



NAM's three stores are located at:

3645 F.M. 1960 (at Walters)
10505 Jones Road (at Fallbrook)
15555 Kuykendahl (in NAM's lobby)

NAM also accepts donations of gently used items at each of its stores. Pickups may be arranged for furniture and appliances. To schedule a pickup, call **281-885-4545**.

Every trip to NAM Resale is like a treasure hunt! You never know what you might find. The three resale shops have undergone recent improvements to enhance your shopping experience. Come and see the changes we have made!

Even bigger changes are in store, including a new store name and look. We are pleased to unveil the new store logo on the left. The logo was designed by Edge Creative and the re-branding process was funded by a grant.

"We feel that the new brand represents us better," says Sean Hughes, NAM Area Resale Manager. "Our stores do have treasures, and they are also a treasure to NAM because they bring in revenue to allow us to serve our Neighbors in Need." The stores contribute over \$1.2 million annually to NAM. These funds allow the organization to feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and help the unemployed.

Knowing Someone Cares

Robert Diaz had worked most of his life in the construction industry, even owning his own company, and then embarked upon a second career in photography. After retiring and his wife becoming ill, he knew he needed a little extra help. He was living on a fixed income below the poverty level and the food stamps he received were not enough to cover the whole month. He had also suffered a heart attack, which weakened his health.

It was at this time that Robert contacted NAM to sign up for Meals on Wheels. The hot meals are only one benefit of the program. Robert loves to see the different volunteers who bring him lunch each day. "The people who come are wonderful," he shares. "It is so nice to know someone cares."

The Vietnam veteran has six grown children living in other cities across the

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Program Spotlight – Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is one of NAM's most popular services. It is so popular, in fact, that the program currently has a waiting list of over 100 people. Meals on Wheels brings hot lunches, five days per week, to homebound seniors and disabled adults. On Saturdays, a week's worth of frozen meals are delivered to special needs clients. Some of the neediest qualifying clients also receive groceries from NAM's Food Pantry. Currently, Meals on Wheels serves over 500 clients each month.

Grace Jackson, Director of Senior Services, oversees the Meals on Wheels at NAM. Grace has worked with seniors for over fifteen years and has a passion for helping others. "I want to help seniors maintain their independence and live in their own homes for as long as possible," Grace says. Staying in one's own home is much more affordable than being institutionalized and also leads to longer life expectancy.

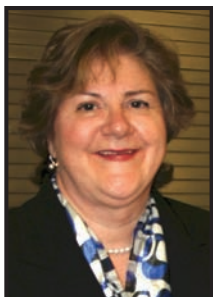
To NAM:

I'm indeed grateful to you all for the groceries...afghan and quilt. Thank God for all of you. You all do not know how much I pray that others will be blessed the way God has blessed me....I see your love and kindness...that you want to help others. I always pray for all of you, especially the ones who deliver the meals.

*Love,
Mollie*

Meals on Wheels provides more than meals. Nutrition is the most basic need, but the program also meets other needs. Meals On Wheels Case Managers are

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Carole Little

From the President & CEO...

What's GROI?

When asked "What thing about humanity surprises you the most?", the Dalai Lama answered: "Man... because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present – the result being that he does not live in the present or the future. He lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."

We all have a higher purpose. In every age, people have sought the meaning of life. That's the journey for each one of us, to figure out why we are here. We often hear: what's the bottom line, the return on investment? I wonder about what has been invested in every individual. We all have God-given skills, abilities, unique talents and opportunities to use them. So, what is **God's Return on Investment (GROI)** in each one of us? What were we shaped for? In his "Purpose Driven Life," Rick Warren talks about how we were made for service, to serve God and neighbor.

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) has long been a conduit for service. After all, our mission is to strive to meet basic human needs through Neighbors helping Neighbors. NAM is not just a place, it is an army of service-minded people – approximately 85 staff members, more than 2,000 volunteers, and countless benefactors who want to be part of something greater than themselves.

Twenty-eight years ago, NAM was founded by ten congregations that put aside their theological differences to work together for the common good. That spirit of cooperation can still be seen today among the people of different backgrounds and faiths that team up to help the most vulnerable in our community. Walk through NAM's Food Pantry, Assistance Program or visit with Meals on Wheels drivers and you will see that our volunteers not only respect each other's differences, they celebrate them.

NAM is like a tapestry that is only as strong as its individual threads. Fortunately, our threads are the people that work so hard and are using their God given talents to serve. These threads are the hard-working staff members, the dedicated volunteers, and the generous donors who want to make a difference.

We all have gifts of time, talent, or treasure that we are meant to share. This is our blessing and our purpose in life. Do we live anxiously, or do we live in the present moment? If we take a moment to look around, we will see how blessed we are and how many opportunities exist to share our blessings. Our service to others is the legacy we leave on this earth. Start your legacy today. Share. Volunteer. Give.

The need can be overwhelming, but we are making a difference. The legacy of kindness and generosity is passed on to all who enter NAM's doors seeking relief, searching for hope. As Mother Teresa once said; "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."

To volunteer, contact Linda Fullerton at 281-885-4609 or at lfullerton@namonline.org.

Carole Little
President & CEO



Jordan Hyman receives his back-to-school immunizations at NAM's annual Shot Blitz.


NAM Programs and Services

Assistance Office	281-583-5600	Shelter & Energy Assistance ...	281-885-4531
Children's Clinic	281-885-4630	NAM Resale Shop & Donation Centers	
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
Rotary Learning Center	281-885-4616		
Senior Services	281-885-4600		

NAM Statement of Activities for the Ten Months Ended 7/31/11

Total Support and Revenues	\$7,573,333
Expenses	
Program services	\$6,564,739
Management and General	\$479,543
Fundraising and Development	\$217,724
Total Expenses	\$7,262,006
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$311,327

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.




NAM NOTES

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NAM Helps Kids Prepare for School!



NAM provided school supplies to over 2,000 area children this year! Pictured (left to right): Arveanna and Navon Bishop, and Aiden and RayShod Phillips.

Meals on Wheels

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trained to look for unmet needs and can refer clients to other NAM programs or partner agencies for help. Some of the identified unmet needs may include resources for home health, home repairs, or suspicion of abuse or neglect.

The average age of the NAM Meals on Wheels recipient is seventy-five. There are more women than men, as women tend to live longer. To qualify, a person must have major limitations performing activities of daily living. For example, a person may not be able to stand for long enough periods to grocery shop or cook. Moreover, many clients have no transportation to get to the grocery store. Most have no family members nearby to care for them. Although there are no income requirements for the program, most clients are low income.

The clients love to see the volunteer drivers when they deliver the meals. On holidays and other special occasions, the volunteers bring extra treats with the meals – like cards, flowers, quilts, fans and heaters given to the seniors from donors. “Their faces light up when they see these gifts,” Grace shares. “Some even write us thank you notes.”

Why does Meals on Wheels have a waiting list? Funding for this program was cut several years ago and NAM cannot take on additional clients. At the same time, the need for the program continues to grow as the population ages. The typical

person on the waiting list waits four to six months. A new Meals on Wheels spot only opens when there is a vacancy, which occurs when someone leaves the program.

There are several ways to help Meals on Wheels. The program always needs more volunteer drivers. A typical route takes two hours. Volunteers can sign up to drive a route once a quarter, once a month, once a week, or whatever is convenient for them.

Meals on Wheels also needs funds. Donors wishing to “adopt a senior” may do so by committing to \$40 per month for one year and can set up a recurring charge by credit card. Seniors are moved off the waiting list in the order in which they signed up. The program also needs general funds to help with the cost of case management for its hundreds of clients. To volunteer or to donate, contact Maria Magee at 281-885-4605 or mmagee@namonline.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

April 24, 2012



NAM Endowment Dinner

featuring

David Cook,

author of

“Golf’s Sacred Journey: Seven Days in Utopia”

Someone Cares

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Meals on Wheels recipient Robert Diaz.

country and sixteen grandchildren. His grown children feel better knowing that people in Houston are watching out for their dad. The volunteer drivers are trained to look for other needs in the home, besides food. For example, when they saw that Robert desperately needed a new bed, they gave him a voucher for one.

Robert wants more seniors to know about this special program. “I would encourage people to get on the waiting list,” he recommends. “It is worth the wait to have someone there for you.”

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.

Join Team NAM!

Team NAM training is underway for The Woodlands Marathon and Half Marathon in March 2012. The program also supports other races locally and around the country and provides training for endurance endeavors beyond 26 miles, like the R2R2R. For info, go to www.marathon-Teamnam.org or email marathonteamname@gmail.com.



Coach Leland Anderson (left) presents a Team NAM t-shirt to Dave Crume, Leadership and Development General Manager at Sweet Tomatoes at Willowbrook.



Kroger (located at Champion Forest and Cypresswood) Store Manager Matthew J. Henschel (left) accepts a Team NAM t-shirt from Coach Leland Anderson.

Thanks to all groups that volunteered at NAM Resale from June through August 2011!

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

Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church

Creek's End Church

Cypress Creek NCL

Faithbridge United Methodist Church

HP

Kinsmen Lutheran Church

Northwoods Presbyterian Church

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Windwood Presbyterian Church

Save the Date - 2011 Legislative Breakfast

NAM will host its fourth annual legislative breakfast on Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 7:30-9:30 a.m. at its main building at 15555 Kuykendahl. The event will begin with a continental breakfast reception, followed by the forum at 8:00 a.m. The forum will include a panel discussion on current legislative issues affecting our community, with a focus on children. The program will be immediately followed by a tour of the NAM facility for those who are interested.

The topics selected for the panel are: food insecurity (SNAP benefits), Medicaid/CHIP, and violence against children. Confirmed panelists include: State Representatives Allen Fletcher, Debbie Riddle, Senfronia Thompson; City Council members Jarvis Johnson, Jolanda Jones, C.O. Bradford; and Constable Ron Hickman.

The panel discussion will be moderated by Douglas "Woody" Lyons of Lyons & Marek. Reservations are required, as seating is limited. RSVP to Lauren Frazier at 281-885-4582 or lfrazier@namonline.org.

Family Violence Center Classes

The next 6-week Family Violence Education program begins September 8 and will go through October 13. This program is designed to provide a comprehensive understanding of the issues and dynamics surrounding family violence. The class will take place on Thursday nights, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the NAM Family Violence Center, 15555 Kuykendahl, Suite 311. The series is free, but registration is required. To register, please 281-885-4673.



Juan Carreon (right), Assistant V.P. of Public Affairs for Union Pacific, presents a gift of \$5,000 to NAM's President & CEO Carole Little for the Children's Clinic.

Leave a Legacy!

There are a variety of ways to leave a legacy to NAM, either during your lifetime or after. Gifts of bequests, life insurance policies, and IRAs greatly benefit NAM and may also provide tax benefits to the donor. For more information on planned giving, contact Maria Magee, at 281-885-4605 or at mmagee@namonline.org.

NAM prepares for holiday projects

It is hard to believe, but fall is right around the corner! Each year, NAM coordinates large Thanksgiving and Holiday projects to ensure that our Neighbors in Need are able to enjoy the season. This year is no exception, and we are already seeking donors and volunteers to help.

The annual Thanksgiving Project provides turkeys and all the trimmings for needy families. NAM needs cash donations and "turkey bucks" from area grocery stores for this project. We are able to buy turkeys in bulk at a discount. This year, we plan to feed over 1,000 families.

This year's Holiday Project will also distribute ham dinners to over 1,000 families. NAM seeks donations to purchase the needed food. The toy distribution is our most popular winter project. This year, we will be giving away toys to children aged twelve and under only. NAM needs new, unwrapped toys for over 2,000 children. Wish lists are available to make shopping easier.

As the holidays draw nearer, NAM will be recruiting volunteers to help sort and distribute the food and gifts. If you are interested in volunteering or donating, contact Linda Fullerton at 281-885-4609 or lfullerton@namonline.org.

Thank you to our Jeans & Jewels™ sponsors!



Gala Honorees Joanne & Michael Watford.

Jeans & Jewels Raffle

Buy a chance at a trip of a lifetime! This year's prize is two first class, round trip tickets on Continental or United anywhere in the world! This package is valued at up to \$22,000. Tickets are \$20 each or six for \$100. The drawing will be held at the gala on October 22, but the winner need not be present. Tickets may be picked up at NAM or delivered to you.

Jeans & Jewels Luncheon & Style Show September 22

Save the date for the Jeans & Jewels luncheon! This year's theme is "Rodeo on the Rio Grande"! The event honoree is Mentie Cochran and the chair is Tracie Swonke. Tickets are \$60 each and tables are \$600. This event sells out every year, so reserve your seats early!

Jeans & Jewels Gala October 22

Save the date for the Jeans & Jewels gala! This year's theme is "Cowboy Nights, Houston Lights." The gala honorees are Joanne and Michael Watford, and the event is being chaired by a committee of past gala chairs. The gala includes dinner, dancing, silent and live auctions, the Cork Pull and the Diamond Dip. This year's live auction items include: a luxury suite for the November 6th Texans vs. Cleveland game, first class airline tickets, the ever-popular handmade quilt, and sponsorship of the NAM Children's Clinic. Tickets are \$175 each and tables start at \$1,750.

For raffle, luncheon or gala tickets, contact Tanecia Snid at 281-885-4608 or tsnid@namonline.org.

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Community Events benefiting NAM

Fri., Oct 7- Sat. Oct. 8. Carousel of Crafts - Cypress Creek Christian Church at 6823 Cypresswood hosts its annual craft bazaar from 9am-5pm each day. Booths feature home décor, stained glass, wood art, jewelry, clothing, candles, gourmet food, florals, gifts and more! A light lunch will be offered each day by Two for Tea Tearoom. The show benefits local charities, including NAM.

Sat., Oct. 8 - CreekFest. The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce CreekFest Houston 2011 on Saturday, October 8 from 8am-6pm. This celebration of the Arts and Outdoors in Northwest Houston will be held along the parkway between Collins Park and Meyer Park along Cypresswood Drive. Proceeds from the CreekFest art auction will directly benefit the NAM Children's Clinic. For information about this free event, call the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce at 281-440-4160 or www.CreekFestHouston.com.

NAM Learning Center joins fight against illiteracy

Imagine being out of work and not able to read or fill out a simple job application. Shockingly, one in five people in Harris County are unable to read at an eighth grade level, hindering people's abilities to read job postings in the newspaper and to complete applications for employment (U.S. Dept. of Education, 2009). Illiteracy is one of the single largest obstacles to gainful employment. Yet, many illiterate adults have learned over the course of their lives it is easier to hide their limitations than to admit they have a problem.

For many years, NAM's Learning Center has offered GED preparation and ESL (English as Second Language) classes through its partnership with Lone Star College. Until last year, however, we could not help illiterate English speakers learn to read and write. That changed in October 2010, when the Learning Center partnered with Literacy Advance of Houston. The organization's purpose is assist adults to achieve personal goals and self-sufficiency through improved English literacy.

Learning Center Coordinator Bambi Alderson-Shields is thrilled about the new partnership: "I have met clients who have been working for years even though they could not read. Then, they are laid off and are stuck because they cannot fill out a job application." Ms. Alderson-Shields points out that many companies now require online applications, which makes it even more difficult for those who are illiterate and have poor computer skills.

Illiteracy is not restricted to those who are unemployed. Many employed workers with difficulties reading are unwilling to admit it for fear of losing their jobs, respect from co-workers or potential advancement. Many may be underemployed for their abilities, but are unwilling to speak up.

The new literacy program offers one-on-one tutoring in a supportive environment. Students learn at their own pace and their confidentiality is protected. The classes are free and are scheduled by appointment. More volunteer tutors are needed, especially retired teachers.

There are no other English literacy services for native English speakers in NAM's core service area and the new program addresses a critical needs. Ms. Alderson-Shields expounds on the challenges facing the illiterate job seeker: "They cannot even create a resume, and in this economy they are competing with college graduates, even for service industry jobs." NAM's new partnership with Literacy Advance will help level the playing field.

For more information on the literacy program or to volunteer, contact Bambi Alderson-Shields at 281-885-4626 or at balderson-shields@namonline.org.

NAM Learning Center Classes

Parenting Classes

This 12-week series begins on Tuesday, October 4 and is held each Tuesday from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on NAM's fourth floor. The class is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary, but the first class on October 2 is mandatory. The series is recognized by Child Protective Services and the court system.

Financial Literacy Classes

These classes are offered through a partnership with the Women's Resource of Greater Houston and Money Management International™. The series is free and takes place on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on NAM's fourth floor. Upcoming topics include:

- Sept 13 – Check It Out
- Sept 27 – When Income Decreases, but the Bills Don't
- Oct. 11 – Fundamentals of Investing
- Oct. 25 – The Art of the Scam: Avoiding Scams and Frauds
- Nov. 8 – Financial Recovery
- Nov. 22 – Planning for the Holidays
- Dec. 13 – Money for Life
- Dec. 27 – Setting Goals and Priorities

Sidelines with Sarah

by: Assistance Counselor Sarah Fisk

Change at NAM

In the past six months I have interviewed a welder, a nurse's aide, a "finishing" carpenter, a teacher, a fast food employee, and the list goes on and on. I started volunteering as an Assistance Interviewer in 1991. Wow! Those years went by in an eye-blink. Much has changed.

In twenty years, NAM's clients have evolved from those with chronic needs to those with emergency needs. For instance, today I interviewed a surgical technician who had experienced a reduction in her work week over the last three months. She had worked in her job for seven years and had never had a slow down in her hours before this year. She came to NAM for help with her rent after exhausting her savings to pay expenses in June and July. NAM helped her with her rent, with food, and school supplies for her son. What is interesting about this client is that she has become the usual client at NAM instead of the exception...she has income, but because of an unexpected expense or loss of income, needs emergency help, not long term support.

I have spent nearly every Tuesday for twenty years meeting and interviewing men, women, and their children in crisis. As long as I am needed (and I can remember my own name), I will volunteer at NAM as an Assistance Interviewer. That is one part of my NAM experience that has not changed.



Whataburger on Louetta at Steubner Airline celebrates its grand opening by making a \$500 gift to NAM. (left to right) Whataburger founder's daughter Lynne Dobson, NAM V.P. of Fund Development Maria Magee, Restaurant Manager Punam Murmu, and Regional Director of Operations Mark Brown.

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)
Fax Machine (\$250)

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

New Box Truck for IHN, Food Pantry (\$20,000 to go)
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

Cisco 2960 Series 24-Port Gigabit Ethernet Switch:
G-40388 Catalyst 2960 Series switch with 20 10/100/1000 + 4 dual-purpose Gigabit Ethernet uplinks, (\$330) on TechSoup
Dell PowerEdge R710 VM Host Server, specs available through IT, (\$5,800)
Memory: 1GB 1Rx8 PC2-6400 RAM, \$70 each, 10 preferred total (\$700)
Power Supply:750W Power Supply (Hot Plug, Autoswitching) 1 (\$80)
Windows Server License, 2008 R2, 2 licenses, Charity Pricing, (\$105 ea.), 2 (\$210)

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

New Box Truck for Resale Shops (\$46,500 to go)
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

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June - August 2011

(not Jeans & Jewels related)

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Teens Making a Difference

This summer, six teenagers gave five weeks of their time to NAM to participate in a very special project called Seniors to Seniors. This project pairs high school seniors with senior citizens from NAM's Fifty Plus program. The teens help the seniors with basic computer skills and Internet research, focused on studying their family genealogy. This special program will be back next summer!

As an offshoot of this successful teen volunteer program, NAM is instituting a Youth Advisory Council (YAC) this fall. The Council will meet in September to select a challenge to address during the school year. They will get together monthly via web meeting to work on the project and will make a presentation on their work at the end of the year. One outstanding student will be awarded a \$500 college scholarship.

The Council will be composed of eight to ten high school students, sophomore year and up. Students are invited from Spring ISD, Klein ISD, Cy Fair ISD, Aldine ISD, Tomball ISD, and St. Pius Catholic High School.


For information on youth volunteer opportunities, contact Linda Fullerton at 281-885-4609 or at lfullerton@namonline.org.



NAM's Senior to Senior project pairs high school seniors with senior citizens. The teens teach the seniors Internet skills by helping them research their genealogy. (1) Kevin Wilfong (right) with senior Mei Gan and (2) Hanna Risher (right) with senior Yaqin Lu.

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