

REPORT



ASSISTING WITH BASIC NEEDS IN TIMES OF CRISIS SINCE 1964

SUMMER 2005

Demand for services soars at Caritas

Caritas is providing services and care to a growing number of people in our community. But the nonprofit needs your help.

Caritas is turning away more people than ever. Last year, Caritas provided 1,350 clients with rent or utility assistance while declining 17,364 requests due to lack of funding, according to a report released by the Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas. In any given year, Caritas front desk staff responds to 30,000 client phone calls for assistance. Clients begin calling at 8:00 a.m. to schedule appointments three days in advance, and appointments often fill up within the first hour.

Maebell is one of the 1,350 clients who were lucky enough to receive utility assistance.

"I say, this was so worth it, I don't like to talk about my situation, so thank you, I'll pray for you," says Maebell, in tears, as she sits in her case manager's office. She lives on a nominal social security income and has a son with AIDS. Caritas helped reconnect the gas in her home.

"Our goal is to give people hope, but one of our greatest challenges is meeting demand," says Julia Spann, Executive

Director of Caritas. "We typically see an increase in requests for utility assistance during the summer months."

Clients often arrive at Caritas with eviction and utility suspension notices and

of clients. It will provide 3,600 take-home supplies of food and hygiene items to client families this year, but the pantry's food levels are alarmingly low.

"I got sick and then I lost my job and then I lost my home. I am trying to get back on my feet but it isn't easy," says Marianne, a former client. "You have to save a lot of money just to make a rent deposit and there aren't very many jobs out there. I also have to be careful not to get sick again so I can get a place of my



PHOTOS: RICK PATRICK

Clients like these received over 93,000 nutritious meals in the Caritas Community Kitchen last year, an increase of 5,500 meals from the previous year. For many clients, the meals they receive at Caritas are their only meals of the day.

nowhere to turn. For people who are working minimum wage jobs at \$5.15 per hour and marginally self-sufficient, car problems or medical emergencies can force them to choose between paying for rent or utilities.

The Community Kitchen is currently at its peak number of meals served. Demand for meals in the kitchen jumped from 88,263 meals in 2003 to 93,763 meals in 2004, an increase of 5,500 meals, according to the report. If current demand continues this year, the kitchen may serve more than 100,000 meals for the first time in the nonprofit's 41-year history.

The Pantry is also serving a record number

own. I eat here so I can stay healthy."

Everyday, Caritas is the last hope for many people like Maebell and Marianne but is unable to meet their requests for assistance. How can you help? Caritas depends on the generous support of individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations to continue helping others in our community. To make a donation, please use the enclosed envelope or contact Michelle Mooney at 479-4610 ext. 226.

POVERTY IN CENTRAL TEXAS

- ▶ A family of four—two adults and two children—was considered poor if its annual income was less than \$18,850 in 2004.
- ▶ A two-parent family with one child needs to earn almost 300 percent of the poverty level (\$47,010 a year or \$24 an hour) to make ends meet in the Austin area.
- ▶ Nearly four in five poor Texas families included one or more working adults in 2002.

Source: Center for Public Policy Priorities

CARITAS' LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO HONOR MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL

Read more on the Harvey Penick Award Dinner on page 4

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Caritas of Austin is deeply indebted to the continued support of many individuals, companies and organizations. Their generosity helps ensure that Caritas provides much-needed services to needy families and individuals in Central Texas.

Recent sponsors include:

Applied Materials

Applied Materials was Caritas' Community Kitchen Sponsor for May. The global semiconductor company's donation will help provide over 450 hot meals a day, five days a week, to hungry diners in the Community Kitchen.

Four Seasons Hotel Austin

Elmar Prambs, renowned Executive Chef of the Four Seasons Hotel Austin, and a staff of nine donated their time and talents to cook a mouthwatering meal for the Caritas Community Kitchen on February 9. Prambs served gourmet

macaroni and cheese, meatloaf, soup, rolls and chocolate cake to over 500 lunchtime diners.

Whole Foods Market

When Whole Foods Market relocated to their new flagship store, the natural foods grocer donated over 5,000 pounds of food to the Caritas Community Kitchen and Pantry. Tib Scallon, Food Services Coordinator at Caritas, said extra volunteer help was needed to transport and unload 12 truckloads of food.

Rick Patrick

Special thanks to Rick Patrick for his donation of time and services to take professional photos of Caritas clients. Patrick's photos have been used extensively in the agency's communications and print publications.

Greg Abell

Special thanks to Greg Abell for his generous donation of time and services to take professional photos of volunteers in the Community Kitchen. Abell's photos were used at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon and for the Volunteer Appreciation Wall at Caritas.



Julia Spann, Executive Director, center accepts a check from Kay Hackmann, right, and Nick Batra of Applied Materials. The company was Caritas' Community Kitchen Sponsor for the month of May.



Newlyweds Jim and Nancy Rumbo celebrate their May marriage. The couple asked that all donations in their honor be made to Caritas.

FORMER PENICK AWARD HONOREE JAKE PICKLE

REMEMBERED

Central Texans bid a sad good-bye to former U.S. Representative and Harvey Penick Award honoree J.J. "Jake" Pickle on June 18. Pickle was 91.

"Gentleman Jake," as Pickle was nicknamed, was beloved for his trademark warmth, humor and energy among his constituents and Capitol Hill colleagues. Pickle served in Congress for 31 years from 1963 to 1994.

Pickle was one of only seven Southern congressmen to vote for the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964.

In 1994, Pickle was honored with Caritas of Austin's *Harvey Penick Award for Excellence in the Game of Life*. Past honorees of the Penick Award include Harvey Penick, Cliff Gustafson, Barbara Jordan, Lady Bird Johnson, George Christian, Bob Bullock, Edith and Darrell Royal, Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr., Ben Crenshaw, Angela and Mort Topfer, Jody Conrard and Larry Gatlin.

You helped them begin new lives in Central Texas

One year after arriving in the United States, the Kamaras are still grateful for their new lives in Austin.

Sheku and Asata Kamara fled Liberia with their seven children when civil war broke out eight years ago. They moved through various refugee camps in neighboring countries before escaping to the United States and landing in Central Texas.

The *Austin American-Statesman* featured them in its annual Season for Caring campaign as one of the families that needed help—with just about everything. The family needed basics such as underwear, linens, shoes, kitchenware and even quarters for laundry. (Asata had been washing laundry by hand in the bathtub.)

Readers responded, and the family received items that included clothes, furniture, dishes, soccer balls and equipment, board games, movies and bikes for the children. Thanks to the community's overwhelming generosity, the Kamaras were finally able to begin settling into their new lives in Austin.

"I thank everyone that helped my family, and I appreciated it so much. What you did for me was great. We want to thank everyone again," said Kamara in a hand-written note to Caritas.

Once his family's basic needs were

met, Kamara focused on finding a job. An extensive search eventually led to employment at Goodwill Industries of Central Texas' Blue Hangar store on East 7th Street, where he packages excess clothes from the thrift stores into bales for out-of-town shipment.

Flora Kasmiro, the family's case manager at Caritas, said they are doing well, and that they have met several other Liberian refugee families through Caritas.

Perhaps the family's biggest triumph is their recent move into public housing. Depending on the client, the city's public housing lists have wait times that can last up to three years, but the family was able to move into a four bedroom-one bath unit in May. With Kasmiro's help, Kamara and his

wife have worked out a comprehensive budget for the family, and their youngest

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Sheku Kamara, back left, and his wife, Asata, and their seven children resettled in Austin after fleeing war-torn Liberia.

W I S H L I S T

Caritas welcomes in-kind donations of products and services. These contributions directly benefit clients and allow Caritas to apply its financial resources to existing programs. The following types of donations are needed:

Non-perishable food items
(rice, pasta, canned meat, beans, soup, peanut butter, tuna fish, etc.)
Gently used paper grocery bags to distribute pantry items
Large quantities of fruit, milk, cheese, and fresh meat and vegetables for soup
Large quantities of sliced sandwich meat
Professional size salad spinners
Straight-edge kitchen knives

Kitchen Aid mixer
Disposable cups, bowls, spoons and napkins
Toiletry and hygiene items
(full-size shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)
Bulk quantity toilet paper
Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5)
HEB/Wal-Mart/Target/
Home Depot gift cards
Prepaid gas cards
Prepaid long distance calling cards *(especially for international calls)*

Bus passes
School supplies *(backpacks with pocket folders, spiral notebooks, crayons, markers, calculators, etc. for elementary through high school)*
Tool boxes with hammers, screwdrivers, nails, etc.
Picture dictionaries for children and adults to help in literacy education
Basic phones with answering machines *(for training on how to check and leave*

messages)
Mailing supplies *(envelopes, stamps, pens)*
Vacuum cleaners
Washing machines and dryers
Air conditioning window units

To make a donation of food and hygiene items, contact Tib Scallon at 479-4610 ext. 130. For all other items, please contact Tanya Greenough at 479-4610 ext. 176.

NAPA Celebrity Golf Classic scores a hole-in-one

Caritas of Austin's 13th Annual National Association of Professional Athletes Celebrity Golf Classic raised over \$157,000 for the social services agency—\$29,000 more than last year. The tournament included a tribute dinner and silent auction on June 7 and a double shotgun tourney on June 8. This is the second-largest annual fundraiser for the agency,

and all proceeds raised from the tournament benefited Caritas in the fight against poverty, hunger and homelessness in Central Texas. This year, 260 golfers played on the resort's award-winning golf course.

"The tournament has been extremely successful in the past, but this completely blew us out of the water," said Julia Spann, Executive Director of Caritas. "We had hoped to raise \$140,000 this year and are incredibly grateful for the overwhelming show of support from our friends."

"We couldn't be more excited at the record-breaking success of the tournament," said Dan Matheson, chairman of this year's tournament and a member of Caritas' Community Advisory Board. "The money raised from the

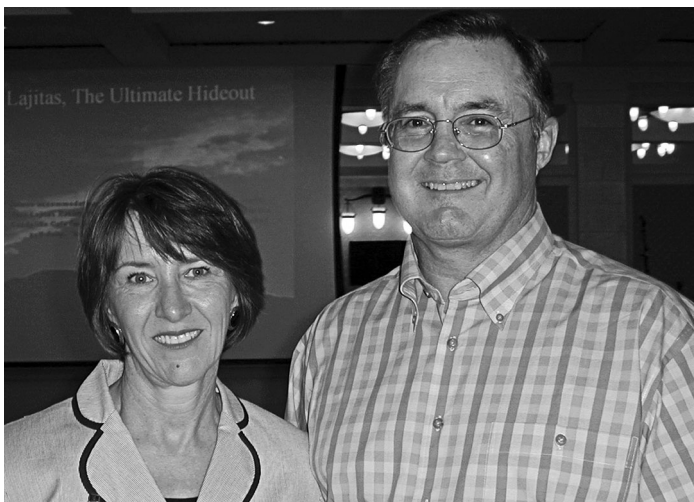


Golfers wait for instructions on the morning of June 8. The NAPA Celebrity Golf Classic was held at Barton Creek Resort and Spa's award-winning golf course.

tournament will go toward helping families in the community and making sure that they continue to receive the assistance they need."

The lively tribute dinner recognized Roosevelt Leaks as honorary tournament chair, and Grammy-award winner Ray Benson provided the evening's entertainment and served as guest auctioneer.

NAPA, an organization dedicated to community service, has hosted golf tournaments in Austin for the past 12 years, said Al Mathews, president of NAPA. This is the fifth year that the tournament has benefited Caritas.



Julia Spann, Executive Director, left, and Dan Matheson, chairman of the 13th Annual NAPA Celebrity Golf Classic. The golf tournament, Caritas' second-largest fundraiser, broke agency records and raised over \$157,000.

Caritas of Austin will honor Central Texas philanthropists Michael and Susan Dell at the organization's 14th Annual Harvey Penick Award Dinner on November 2 at the Four Seasons Hotel Austin. The Dells will be recognized with the *Harvey Penick Award for Excellence in the Game of Life* for their outstanding contributions to the community. This event—Caritas' single largest fundraiser—will significantly support the agency's ability to help Central Texans in need.

"We are delighted to honor Michael and Susan Dell for their phenomenal roles as community leaders," said Julia Spann, Executive Director of Caritas. "Their commitment to helping others is similar to our mission here at Caritas—

helping those who need it most."

The Dells were recognized in 2004 as seventh in *BusinessWeek* magazine's list of 50 most generous philanthropists. The

CARITAS HONORS MICHAEL AND SUSAN DELL AT LARGEST ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO BE HELD ON NOV. 2

Dells exemplify the spirit of the Harvey Penick Award, given each year to prominent leaders whose lives emulate that of the first recipient, Harvey Penick. As legendary golf coach of Ben Crenshaw, Tom Kite and many others, Harvey Penick was a teacher and mentor who helped his students to be their best. He was an extraordinary example of dedication, discipline and humility.

"We couldn't think of two people more deserving of this year's Harvey Penick Award than Michael and Susan Dell," said Brian DeRoeck, President of Caritas' Board of Directors.

"They capture the remarkable spirit of generosity and leadership that embodies the award."

Past honorees of the Penick Award

include Harvey Penick, Cliff Gustafson, Jake Pickle, Barbara Jordan, Lady Bird Johnson, George Christian, Bob Bullock, Edith and Darrell Royal, Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr., Ben Crenshaw, Angela and Mort Topfer, Jody Conrard and Larry Gatlin.

For tickets or sponsor information, please contact Jennifer Stapleton at 479-4610 ext. 228.

Volunteers honored at annual appreciation luncheon

Peacocks strutted across the manicured lawns of Green Pastures restaurant as 90 volunteers arrived for Caritas of Austin's annual **Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon** on April 15.

The luncheon opened with an invocation led by Caritas founder **Monsignor Richard McCabe** and opening statements by Julia Spann, Executive Director of Caritas.

"Our volunteers never cease to amaze us with how generously they give of their time and services to help our community," said Spann. "We exist because of the generosity of others."

After a delicious meal of house salad, grilled chicken penne and bread pudding, Spann and Caritas Board of Directors President **Brian DeRoeck** presented Distinguished Service Awards and City Proclamations to McCabe, **Jack Bojanowski** and **Sophie Mathews**.

McCabe, who founded Caritas in 1964, was honored for his humanitarian work and dedication to helping others. McCabe established Caritas as a safety net to help

people who needed assistance with basic needs but did not qualify for welfare. 41

for three years of service. Bojanowski is widely credited for coining the term



Julia Spann, Executive Director, center, presents a Distinguished Service Award to Sophie Mathews, left, for 10 years of outstanding volunteer service, with Brian DeRoeck, Board of Directors President.

years later, the agency is Travis County's largest source of non-governmental assistance.

Bojanowski was honored in memoriam

"Souper Volunteers," a phrase used to describe the weekly kitchen volunteers.

Mathews was honored for 10 years of service to the Community Kitchen. Mathews, determined to fulfill her weekly volunteer commitment to Caritas, once took a cab—a \$22 one-way fare—when her regular ride was not available.

The luncheon concluded with closing statements by Spann and a raffle drawing, which was made possible by the generous support of Amy's Ice Cream, Applebee's, Romeo's, West Lynn Café, La Madeleine, Trudy's, Paramount Theatre, The Oasis on Lake Travis, Magnolia Café, Highland Lanes, Green Pastures, Capital Cruises, The County Line, The Cheesecake Factory and The Flower Bucket.

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child will start kindergarten this fall.

Want to help?

The Kamaras may have settled into life in Central Texas, but they could still use your help.

The family lacks air conditioning in their new home and needs window air conditioning units for each of the four rooms in the apartment. With nine people's laundry, they could also use a washer and dryer. To make a donation of these items, please contact Tanya Greenough at 479-4610 ext. 176.

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Faith Food Drive weighs in at over 10,000 pounds

Caritas of Austin's Community Kitchen bustled with a different group of folks than the usual lunchtime clients on April 17. On this afternoon, 50 volunteers from 16 faith-based organizations sorted and stocked over 10,000 pounds of food and hygiene items for the annual Faith Food Drive. The items collected from the food drive, used to provide take-home groceries for hungry Central Texas families, stocked the Pantry's empty shelves and must last the Pantry until the next food drive in the fall.

This year, the Pantry will distribute take-home groceries to over 3,600 households. The Community Kitchen also relies heavily on donated food and will serve over 93,000 meals.

In addition to the Faith Food Drive, the local faith-based community generously

provides hygiene and household items, financial support, and volunteers to Caritas throughout the year. Faith-based volunteers help prepare and serve lunchtime meals to over 450 diners a day in the Community Kitchen.

Special thanks to volunteers **Sheryl Westwick** and **Spencer Carlton**, who

were instrumental in organizing logistics and details for the Faith Food Drive.

Westwick strategized setup for unloading, sorting, bagging, boxing and line-distribution for the pantry shelves and recruited friends, relatives and members of her church to help at the food drive.

Carlton, an active member of Caritas' Community Advisory Board, organized an additional food drive benefiting Caritas at Tarrytown United Methodist Church as well as helping with the Faith Food Drive. Carlton made instrumental last-minute adjustments to optimize efficiency on the day of the food drive and recruited members of his family to help.

Special thanks to the Capital Area Food Bank for generously lending their scales for use in weighing the donated items.



Faith Food Drive volunteers sort through more than 10,000 pounds of donated food and hygiene items in Caritas' Community Kitchen.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE AT CARITAS

Bud Meehan is a career volunteer. In April, Meehan was recognized for 16 remarkable years of service to Caritas as a **Retired and Senior Volunteer Program Volunteer of the Year and one of KVUE's Five Who Care**. Both awards are given to outstanding volunteers who display extraordinary commitment to community organizations.

Meehan initially began volunteering at Caritas in 1990. Looking for a way to pass the time after retirement, he asked friend and Caritas founder Monsignor Richard McCabe about volunteer opportunities. McCabe suggested Caritas, and a week later, Meehan was picking up food donations for the Pantry in his pickup. What began as a weekly volunteer commitment evolved into 16 years of

dedication to Caritas.

In other volunteer news, **San Czaplinski**, club sponsor at **Connally High School**, knows a thing or two about food drives and fundraising. Czaplinski and a group of students coordinated a food drive and fundraiser benefiting Caritas that yielded over 600 pounds of food. In

addition to the food drive, Connally High students hosted a fundraiser called "Cardboard City" where they erected houses of cardboard to raise awareness of homelessness. Friends and family donated money or sponsored students to run or walk laps for the fundraiser. One enterprising student swam 100 laps on behalf of Caritas. Students raised \$500 from the event.

Caritas bid a sad good-bye to volunteer **Ava Hayes** in April, who left the agency after gaining employment. Hayes, who provided invaluable assistance with administrative duties to Molly Sipe, Volunteer Coordinator at Caritas, had volunteered at Caritas since January 2004. Hayes also helped coordinate the annual Volunteer



Junior League volunteers serve lunch to over 450 Community Kitchen diners.

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Appreciation Luncheon.

Special thanks to NAPA Celebrity Golf Classic volunteer **Genevieve Duncan**, who assisted Jennifer Stapleton, Events Manager at Caritas, with securing auction items for the silent auction on June 7. Duncan's dedication and support helped make the auction an overwhelming success.

On March 16, thousands of music lovers converged in Austin for the annual South by Southwest Festival. Thanks to **South By Soup Fest**, a three-day, annual musical labor of love hosted by Caritas and **Laura Thomas of ComboPlate Booking**, lunchtime clients in the Community Kitchen were treated to special performances from musicians from as far away as Scotland and Japan.

For more information on volunteering at Caritas, contact Molly Sipe at 479-4610 ext. 121 or msipe@caritasofaustin.org.



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Caritas programs help working poor in Travis County

Since its inception in 1964, Caritas of Austin has helped the poor in Travis County. Caritas assists with basic needs such as food, rent and utilities in times of financial crisis and helps clients learn the skills needed to gain self-reliance. The word “caritas” is derived from the Latin word for love. In this spirit, Caritas has upheld the inherent dignity of each person seeking assistance.

Caritas extends help in these ways:

■ **Basic Needs Services** help people experiencing a financial crisis meet their most basic human needs: food and shelter. Caritas provides: hot meals to those who are hungry; take-home groceries for

those struggling to feed their families; rent and utility assistance for those faced with losing their housing; and food, shelter, clothing and support for newly arrived refugees.

■ **Self-Sufficiency Services** help people build the skills needed to move toward self-reliance. Caritas offers case management, life skills and ESL classes, assistance with budget planning and money management, employment readiness training, and job placement. We serve the working poor, the unemployed, the homeless, the near-homeless and refugees.

■ **The Best Single Source Project** is an innovative collaborative model developed by the Basic Needs Coalition of Central Texas. Caritas serves as the fiscal and administrative agent for the Coalition, which is a partnership of 21 public and private nonprofit organizations committed to creating a community in which every

family can meet their basic needs. The Best Single Source Project centralizes intake, links agencies electronically and simplifies families’ access to services. The project is a collaboration among eight of the area’s leading nonprofit service providers to benefit those in need.

Caritas is an integral part of our community’s human services network and Travis County’s largest non-governmental source of assistance. This year, more than 15,000 Travis County adults and children will benefit from Caritas’ programs. We are blessed with support from individuals, businesses, foundations and the faith community. We are proud that our last audit found that over 86% of our budget directly benefited clients in the fight against poverty, hunger and homelessness. For volunteer information or to make a tax-deductible contribution, please call 512-479-4610.

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