

# THE VOLUNTEER

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## 2012 by the Numbers

- \* 1,287 applications were accepted
- \* ~300 guest patients were checked in
- \* 7,000th guest family arrived in August
- \* 47 office volunteers served guests
- \* \$194,000 + in-kind gifts were donated by friends
- \* 4 resident manager families and 2 helpers helped operate apartments
- \* 44 years of service by Joe Hightower, president emeritus and bread baker, were celebrated
- \* 46 new recliners were installed
- \* 10 dinners, 1 picnic, 2 ice cream socials, 1 “carols & cookies,” 1 Christmas decorating party, many bingo nights, 2 concerts by San Jacinto College Community Band and 1 concert by Harbor Light Choir were held
- \* 46 apartments received their annual cleaning (2011-2012)

## New Washers and Dryers

Eight new washers and eight new dryers have been installed in the laundry rooms. The old ones have been heavily used for five years and were showing their age. Jon and Lynn Stevens with the help of Victor Cavazos and Steve Richardson installed the new machines. Josie Salinas

made colorful posters to reinforce the laundry guidelines. Paul Victor hauled away the old machines. Thanks to everyone for helping to get this work done in less than one week!

## Thank You

To the Good Will Class from St. Luke’s United Methodist Church and St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church for hosting dinners in January.

To Kenny and Sharron Roberts for new kitchen towels and for new silverware-wrapping loops.

To Michelle Argentina who has agreed to be in charge of the DVD library.

To Joe Hightower who continues to bring that good home-made bread for the guests.

To Debby LeBlanc for agreeing to be a helper with apartment turn-around and other miscellaneous chores.

To Wayne Moore, Mary Turner and George Wilson for raking and bagging leaves from the courtyard.

To Murphy’s Medical Lodging for an additional donation of gently-used coffee makers and toasters. Many apartments received replacement items in January.

To Joyce Shook who inventoried and posted sign concerning which trash bag sizes match trash cans.

## Annual Meetings

The Human Resources Development Foundation will hold two winter meetings in February, in the community room. (This year we’re trying a new plan of two meeting days.) **Trustees** will meet on Sunday, **February 10**, at 1:30 p.m. **Advisors**, friends and interested apartment guests will meet on Sunday, **February 17**, at 1:30 p.m. At each meeting reports on the apartments will be given. At the Advisors’ meeting, there will also be a discussion about being an advisor. Please plan to attend the appropriate meeting.

## A Few More TVs

A few additional TVs were purchased in January. All apartments (but one) now have two flat screen TVs — one in the living area and one in the bedroom.

## Recovering Volunteers

Best wishes to the following office volunteers for continuing recovery: Jerry from his heart surgery, Judy from her shoulder replacement surgery and Neva from her fall. (Update: Judy and Neva are back at work!)

*The heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament shows his handiwork.*

*Psalms 19:1*

## Thank you to all who supported financially the ministry of the Hospitality Apartments during 2012.

### Churches

Bering Drive Church of Christ  
 Christ the King Lutheran  
 Covenant Church  
 Crossbridge Christian Church  
 Deer Park First Baptist Church  
 Deer Park United Methodist  
 Church, Faithful Followers  
 Class  
 Emerson Unitarian Church,  
 UniTunes Coffeehouse  
 First Christian Church,  
 Christian Women's Fellowship,  
 Houston  
 First Christian Church &  
 Christian Women's Fellowship,  
 Pasadena  
 First Unitarian Universalist  
 Church  
 Grace Presbyterian Church  
 Houston First Church of God  
 Montalba Christian Church  
 South Main Baptist Church,  
 Pasadena  
 Southwest/Central Church of  
 Christ  
 St. Luke's United Methodist  
 Church  
 St. Mark's Episcopal Church &  
 Women of St. Mark's  
 St. Andrew's Presbyterian  
 Church & Presbyterian  
 Women  
 Tallowood Baptist Church

### Companies & Groups

Chevron Humankind Matching  
 Gift  
 Employees & Directors, Delta  
 Bank  
 ExxonMobil Foundation  
 Fluor Employee Giving  
 Campaign  
 Fluor Foundation Matching  
 Grants  
 Morgan Stanley C/O  
 Cybergrants, Inc.  
 Nichols Farms (Pat & Irma  
 Nichols)  
 Shell Oil Co. Foundation  
 Matching Gifts

Truist  
 United States Fire Insurance  
 Company  
 Vocational Rehabilitation &  
 Employment Staff

### Foundations

Austin Community Foundation,  
 Tottenham Family Fund  
 Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund,  
 Stuart & Pat Ford Family  
 Fund  
 Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund,  
 Jon & Lynn Stevens Fund  
 Greater Houston Community  
 Foundation, Paddock Fund  
 Ralph A. Johnston Foundation  
 Jesse T. & Jodie E. King  
 Foundation  
 Lutheran Helping Hands, Inc.  
 Mutual Benefit Foundation  
 National Christian Foundation  
 Houston  
 Schwab Charitable fund, Robert  
 Grabowski Family Fund  
 Schwab Charitable Fund,  
 Judith & Roderick Lide Trust  
 Thrivent Financial for Lutherans  
 Wayland's Way  
 Windham Foundation

### Individuals

Jimmie Adams  
 Wynell Andrus  
 Julie & Nicholas Asher  
 Norma Ashmore  
 Jim Averill  
 Jeffrey Bailey  
 Rebecca & Thomas Bailey  
 Tommye & Ken Barker  
 Krista & Jeffry Barnes  
 Sister Lauren Beck  
 Sally & Mike Bercu  
 Victoria (Osborne) & Henry  
 Berman  
 Elsie Bernabe  
 Mary Berryman  
 Helen & Timothy Blair  
 Marsha & Weldon Bowers  
 Norma Brooks  
 Shirley Brown  
 Patricia & Charles Burgess

Diane & Tommy Butler  
 Jan & James Calfee  
 Mollie & Will Cannady  
 Dorothy Cannella  
 Sean & Bob Carlin & Family  
 Pat & Pat Carter  
 Dixie & Don Childress  
 Candi Clement  
 Josephine & James Colleran  
 Alice & Mike Conlon  
 Kenneth Cox  
 Mary Cox  
 Daniel Cricks  
 Brenda & Art Daussat  
 Pamela & Roger Davis  
 Heather Davis  
 Selida Dawkins  
 Joanna & Zachary Dreyfuss  
 Craig Dujardin  
 Joe & Barbara Eason  
 Judy & Stan Edburgh  
 Carol & Donald Ehl  
 Brenda Rios Engelmann  
 Dwain & Barbara Evans  
 Jernice Falk  
 Diann Featherston  
 Duard Fix  
 Lane & Keith Fletcher  
 Kay & Harris Forbes  
 Sherry & Rocky Forshey  
 Kathleen Fowler  
 Janet Frame  
 Leila Frazier  
 Linda Freeman  
 Flora & Henry Fromberg  
 Sara & Edward Fudge  
 Leona Futch  
 Shirley & Buddy Garner  
 Ann & Ray Gearhart  
 Lucy Goldsmith  
 Addie Graaff  
 Kathey Graaff  
 Cynthia Halim  
 Donna & Richard Hanus  
 Janet & James Harris  
 Kathy & James Harrod  
 Mary Hellums  
 Jan Henry  
 Pat & Derrill Heurtin  
 Ann & Joe Hightower

Shirley & Edwin Hightower  
Virginia Hodge  
Mary Lou Horsley  
Frances & John Hunter  
John Hunter & Susan  
Miertschin

Teresa & Enrique Iglesia  
Awilda Irizarry  
Carmen & Luis Irizarry  
Evelyn & Noah Jackson  
Patricia Jenkins

Jan Johnson  
Marta & Kent Johnson  
JoVeta & Vernon Jones  
Mary Blanche Jungers  
Carolyn Kelley

Thelma Key  
Marc & Zieva Konvisser  
Betty Kunselman  
Shelah & Bob Lile

Mary Etta Lukenbaugh  
Harriet Major  
Pauline Markenschoff  
Julie & Andy Marmorstein  
Naomi Marmorstein

Dr. & Mrs. Nathan Martin  
Nancy & Bob Martin  
Helen Mason

Barbara & Marc Mattsson  
Bridget Mayo  
Neva McClain

Ronald McCleney  
Shelley & Glenn McDonald  
Kathleen McGaugh

Sherry & Russell McNalty  
Susan & Bill Merriman  
Charlene & Wilbur Moore

Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Moore  
Ed Niedens

Ann Ohr  
Leslie Ohr  
Judy Oliver

Sister Carmen O'Malley  
Diane & Michael Osborne  
Roy Osborne

Sister Barbara Anne Osterhaus  
Joan & Carl Palermo, Jr.  
Fannie & Hugh Parker  
Caroline & Frank Patout

Jean Pavelka  
Joyce Pavelka  
Pam & Dave Phillips  
Deborah & Gordon Pilmer  
Dee & Bryan Pipes  
Jan Preston

Margaret Preston  
Susan & Alan Rafte  
H. Def Ralph, Jr.  
Sandra & Rod Ramsey  
Gina & John Rebman

Elmer Retzer  
Barbara Rice  
Leslie Rich  
Sherry & Jerry Ritcheson

Joann Roach  
Lynn & Alex Rosas  
Sherry & Greg Rothermel  
Thomas Rushing

Pat & Owen Rutz  
Jo & Stephen Sandifer  
Francie & Hank Scheffe  
Lynette & Bruce Setser

Stephen Shaper  
Kay & Marquis Shepherd  
Vance Siler  
Irish & Ellis Simmon

Amy & Jeff Smith  
David Smith  
Emily & Elton Smith  
Glenda Smith

Leigh & Paul Smith  
Louise Smith  
Susan Sponenberg  
Nancy Stephenson

Beth Stevens  
Lynn & Jon Stevens  
Missy & Mark Stevens  
Judy & Howell Stone

Susan & David Telling  
Barbara Tenenbaum  
Tamara Thompson  
Janet and Cliff Thuot, Jr.

Jeannie Tiemann  
N. L. Vannaman  
Helen Vietor  
Kraig Vossekuil

Johnnie Sue & Rob Walker  
Louise & James Watkins

Karen Welcher  
Iris & Jerry Wendel  
Cathy & Bob Weston  
Monica & Thomas White  
Jeanne & James Whitehead  
Ellen & Dean Wolpert  
Jean & W.J. Worley  
Linda Voyles  
Mary Lou & Young Yee

(We have tried to make this list accurate and apologize for any errors. Please let us know if we made a mistake with your name.)



### **Note from a Recent Guest**

I was at M.D. Anderson in the surgery waiting room while my husband, Kenny, was in surgery and I got a phone call asking if we still needed the apartment. I said "Yes," and was so HAPPY for the Blessing we received. We are truly blessed and thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. It helped us so much to be close to M.D. Anderson and have a feeling of warmth when we arrived there and the safety I felt while at Hospitality Apartments. Everything was great and everyone so nice. We thank you! And we will "Pass It On." God is Good.

Kenny and Sharron

### January Guests

**E11** Cindia Ortloff, Emory, TX  
Carolyn Washburn, Shawnee, OK  
**E12** Dania Bejarano,  
Brownsville, TX  
Kaila Cavazos,  
San Benito, TX  
**E13** Wayne Albro, Metairie, LA  
**E14** Tara Norwood,  
Hot Springs, AR  
**E15** Barbara Marceaux,  
Midland, LA  
Katherine Manchen, Point, TX  
**E16** Patricia Heflin,  
Lake Charles, LA  
**E21** Carlos Velandia, Caracas,  
Venezuela  
**E22** Jose Villegas, El Paso, TX  
Mary McGinley, Port Isabel, TX  
**E23** Robert LeBlanc, Orange, TX  
**E24** Keith Brewer,  
Sweetwater, TX  
Maria Calvillo, El Paso, TX  
**E25** Curtis Lester, Calhoun, LA  
**E26** Marvin Hanchette,  
Lake Charles, LA  
Philip Brooks, Fort Worth, TX  
**E31** Gladys Nicholas,  
San Juan, Puerto Rico  
**E33** Rose Marie Poledri,  
Gulfport, FL  
**E34** Brenda Douglas,  
Leonard, TX  
Betty Porter, Beaumont, TX  
**E35** Laura Bechtel, Boyce, LA  
**E36** Marcus Hunter,  
Wiergate, TX  
**E41** Floyd Salinas, Lubbock, TX  
**E43** Tavian Argueta,  
Hallandale, FL  
**E44** Mary Ellen Turner,  
Murray, KY  
**E45** Clovis Wimberly,  
Granado, TX  
James Shields, Biloxi, MS  
Michael Langley, Bay Minette, AL  
**E46** Altynay McFarland,  
Hewitt, TX  
**W11** Ramiro Gomez,  
Guadalajara, Mexico

**W12** Tracy Martindale,  
Pampa, TX  
**W13** Darlene Zollo,  
Clearwater, FL  
Brian Gates, La Feria, TX  
Crandler Crowson, Tucson, AR  
**W14** Abraham Richardson,  
Xenia, OH  
**W15** Richard McCormick,  
Abilene, TX  
**W16** Jesus Barrera, Roma, TX  
**W21** Christine Rodriguez,  
Corpus Christi, TX  
**W22** Michael Leger,  
Morgan City, LA  
Rhonda Edmondson,  
Hernando, MS  
**W23** Jeremy Lackey, Mena, AR  
**W24** Ernesto Dequito,  
McAllen, TX  
**W25** Tausha Bowser, Willis, TX  
Ronda Pruett, Dallas, TX  
**W26** George Collins,  
Kaufman, TX  
**W31** Christina Smith,  
Amarillo, TX  
**W32** Anthony Thompson,  
Georgetown, TX  
**W33** Hurshal Ivey, Benton, KY  
**W34** Joseph Levine,  
Abbyville, LA  
**W35** Jacalyn Splawn,  
Hawkins, TX  
Lucas Moore, Washburn, MO  
**W36** Dean Dahlin, Davenport, IA  
**W41** Ricardo Olguin, Cuero, TX  
James Brundirks,  
Three Rivers, MI  
**W42** Sandra Millar, Odessa, TX  
Billie Edwards, Amarillo, TX  
**W43** Kenny Roberts, Newalla, OK  
Mandy Medley, Pampa, TX  
**W44** Wayne Moore,  
Albuquerque, NM  
**W45** Diana Gonzalez,  
Jacksonville, TX  
**W46** John Duran, Austin, TX

Please keep all of our guests in  
your prayers.

Sympathy is extended to the  
families of Brian Gates, Altynay  
McFarland and Rose Marie  
Poledri, guests, and Bob Ricks,  
recent guest, who died during  
January.

### January Gifts

During January, donations were  
received in honor of Shirley  
Garner (ExxonMobil grant for  
volunteer hours), and Gladys  
Nicholas. Donations were  
received in memory of Dillon  
Beebe, Paul Nicholas, Charles  
Ottinger, Bob Ricks and R. L.  
Sanders. Donations were also  
received in thanksgiving for  
Hospitality Apartments. All  
donations are greatly appreciated  
and help make the housing  
ministry of HRDF through the  
Hospitality Apartments possible.

### February Events in the Community Room

**Sunday, 2/10, 1:30 p.m.,**  
HRDF Trustees' meeting  
**Sunday, 2/17, 1:30 p.m.,**  
HRDF Advisors' meeting  
**Wednesdays, 4 p.m.,** Quilting  
(except third Wednesday,  
then it's on Tuesday)  
**Fridays, 6 p.m.,** Bible Study  
**Sundays, 2 p.m.,**  
Non-denominational Holy  
Communion service  
(no service on 2/10 and  
2/17 due to meetings)  
Bingo, to be announced  
To schedule an event at the  
apartments, contact Joyce  
Shook at [jeshook@yahoo.com](mailto:jeshook@yahoo.com)  
or 713.784.0922.

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Guest enjoyed dinner hosted by Good Will Class,  
St. Luke's United Methodist Church.



Thanks, Sharron, for the new kitchen  
towels with the crocheted tops

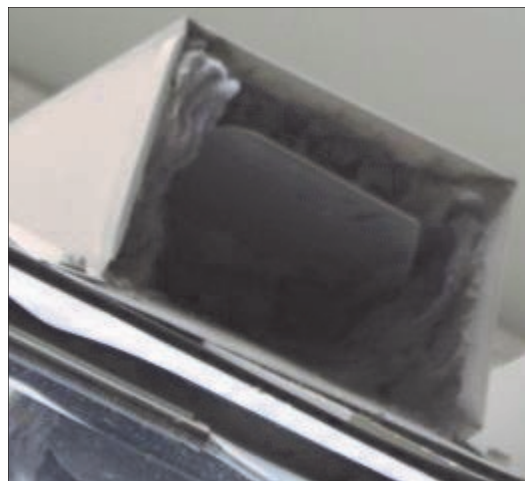


Thanks, George, Mary and Wayne.

## New washers and dryers



Some men read instructions! The 16 new washers and dryers were delivered to the community room — after a dinner and before bingo night — and waited to be installed.



Steve Richardson cleaned 3rd floor dryer vents with help from Jon Stevens. Victor Cavazos cleaned the 2nd floor. Before, above; after, below.



Jon, Steve and Victor cleaned, brought washers and dryers (16 machines in all) to second and third floors, wired on pig tails, installed feet and new dryer vent connections, leveled, connected. Thanks, guys! (Lynn Stevens helped some but mainly supervised and held doors open!)