

A LETTER TO OUR NEIGHBORS



North Richmond Edition

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Mission Week Recap

And that's a wrap on our Eighth Annual Mission Week! From year one to year eight, vision of Mission Week has stayed the same: to bring the community together, to connect the bridge between the North Richmond community and surrounding areas, and to combine the different programs that we offer all during one event! We conquered the week one rainy day at a time with faith in God's plan for this year's Mission Week. As always, God shined His light on our community with a week full of fun, spiritual growth, relationship building, team work, and community development!



Through the storm, we were reminded of God's almighty power when He cleared the rainy weather right before the evening began on almost every day of the week!

Over 150 children and teenagers braved the rain and participated in our Kids Camp, Basketball Tournament and new Teen Program! New friendships were built, teamwork was practiced, and smiles could be seen everywhere you looked. This year, Mission Week hosted a new teen's program that included photography lessons by Cody Pinzon, jewelry making led by Tina Sansone with Friends of Vince, and worship dance lessons by Ada Shorts with Live Ministries! It was a full week of fun and learning!



Over at the Boys and Girls Club, the Basketball Tournament was in full swing. Teams battled it out to be one of the final two teams on Thursday competing for the grand prize – MOVIE AND FOOD GIFT CARDS! The players exercised team work, performed great sportsmanship, learned some new skills from the coaches, and had a blast competing against each other!





Led by Felipe Lopez and Allehseya Hawk, adults and kids alike came together to make an art exhibit called "The Faces of North Richmond." Participants created the faces of North Richmond by painting a portrait of one another's faces on clear plastic then pressing it to paper. This creative and fun activity was full of color and laughter!



Scattered throughout the neighborhood, our Home Repair teams worked on 6 different home repairs, and 2 home demolishes! Covered in dust and paint, our home repair volunteers worked every night to not only repair the homes, but to build friendships and pray with the home owners. Home repairs are ongoing projects until each home is revitalized! If you are interested in volunteering for home repairs, our team is always in need of an extra set of hands. Please contact the volunteer coordinator, Sarah Beth, for more information and volunteer registration.

The week ended with a community celebration and a bingo tournament led by the City of Richmond with our own City Commissioner Barry Beard calling the BINGO numbers. The parking lot was covered by snow cone stands, burgers being grilled, the fire department showing off their fire truck, the prayer team praying over the community, the Fort Bend Transit bus picking up and dropping off residents, and a row of vendors sharing resources within the community.



At Friends of North Richmond, we are here to awaken potential and provoke transformation, but the success of Mission Week could not have been possible without the helping hands of each and every volunteer and every donation. With every new friendship made and every beaming smile, we know we are blessed to be a part of such an amazing community like North Richmond.



The Volunteer Classifieds

Email our Volunteer Coordinator Sarah Beth for more details:
sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org

Adult Education

GED – 2 Volunteers Needed - Ongoing Year Round – Thursday 4pm until 5:30pm – To start as soon as we have the volunteer available – Help tutor participants to master what they need in the 4 GED areas to pass their tests to empower them to build their lives.

JFL Youth – 2 Volunteers Needed – Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm until 7pm – Targeted start date August 28th for 8 weeks period. – Help mentor and guide young adults ages 16 through 24 years of age through our Empowered for Life program enabling them with the self confidence and knowledge to get a job or go to college.

ESL – 2 Volunteers Needed – Saturday 8am to 9:30am – To start as soon as we have the volunteer available – Help adult students learn English as a second language. You do not need to know Spanish to teach the class.

Computer Class – 2 Volunteers Needed – Wednesday 5pm to 6:30pm – to start August 22nd – Help answer questions for adults learning computer skills as the teacher leads students through the class.

YOU CAN ACADEMY

Starting again in September we will be hosting our You Can Academy every Monday through Friday 3-5pm. This is the time we need volunteers to help tutor and mentor 1st through 5th grade students. Relationships form from volunteers showing up consistently week after week and encouraging the students! We currently have 60 students in our program, so we need more volunteers! Email us if you would like to volunteer just one day a week or maybe all five.



HOME REPAIR

Do you love to do home repair projects or want to help demo a home? Looking for a way to give back on the weekend? Friends of North Richmond will be starting Home Repair Weekends on the First Saturday and the Third Saturday of the month going forward. Times will be announced soon, so please keep an eye out for email updates, Facebook posts, and Remind Texts! We look forward to working with each one of you!



HOPE AFTER HARVEY

Need prayer? Right in front of our building there is a prayer wall where you can write your prayers, or come inside our office on Tuesday at 1pm to receive prayer from our Prayer Team. If you have a confidential prayer, write them down on a piece of paper and place it in the prayer box in our office. All prayer requests are prayed over by our Prayer Team and local ministers and are kept confidential. If you have the gift of compassion and prayer and would like to join the Prayer Team, contact Sarah Beth at Sarahbeth@attackpoverty.org for more details.

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For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.
Ephesians 2:10

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