



Social Outreach Resources

Parish Resources – call 972.353.5756 for more info

Friendly Visitor Program matches parishioners who would benefit from meeting fellow members of the parish with Friendly Visitor Volunteers. The purpose of the Friendly Visitor Program is to encourage social interaction and fellowship among parishioners, especially those who may be at risk of feeling lonely or isolated.

Ministers of Care bring prayer, compassion, Scripture, and Holy Communion to the sick and homebound of our community in hospitals, nursing homes, care facilities, or private homes.

Networking – A New Beginning is a support group for unemployed and underemployed parishioners. The primary focus of this high-energy session is to help those in our parish who are seeking employment. They also work on resumes, interviewing & networking techniques.

Spice of Life is a ministry of support for those young-at-heart yet over age 50, where they can socialize, do good works, and be more active members of the community. Meets every Friday, 12noon to 4pm for socializing and card/game playing.

Stephen Ministry offers one-on-one care and support to people in need (divorce, illness, long-term hospitalization, anxiety, depression, loneliness, etc.) in a confidential environment.

Social Outreach is available to meet with individuals who are seeking **emergency financial assistance**. For individuals and families, we require the following:

- That they must live within our parish boundaries
- Preliminary phone screening followed by an in-person appointment. At that time, they need to bring in documentation of all of their income (tax returns, pay check stubs, food stamp information, etc.) and all of their expenses (copy of lease or mortgage statement, car payment info, credit card bills, student loan details, utility bills, etc.). We also need photo IDs for everyone living in the household.
- Based on careful evaluation of the entire financial picture of the individual/family, Social Outreach may recommend to the approval committee that some financial assistance be awarded. This committee makes the final determination on whether we can help or not.

If the committee does award some assistance, please note it is a one-time payment within a 12-month period. The primary goal of this financial assistance is to help put the individual/family back on their feet. An example would be: someone who has lost their job, but is actively looking for new employment and may be using up their savings to survive. When new employment is secured, they may need a financial helping hand to get caught up on overdue bills.

For those individuals who do not meet the criteria, we help them by:

- Referring them to social service agencies who may be able to provide longer term assistance
- Integrating them into our Networking – A New Beginning Group to assist them with their job search.
- Offering them emotional support and encouragement



Social Outreach Resources

Non-Parish Organizations

CCA - 972.219.4357 - <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/wichd/default.shtm>

- Food pantry
- Assistance with utility bills (only for certain electric providers)
- Back-to-School help

Communities in School of North Texas (CISNT) - 972.538.9930 - info@cisnt.org

The mission of CISNT is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. In an effort to help at-risk students overcome barriers and achieve their goals, CISNT provide two basic program models to achieve their mission: In School Case Management and ACE (Afterschool Centers on Education).

All CISNT program models utilize the Communities in Schools Six Component Service model to address barriers to success: (1) Supportive Guidance and Counseling, (2) Health and Human Services, (3) Parental and Family Engagement, (4) College and Career Readiness, (5) Enrichment Activities and (6) Academic Support

Loreto House - 940.380.8191 - www.loretohouse.org

Loreto House volunteers are ready to listen to you and we are a resource for women of any faith dealing with an unexpected pregnancy. Pregnant, what should you do? Need to empower your parenting? Want to strengthen your relationships? We are here to help. Loreto House offers love, support, and guidance to expecting moms and dads, parents and their children. From the moment you walk in the door, you find an environment that is safe, loving, and judgment-free.

The Salvation Army - 972.353.9400 - <https://www.facebook.com/SalvationArmyLewisville/>

- Food pantry
- Clothing assistance
- Hygiene packs & diapers
- Christmas gift assistance
- Hot lunch - served Mondays thru Fridays 12noon - 1:00pm
- Back-to-School help

Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program - 1.800.942.3678

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/wichd/default.shtm> WIC provides nutrition, education, and supplemental foods to low income families. Women, infants, and children in families with income at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible. That would be at or below \$43,568.00 for a family of four. The benefits are for women who are pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding. Children under the age of 5 are also eligible.