The style show featured fashions from Scruples. The mistress of ceremonies was Dana Tyson of Sunny 99.1 Radio.

The luncheon honored Cindy Doyle. A native Texan, Cindy currently serves as Director of Community Relations for Spring ISD and as staff liaison for the Spring ISD Education Foundation.

Besides her professional responsibilities, Cindy also finds time to volunteer for a number of worthy causes. She has volunteered for NAM for over eight years as the Jeans & Jewels historian and pho-

tographer. She coordinated the "Fill the Bus" campaign with Spring ISD, in which 26 school buses were filled with goods for survivors of hurricanes Katrina and Rita and were delivered to NAM.

Luncheon organizers include: Margie Crump, Pauline Adams, Nita Bedford, Kathy Carson, Peggy Jo Coker, Susan Diehl, Suzanne Ellis, Raelene Hill, Merle Rumsey, Jackie Riley, Lou Shirley, Louise Slater, Kathy Stevens, Sue Stewart, Valerie vonBerg and Barbara Watson.

The Jeans and Jewels gala is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott. The gala co-chairs are Nita Bedford and Susan Diehl. The honorees are Lindy and Steve Hamblin.

Major gala sponsors include: Methodist Willowbrook



*Jeans & Jewels Luncheon honoree Cindy Doyle, left, visits with Eklektik Interiors staff members Pat Clark, Maria Mundy, Andi Cook and gala co-chair Susan Diehl during an open house. Eklektik donated a portion of sales to NAM.*

Hospital, the Newfield Foundation, Ultra Petroleum, Valerie and John vonBerg, Linda and Harlan Martens, Ann and Rob McKee Family Foundation, and the Watford Family Foundation.

This year's gala raffle item is a pendant and earring set designed by Gadi and donated by Thomas Markle Jewelers. The pendant is on a 20-inch gold chain and has a 4.75 CT

fantasy cut garnet and it is surrounded by diamonds at .25ctw. Diamonds also surround 4.80 CT fantasy cut garnets in each earring. The total value is \$6,200.

Pre-purchase gala raffle tickets are \$20 or 6/\$100. Only 5,000 tickets have been printed. The committee is still seeking auction items. Call 281-885-4608 for gala information.