



MARTHA'S HOME

offering a hand up

not a hand out

Martha's Home is in dire need of all winter gear for the homeless children and ladies who have found their temporary haven at Martha's Home. Many of our residents do not have vehicles, so they walk and ride the bus to work and appointments! You can Warm the Hearts of the Homeless with your donations of gloves, scarves, hats, socks, coats & snow boots. If its winter clothing, Martha's Home can use it!

We're kicking off the Collection Drive this Thursday, November 12th, from 5:00 – 7:30 pm at Joe Daddy's on Paramount! Enjoy live entertainment by Jason Patrick, Amarillo's Piano Man, and you can receive a FREE appetizer from Joe Daddy's for your donation! You will also receive a tax deductible donation receipt for your gifts!

Listen to FUN 99.7, who will be on location with a live Radio Remote. ABC 7 will also be broasting the weather from Joe Daddy's for their 5:00 & 6:00 news! The collection will continue through Monday, November 16th at Joe Daddy's.

If you need any further information about Martha's Home, www.marthashome.org, or our upcoming "Mittens for Martha's Home" drive, please contact Mary Kay Kuhrts, at 806-443-5577. Thanks in advance & hope to see on November 12th!

Mittens for Martha's Home

Warm the Hearts of the Homeless with your donations of gloves, scarves, hats, socks, coats, & snow boots for children of all ages and their moms!

Please bring in your donations

Thursday, November 12th

5:00-7:30 p.m.

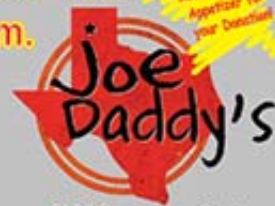
Enjoy Unique Entertainment by
"Piano Man" Jason Patrick!



www.JasonOnKeys.com



Receive a FREE
Appetizer for
your donation!



2108 Paramount Blvd
Amarillo, TX
806-463-7900

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Martha's Home is an Amarillo-based nonprofit organization providing transitional housing and assistance to homeless women and their children, in effort to help them become self-sufficient, productive members of our community. For more information, please call 806-352-6035. We appreciate your caring and sharing!



www.marthashome.org



Toni's Update & Testimony

Martha's Home is very proud of former resident, Toni Talbot, an inspiration to all she comes to meet! Thank you, Toni, for sharing your story!

CLICK HERE TO SEE TONI'S STORY

First Mortgage Provides 2nd Annual Pumpkin Painting Party!

Employees of First Mortgage Home Lending brought pumpkins, paint, and cookies for the children of Martha's Home. Everyone had a great time decorating pumpkins and enjoyed Halloween cookies and punch.



BK Gearm, Martha's Home Board member and Employee of First Mortgage said, *"For us here at First Mortgage, seeing the kids express themselves thru painting their pumpkins brought much joy to each of us. We watched the mothers of these children as they saw their kids happy and having fun, with big smiles on their little faces. We had just as much fun with them painting as they did painting the pumpkins themselves and being free to do to their pumpkins as they wanted."*



Thank You First Mortgage from the Families of Martha's Home!

Make time to give back... by Flo Lopez, of Street Toyota

Volunteering is good for you! Volunteering provides physical and mental rewards, which reduces stress. When you focus on someone other than yourself, it interrupts the usual tension-producing patterns... That's a good interruption! Understanding community needs helps foster empathy and self-efficacy.

In regards to giving back; helping struggling mothers is of special importance to me. In my case it's a chance to give back to community resources that helped my family survive... It's a chance to benefit a cause that I care about deeply.



As a single mother, my mom struggled to raise my brother, sister and I. If it wasn't for the assistance that we received from charitable organizations at the time, I don't know how we would have survived. Sadly, I remember the empty feeling of often being hungry and looking through those empty kitchen cabinets, just one more time... Just in case I missed something that wasn't there before! I remember quarrelling with my brother over how many slices of bologna that he put on his meager sandwich. We didn't even have any lettuce, cheese or pickles (now that would have been worth fighting for)! On another hungry occasion, my brother explained to me that if I brush my teeth frequently I wouldn't feel so hungry. I can't say that this technique was especially effective, however, today my brother has a great Dentyne Smile!

My brother recently shared with me his own pain from that period. While picking up a box of staples from a government food distribution center (peanut butter, a Velveeta-style block of cheese and more peanut butter) a helpful attendant offered to carry the heavy box for my mother. As he slammed the trunk shut my brother told me that he remembers the man happily waving to him as we drove off. To my mother's horror the trunk was empty when she got home. My brother says he remembers specifically how helpless he felt at 10-years old and how angry he was at the "good Samaritan" stranger. My brother told me he only wished he knew how to beat that man with his fists as he listened to my mother's incessant sobbing.

During the holidays I remember how my mother told me that she was anxious yet hesitant to meet a "stranger" at the mall who had presents for us children. He was a member of Shriners International and simply wanted to know if the wrapped gifts were for boys or girls. My mother went with a family friend for safety to pick up gifts from this "too good to be true" holiday angel. It was indeed true; angels existed for all of us that Christmas.

Even though my mother was able to get off of welfare and eventually assist us all in going to college (she walked me into the admissions office to get me registered), those tough times were a part of my developmental formative years.

If a group or organization has ever helped you or someone you know during a time of need, give back to them so they can help someone else.

As a volunteer for Martha's Home, a homeless shelter for women and children in Amarillo, Texas I have fun assisting them with their social media outreach and fundraising efforts.

We're currently working on Amarillo's much-anticipated Martha's Home 8th Annual Second Chance Prom. Cleverly themed "Enchantment Under the Sea" where the community can plunge into an ocean of fun with a Prom night designed for adults who either missed their first prom or want that second chance to experience an enchanting evening with your current sweetheart or group of friends!

Check out this video I put together highlighting their Second Chance Proms through the years: <https://youtu.be/wPrF3sHRBxQ>

You can get your tickets at www.panhandletickets.com or contact Mary Kay Kuhrts at 806-443-5577 to donate or reserve a table of eight for just \$350. For business and corporate sponsorship opportunities please call us... We appreciate your support!



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