

Givingmas News

Changing Lives...One Family at a Time

What a tournament, Aces all around!

A record number of golfers and a whole bunch of Givingmas Ambassadors all enjoyed a fabulous day at Tenison Park Golf Course. With over 110 in attendance, everyone had a great time and raised just over \$11,000 - Another record!

Thank you to our Presenting Sponsor - **Wedbush Securities Wedbush Securities** and our Ace Sponsor - **Celero**, not to mention all the hole sponsors and folks who donated to an exciting raffle.

Our biggest day yet is coming soon, exciting things are in the works for our annual event in December! We already have a donor who as committed to matching every dollar up to \$5,000.

Don't Forget the Time Change for Love of the Lake

Second Saturday of every month – THS WEEKEND Oct. 12th! As fall arrives, we are adjusting our start-time to <u>9:30 am</u>. Come join our Givingmas community and help keep our lake clean. It's only 1 hour! We meet at the corner of Lawther & Emerald Isle.



Family Updates

After missing work due to illness, mom is back full-time at McDonalds (she has worked there 13yrs) and is struggling to make ends meet. Your donations helped save her home & car. Here we are working on negotiations with the car dealership that sold her car. We are working on getting her out of it.



Teresa

She continues to meet goals, pay bills and save money. Here we are living up to her final creditors' payment plan. She now has a FICA score in the mid 600's, she will be complete out of debt in less than six months. Besides managing the newest 'Well Grounded" coffee shop she is enrolled full-time in school. We also discussed where she can cut corners to save more money. Not only is Givingmas matching her payment each month, but we will also help decrease the debt by rewarding her for school success. For every "B" or better in her classes Givingmas will donate another \$250 towards her creditor.



Join the Board

As Givingmas grows, so does the need for our Board of Directors to grow.

If you have a desire to do something that really makes a difference and have time to dedicate to a growing organization, why not consider joining the Board of Directors of Givingmas? If you have a skillset you believe could help us continue to grow, we need you.

The time commitment is not a full-time job. Board meetings are once a month, generally the 3rd Thursday of the month. As we have events, like The Day of Givingmas, you will help find sponsors and auction items. You would also be able to suggest organizations as potential partners to help us find families.

The time commitment is limited and the rewards are great.

If you're interested, reach out to any of our current board members.

Mike Keating - <u>mike@givingmas.org</u>
John Craft - <u>john@givingmas.org</u>,
Jared Crews - Jared@givingmas.org



Toni & Joshua

Toni was offered a position in Abilene as a "house leader" for troubled kids. This was an offer that fit right into her short-term career goals. Givingmas assured them we would continue to offer to help work on their credit and with tuition, we also have an independent donor who is considering offering rental assistance for 6 month. They have not responded to our requests for documents needed to start working on things. We're reaching out to them and still trying! Updates to come.