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A Car Raffle Benefiting
 Habitat for Humanity &  M.I. LEWIS
Habitat for Humanity is an international, nonprofit, nonsectarian Christian housing ministry that seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world. The mission of the M.I. Lewis Social Service Center is to provide social services with respect and dignity to those in need. We are seeking for additional support and to encourage students to give their support.


1 Ticket for \$5 or 5 Tickets for \$20
Tickets on sale May 1-July 30, 2011. Winner announced August 6, 2011.

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Kerry Washington was the winner of the 2011 Mustang sponsored by McRee Ford. MI Lewis and Bay Area Habitat for Humanity split the proceeds from the raffle.



Volunteers spent 200 hours putting together and delivering supplies for the first day of school for 655 students in DISD.

Students from Dickinson Independent School District collected more than 25,000 items of non-perishable food and other products, plus an additional \$5,700 in their annual "Stuff the Bus." Thank you to DISD Administration and ROTC for picking up the items. GO GATORS



On Saturday, May 14, the USPS sponsored the "Stamp Out Hunger" campaign. The carriers picked up 2,974 pounds of food from their routes for the benefit of MI Lewis.



2011 Year in Review

This year, we were able to help 7,414 families with assistance for food, rent, utilities and other means of aid.



Non-Food Direct Assistance \$108,781.94
 Food Assistance \$641,729.09
 Total 2011 Assistance
\$750,511.03
 Volunteer Hours 9169

Thanksgiving Baskets

We ensured 200 folks had a wonderful Thanksgiving meal. Thanks to Mr. Gates for supplying the turkeys again this year and also to the Dickinson VFW Lady Auxiliary for their assistance.

Betty Pena, Executive Director of M I Lewis was presented the Agency Ace Award in recognition of her valuable support of the United Way Galveston County Mainland.





The Center was selected as a recipient of Amoco Federal Credit Union's CAN DO program..



Wine and Dine Italian Style

Mark your calendars for this year July 27, 2012
 Only 300 tickets will be available.
 Details on sponsorships, silent auction and purchasing tables (individual tickets) will be forthcoming



FOOD DRIVES

True Cross' 40 Days of Giving collected 1,271 pounds of food and \$690 in May. At our annual food drive in June, folks donated 2,681 pounds of food and \$952.00.

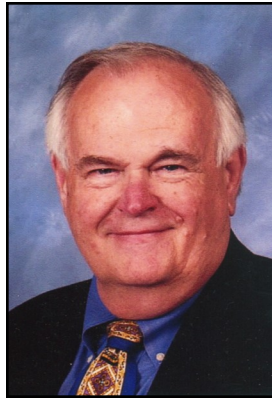
Jerry W. Ziegler, Sr.

Who was Jerry West Ziegler, Sr.? As Reverend Cunningham referred at the Memorial Service, Mr. Z was a gentleman's gentleman and a North, South, East and West type of person. He helped countless students, families, strangers, schools, friends, clubs, groups, little league teams and homeless with his compassionate nature. He would hand out money to anyone he believed needed assistance. His favorite saying at M I Lewis was "We Help the Needy not the Greedy".

M I Lewis was his favorite passion and pastime. He spent countless hours ordering food, picking up food and organizing food fairs. It was at his persistence that we started the Annual Fundraiser Gala, which has proven to be a very successful event. His devotion and loyalty to our Center was incredible and he was constantly "giving" of his time and money to better our Organization.

He also had a soft heart and his kindness for animals was evident at his home with feeding dogs, cats, raccoons, deer and adopting strays (a cat named Miss Betty and a dog named Lewis are among his adoptees).

We miss him every day and no one could ever take his place.



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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.

First, let me start the New Year by saying a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped M. I. Lewis accomplish the wonderful year we had in 2011. Your assistance allows us to provide the services and programs to serve our clients. Without you assisting the agency, by contributing your volunteer time, varied talents, and/or financial support, M. I. Lewis could not provide the level of service to the persons needing assistance in our community.

As we look forward to serving and growing to meet the needs of our clients in 2012, we see increased opportunity in service with some real challenges. The biggest challenge is to increase our funding to allow us to continue the mission of M. I. Lewis Social Service Center. We need your continued support and willingness to tell others in our communities to increase awareness of the agency services and the need of new individuals, groups, and companies to partner with us in 2012 and beyond.

Again, I appreciate your support in the past and hope to count on your continued support in the future. Join me in spreading the word of not only the need but also the great work being done by our staff, volunteers, and board members at M. I. Lewis. I always welcome your comments, thoughts and suggestions, and you can contact me at mdale@mcreeford.com or call me at 281-337-1529.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Dale
Board President

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