



offering a hand up

not a hand out

Sharing the Christmas Spirit!

The women of Tascosa Road Fellowship have a heart to share the love of Jesus with others and were seeking the Lord about who they should bless for Christmas this year. The Lord laid the precious women of Martha's Home on the heart of our Women's Minister, Susan Roberson. Susan contacted Connie Garcia at Martha's home and it was confirmed over and over to her that she had heard correctly about who we were to bless this Christmas. The women of Tascosa Road were so excited to prepare for the event! They went shopping and held a wrapping party to wrap all the gifts that were to be presented to the women. They spent time praying for each and every one of the ladies that were going to be present. The night of the party was so wonderful. We had so many women show up to help and to love on the beautiful ladies. We had an amazing time eating, singing songs, sharing, and blessing the precious women with gifts. We were so very honored and could not have asked for a more perfect night. It blessed each and everyone of us involved!



Hostess: *Christin Daniel, Martha's Home resident, and hostess, Norma Sloan.*



Hostesses standing are: *Jennifer Tello, Martha Bailey, Anita Ordaz, Eva Ordaz; Sitting is Jessica, Martha's Home resident, and hostess, Cindy Macias.*



Hostesses standing are: *Bre Doran, Deborah Ballout, Jennifer Enriquez, Bobbie Clark, and Connie Francis. Seated are Martha's Home residents.*

Success in Progress!



My name is Denise Harley. Three and half years ago I found myself homeless with two boys who were looking to me for all the answers. How do I tell them everything will be alright when I did not even know myself? We were able to stay at my father's house temporarily, but he was not in a position to help us for long. I was able to get on the waiting list for Martha's Home and in a few weeks Connie called me. I went and filled out the paperwork and moved in that day. Taking my children to a homeless shelter was very scary, but the helpfulness of the staff and the "homey" feeling made the transition not scary at all!

We were able to stay while I got a job and enrolled in college to finish the degree had I started 12 years ago. I was then able to obtain longer term housing at Eveline River's Sunshine Cottage. The last few years have been a challenge between work, college and raising teenage boys, but I'm proud to say in December, I will be graduating Amarillo College with an associate's degree in criminal justice.

I could not have done this without the help of Martha's Home to get me started on the right path. I am not done yet! I plan on continuing my education by getting a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and who knows, I might even go to law school. I have learned that there are people out there who believed in me even when I didn't

believe in myself. Thank you!!!

Thank You Valero!

Martha's Home was recently awarded \$4,000 from proceeds raised from 2013 Valero Texas Open Golf Classic.

Martha's Home was nominated by RaLynda Christie, Valero employee and donor/volunteer for Martha's Home. She has served women and children staying in the Martha's Home units by preparing and delivering meals. She continually donates items for mothers and children who are re-establishing residences after being homeless including household items, clothing, shoes, toiletries, etc.



Valero's Brandon Osborn, Martha's Home Executive Director, Connie Garcia, and Valero's RaLynda Christie.

What a blessing to Martha's Home! We appreciate your continued community support.

Excitement is Building!

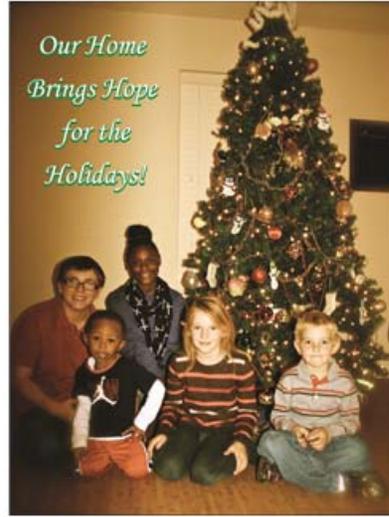
Plans are well underway for Martha's Home 6th Annual **Second Chance Prom**, and it's just around the corner slated for **March 29, 2014!** Our new theme is the **"Roaring 20's"** and will include elaborate decorations depicting the fun era of the 1920's, great music & dancing, fantastic food from the best local restaurants, live & silent auctions, innovative photography, and special surprise entertainment!

With these awesome volunteers, known as the 2014 "Prom Team", we will definitely make it the "most fun fundraiser" you'll ever experience! For complete details, visit www.secondchanceprom.org. *For table reservations or corporate sponsor information, please contact Mary Kay at 806-367-1757.*



Pictured Back Row L-R: Jack Light, Veronica Dietrich, Lane McNeese, Heather McNeese, P.J. Taylor, Coleigh Harrington, Rhett Cobb, Michael Norris; Middle Row L-R: Katrina Glasscock, Chris Pirtle, Rosa Cuellar, Valerie Levario, Danette Fenstermaker, Lindsey Murphy, Brenda De La Garza, Tracy Lemons, Crystal Harle, Karen Stovall, Mary Kay Kuhrt; Seated L-R: Jennelle Diggs, Cindy Cockerham-Pharris, Alesa Nolan.

*Wishing you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year from
The Staff, Board of Directors, and
Women and Children of*



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