



# GATORS GIVE BACK

The Annual Dickinson ISD Stuff the Bus Food Drive was a huge success! Students, staff and parents all got into the holiday spirit and gave very generously to donate to the M.I. Lewis Food Pantry. Preliminary totals show the district collected approximately 30,000 food items, plus approximately \$11,000. This was the first year the district accepted monetary donations district-wide. The additional \$10,000 will go a long way toward

helping us provide food for those in need. Because of our relationship with the Houston Food Bank, we will be able to purchase between \$75,000 - \$100,000 worth of food, including perishable items like meat, which could not be donated in a normal food drive. The results were far beyond our expectations. Dickinson ISD campuses have a friendly competition each year to see who can bring in the most donations and this year, Dunbar Middle School came in first place, followed by Hughes Road Elementary in second place. Special thanks also goes out to the Dickinson High School Air Force Junior ROTC along with the district's Administration Building staff, who collected the food and delivered to our storage facility.



## BIG THANK YOU!

Hughes Road Elementary School Staff and their families volunteered their time to help with the Food Fair on December 17.

### M I LEWIS WISH LIST

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| Copy Paper            | Flour                   |
| Diapers - sizes 3,4 5 | Sugar                   |
| Juice                 | Spaghettios             |
| Jell-O                | Blankets                |
| Mayonnaise            | Jackets                 |
| Mustard               | Sweatshirts             |
| Ketchup               | (Kids and Adults L -XL) |

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## 2010 Year in Review

With your contributions of food, money and time, we were able to assist 6,940 families (includes 712 new clients) or 22,265 individuals with assistance for food, rent, utilities, and other means of aid.

**NON-FOOD DIRECT ASSISTANCE—\$116,740.46**

**FOOD ASSISTANCE—\$527,122.05**

**(INCLUDES 32,478 POUNDS OF DONATED FOOD VALUED AT \$1.52 PER POUND)**

**TOTAL ASSISTANCE**

**\$643,862.51**

**OUR VOLUNTEERS DONATED 8,696 HOURS OF THEIR TIME TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SUCCESS OF M I LEWIS. THANK YOU TO THE CHURCHES, BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR — M I LEWIS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MEET ITS MISSION OF PROVIDING FOR THOSE IN NEED WITHOUT THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY.**



### “TOGETHER WE ‘CAN’ DO GOOD”



Amoco Federal Credit Union made a \$25 donation to the “Together We Can Do Good Food Drive” campaign for every vehicle financed during the months of October, November and December. M I Lewis benefited from the proceeds along with 4 other Galveston County food pantries. The Center received campaign proceeds of \$6,067.66 and 584 pounds of canned goods.

## THANKSGIVING BASKETS

This year, the 200 Thanksgiving baskets we distributed were valued at \$15,586. Without your generous contributions throughout the year these families would not have had a Thanksgiving meal this year. Thanks to Mr. Gates for his contribution of milk, butter, eggs and turkeys again this year, and to our Volunteers who delivered and organized the baskets. The volunteers put together the 200 baskets on November 22 and those who distributed the baskets on November 23.

In the past 10 years, Tom Gates has provided 2000 turkeys, milk, butter and eggs which are included in our annual Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. This year, MI Lewis presented him a plaque for his generous contributions.



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*The mission of M I Lewis Social Service Center is to render aid to individuals with emergency needs, to make referrals to other agencies for additional support and to encourage its clients toward self sufficiency.*

Dear Friends of M. I. Lewis,

On behalf of the Board, Staff, Volunteers, and especially those clients we serve, we want to say a big "THANK YOU" to each of you for a great 2010. Without your support it would be impossible for us to be able to accomplish our mission of assisting individuals with emergency needs. Please take a moment and review the statistical recap of 2010 so you can see how your support has provided for the needs of families in our communities.

As we look forward to 2011, I encourage you to tell a friend about the great things happening at M. I. Lewis. Again, Thank You and we wish the best for you and your family for the New Year.

Sincerely,  
Mitchell Dale  
Board President

**2/12/11—ANNUAL PLANNING WORKSHOP**  
**Holy Trinity Church—9:00 a.m—12:00 Noon**  
**Food Fairs held 3rd Saturday of every month**