

ANNUAL REPORT 2018
10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY







Dear Catalyst,

We are grateful for your support of 6 Stones Mission Network. The stories and statistics contained within these pages are a testament to the power of a community that works together. A community that wouldn't be the same without you.

Traditionally, our Annual Reports contain a handful of individual stories from the previous year that show the power and impact of 6 Stones programs. We believe that transformation starts with passionate individuals; Catalysts of Hope, if you will. We believe in celebrating those individuals in order to inspire others.

But we also believe that a Coalition is stronger than a single Catalyst.

It is our desire that you be inspired by the stories of men and women whose lives were changed in 2018, from New Hope Center volunteers to Night of Hope recipients. That their testimony will renew in your spirit an abiding hope that goes far beyond anything we could create.

And, more importantly, that you'll see the way that those stories fit into the greater tapestry of our community: the power of collaboration to heighten and expand the transformation that is taking place here.

This year, we've split this space evenly between stories about individual impact and stories that emphasize the collaborative nature of the things that happen every day at 6 Stones. We hope that you see yourself in every Catalyst Profile, and that you find your place in every Coalition Spotlight. And we look forward to working with you again in 2019 and beyond.

Sincerely,

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Assisted **683** homeowners



Helped

132,012

through the New Hope Center

Provided

37,990
kids with school supplies

VISION

The vision of 6 Stones is to be a catalyst of hope that transforms lives, homes and our community.

VALUES

In all we do, we will be:
Christ-centered
Unified
Honorable
Respectful
Compassionate
Service Oriented

MISSION

6 Stones is building a coalition of churches, businesses and others that provides solutions to meet the needs of our community.



Blessed

30,233
kids with
Christmas gifts



Volunteered over **352,204**

hour



\$12,552,866

in our community



For Dorothy, the path toward 6 Stones began nearly twenty years ago with a multi-car, double rear-ending collision. After months of pain, she was finally referred to a surgeon who insisted on an immediate back surgery. During the operation, doctors discovered that the damage to Dorothy's spine was even worse than anyone had feared. They expected to find three collapsed cervical discs. In reality, all twenty-three had given way, including the one that controls breathing.

Dorothy had to re-learn everything. How to walk. How to swallow her food. She was doing well, too, until a searing pain in her feet cut her recovery short. She had developed plantar fasciitis, which grew into tendonitis that became neuropathy. Her damaged nerves have sidelined her for the last seven years.

As Dorothy's health declined, she was no longer fit to continue working as a registered nurse. With her medical bills piling up even as her income streams dissolved, Dorothy was forced to move. She resettled in an apartment where she could barely scrape by on her pension from Parkland Hospital. For the first time, she struggled to stock her pantry. Until her apartment manager passed along a flyer for 6 Stones.

Visiting the New Hope Center was difficult for Dorothy. She found herself completely out of her comfort zone, grappling with a new set of experiences and trying to understand it all as it hit her in waves. But she could no longer dwindle her fear of what others would think of her: the need for food and clothes outweighed it all. And it was in the midst of this new experience that she found the courage to put one foot in front of the other. She came in for food and clothing assistance. She stayed on as a volunteer counselor.

"When you float on your tummy, it's called the Dead Man's Float. It sucks the life out of you. That's what the Enemy wants us to do... to concentrate on what is wrong," Dorothy said. "But the Lord showed me that the only way you make it is to flip over and look up. That's where our redemption is. The minute I started counseling, I had flipped over. I was looking up... I met these awesome people, and as I rendered to them, God began to heal me.

"You've gotta make a step," Dorothy adamantly advises. "And when you make a step, then God never lets you down."

For Dorothy, volunteering dismantled the lie that she had nothing to offer; that her life was essentially over. She now shares her understanding with others, imparting courage and wisdom to men and women who find themselves in the same position of need that has taught her so much. She still comes in for food and clothing every now and again, but she's not ashamed. She's proud of the path she's walking now. And glad to walk it with others.

"If I had to do it again, everything that I've walked in the last seven years? I would do it in a split second to be where I am now," she said. "I have joy, I have hope, and I have peace. Just because bad things happen doesn't mean it's the end."











COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

16 ... GROUPS



FOLLOW UP TEAMS





64
PARTNERING
CHURCHES



. **1,709** FOLLOW UPS

OPERATION BACK 2 SCHOOL

3,676 elementary

O secondary

3,676

2,820 elementary

secondary

2,820

1,744 elementary

1,375 secondary

3,119

2,512 elementary

2,604 secondary

5,116

2,829 elementary

3,000 secondary

5,829

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2010

2011

2012

2013

2014

2015

2016

2017

2018

1,099 elementary

O secondary

1,099

3,640 elementary

O secondary

3,640

2,640 elementary

628 secondary

3,268

2,132 elementary

1,850 secondary

3,982

2,610 elementary

2,831 secondary

5,441









Box trucks, pickups dragging trailers, and even compact cars swarm in the parking lot behind 6 Stones. It's 8:30 a.m. on a Thursday, and dozens of local nonprofits will rotate through the 6 Stones warehouse in the next few hours. Each of them will take at least a pallet of food back home. As of November 2018, 6 Stones and Midwest Food Bank served 44 local partners... and counting.

Midwest has been operating out of the 6 Stones warehouse since the summer of 2018. The program is still gaining momentum, but in its first six months, it moved more food than we processed alone in all of 2017. That means more reliable supplies for the New Hope Center every week. It also means that we can help other communities work together as we do here in HEB; one partnership at a time. Case in point: Laura Marie Cooper.

13 years ago, Cooper hit rock bottom. Divorced, wheelchair-bound, and raising three kids on her own, she found herself desperately searching for hope. She lived out of her car for a season. Now, after recovering her ability to walk and settling into a new apartment, she uses her little Ford Focus to feed others.

"I know what it's like to be homeless, I know what it's like to be hungry. There's no worse feeling than being hungry and homeless," Cooper said. "Although I may not can provide a home, I can provide food."

Cooper, an ordained minister who launched her ministry as a personal effort, now feeds homeless and isolated individuals across Kaufman County. She operates with the support of her church, but the nonprofit is hers alone: Cooper stores everything she distributes in her car or apartment. Small operations like hers depend on community connection, and may not qualify for support from traditional food distribution services. Even if she did, she couldn't process truckloads of supplies every week.

Instead, she fills her car with food provided by 6 Stones and Midwest Food Bank. She's not alone. Every week, Ron Monroe and Charis Initiative pick up and distribute an entire truckload of food. The size of that truck may vary (from 7 feet of pickup to 26 feet of box truck), but the mission never does.

Ron wants to help men and women stabilize and stay off the streets of Fort Worth.

"They say that if you're down in the homeless corridor, within about 90 days, you've lost all of your hope... if someone doesn't come alongside you and walk beside you, you are not going to make it out. It becomes a trap," Monroe said.

"Our whole goal for homeless ministry — and even for folks that are just struggling — is to move them to the next level.... what 6 Stones has done for me is they've put something in my hand that I can give to someone else."



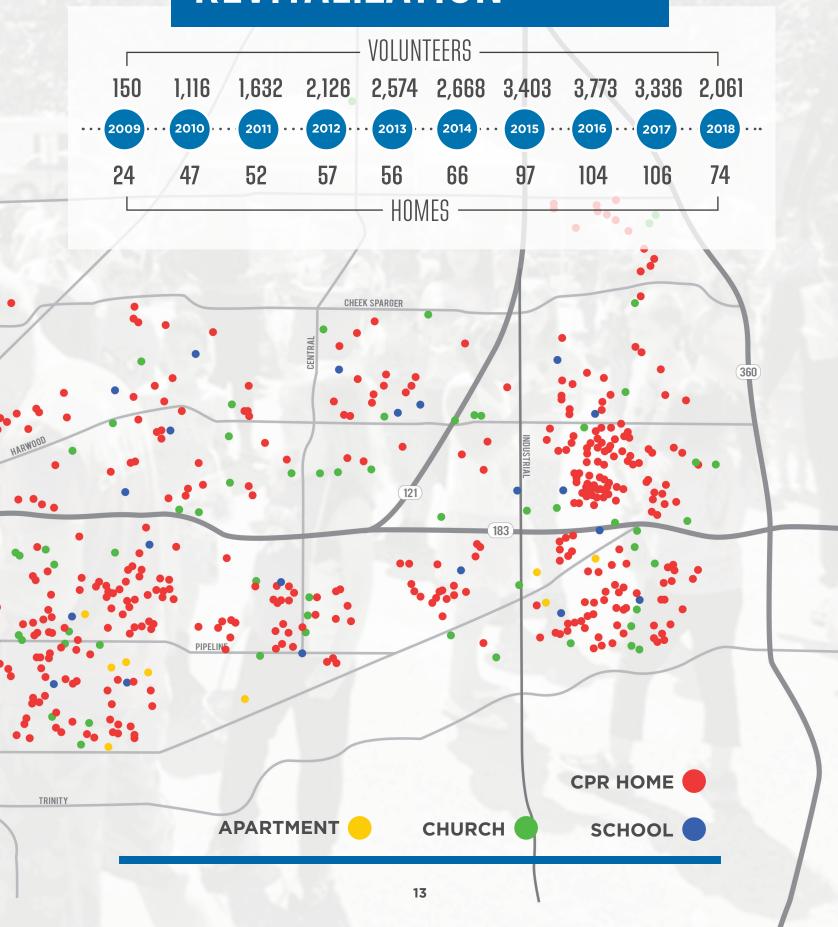






COMMUNITY WIDE IMPACT Over the last 10 years, we have partnered with local churches, engaged in apartment communities, revitalized homes and made a difference in schools. Each one is marked on the map below. N TARRANT PKWY

COMMUNITY POWERED REVITALIZATION





THE HOME THAT LEWIS AND BARBARA BUILT

AFTER ENDURING SEGREGATION, THIS COUPLE IS GRATEFUL FOR A UNIFIED COMMUNITY

Most of us get to choose the life we live. Our parents might set us on a certain path, but we decide where it ends; what twists and turns we walk along the way. Barbara and Lewis didn't always get that opportunity Their education was shaped by a national conflict; their careers decided by cultural forces outside of their control. But in spite of discrimination and military drafts, through an unfriendly job market, they got to choose one thing.

They chose their family.

Lewis loved his wife from the moment they met. They were high school students at the time, caught up in one of the most important moments in American history. Lewis remembers sitting in the church where Martin Luther King Jr. organized the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955; how hard it was to get to work once that boycott took effect. For Barbara, the buses had a more ominous tone.

"We was big time," she recalls. "We was in the middle of it. The desegregation bid, the marching, all of that.

The teachers had to be careful about traveling back and forth to school. It was really scary. You didn't know from one day to the other what was going to happen.

"On the news and all of that would be about how people would be sitting in the bushes or something, and they might bomb the bus. Or they might shoot the bus. You know, you just didn't know what was going to happen with you between home and school."

When 17-year-old Barbara met Lewis, they weren't allowed to eat lunch at the restaurant counter. Their drinking fountains were hidden around the corner from ones designated only for white people. Their schools were segregated, and they rode a completely different bus than the kids who lived across the street.

"I don't want to think back," Barbara said. "I don't want to go back there. Because it's such a big change, such a big difference. I've lived in different places, and you can really see the difference in the people and the places I've come through."

Barbara followed her grandmother to New York state after graduation in search of a more open job market. Lewis stayed behind, eventually enlisting in the Army. They wrote to each other occasionally; Lewis in the hopes of eventually marrying, Barbara with the detached care of a friend.

After finishing his military contract, Lewis took a job in Boston and courted Barbara outright. They married in August of 1963; the same year schools in Montgomery began to desegregate. They brought two daughters with them when they moved to Bedford in 1983.

The couple is retired now, and has been for some time. They celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary this year, and their love is as strong as ever. When Lewis lost most of his mobility and nearly all of his eyesight, Barbara gladly took charge of his care. But neither of them could do the work necessary to keep their home up to code. Last Fall, Community Powered Revitalization handled that problem for them.

"If you live in a place, you don't want it looking bad. [Our house] needed repair work, and we're kind of senior citizens at 82," Barbara said. "We weren't able to go out and paint the outside and do the things that needed to be done.

"It's just great to see people cooperating together and doing things together... and they mean what they're doing. They believe in what they're doing. They're helping people, and that's just great. Years ago, it wouldn't be that... but now, people are grouping together and cooperating and getting along. It's just great to see this happening like this."





2010

667 families

2,218 kids



753 families

2012

2,915 kids



2014

1,182 families

3,206 kids

2009

263 families

1,166



2011

673 families

2,911



2013

1021 families

3,002







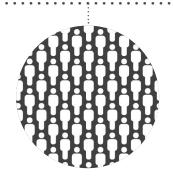




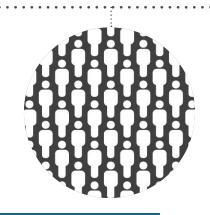
2016 **1,542** families **3,776** kids

2018 **1,430** families **3,748** kids

2015 **1,389** families **3,465** kids



2017 **1,642 4,242** kids





THE GENEROUS LEGACY OF DFW PLASTICS

FOR THIS LOCAL COMPANY, CHARITABLE INVESTMENT IS THE ONLY BUSINESS MODEL

DFW Plastics is a family company in the truest sense. Founded by Bob and Carroll McKinnon in 1978, the polymer manufacturer now rests firmly in the hands of that couple's children. But Jim McKinnon, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, says that the company's family ties go beyond himself and his three sibling coworkers; Tom, Tina, and Bob Jr. The entire business is built around the community that raised them.

Both Jim and DFW Plastics have supported 6 Stones since its founding in 2009.

Jim remembers Bedford as a very different place compared to the city we know today. When First Baptist Church of Euless first proposed launching a nonprofit, it shocked him to learn how much the community had changed from the affluent, semi-rural town where he



grew up. He remembers listening to pastors at the church as they explained that kids in this community were growing up homeless, sleeping in cars and on couches around the community.

That kind of need couldn't stand if the company was going to honor its founder.

"[Dad] was very loving and gregarious. And giving: he would have just given the shirt off his back to anybody," Jim said. "As God blessed him, he always looked for opportunities to bless others... That's something he instilled in all four of [his kids]; that when God blesses you, you bless others. He's blessing you so that you can bless others."

It was impossible for Jim to ignore the needs in his hometown. He felt that his company — and his family — had been blessed and supported by the community that raised him. That made it his duty and his privilege to return the favor.

Over the years, Jim has worn many hats at 6 Stones. He volunteered in the food pantry and served on advisory teams for nearly every program. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors. At first, he valued the nonprofit for the way it connected him to his childhood home. Now, he's excited to be seeing results.

"When you go to these events and everybody is there, you're talking to the kids and loving on them and their families, it feels like home. It feels like 'This is where I belong. This is where I'm from. These are my people.' They might be from all different parts of the world,

different nationalities and speak a different language and have different cultures. But they're all in my home. That's the exciting part," Jim said.

"I think everybody should have an opportunity to be involved in their local nonprofit. The one that is helping the neighbor down the street. Or is talking with kids that go to school with your kids, or families that go to church with you and your family. Those are the opportunities where you get to build that community and build those relationships. Without those relationships, the community will begin to dissolve. It will begin to erode from within."



Last year alone, you helped

15,124 People

through the New Hope Center

NORTH TEXAS GIVING DAY



2018













BLACK & BLUE FOOD DRIVE

102,882 FOOD ITEMS

DONATED BY HEB ISD





Five years ago, doctors told Zeb Montgomery's family that he had Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Zeb fought cancer for 18 months; the first 15 filled with laughter. He danced with nurses, challenged his grandparents to Monopoly, and started a prank war with his doctor. If his attitude could have determined his destiny, he would certainly have beaten the disease. Over time, however, it began to take its toll. In his final months, Zeb and his grandparents, Rick and Judy, dreamed up a nonprofit that could deliver soccer balls to every corner of the globe. The idea helped inspire him to fight, but it couldn't fully heal him.

When Zeb passed away, his family asked guests to bring soccer balls to the funeral instead of flowers.

The community responded. 834 soccer balls lined the church during Zeb's funeral. Another 1,200 arrived afterward. Empty shelves became the norm in every athletic store for miles around his hometown of Aledo, TX. In the midst of tragedy, the Montgomery family had a clear path in front of them. They launched a nonprofit in honor of their late grandchild: Zeb's Foundation.

Since 2014, the nonprofit has delivered roughly 5,000 soccer balls to 26 countries around the world. As it grew, the Montgomery family and their Board of Directors turned their attention back home. They wanted to make an impact right here in Texas, and they were delighted to find an international community thriving just a half-hour's drive from their home.

Liga HEB, an intramural soccer league run in partnership by 6 Stones and the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District, gave them a chance not only to serve a global population in their own community, but to connect with students who would have been Zeb's peers on the field.

"To me, the middle school age is so vulnerable. They just capture my heart, in a way, because they're at an age where their lives can take several different directions," Judy said. "To think that just being able to do something as simple as playing on a soccer team and having the camaraderie and relationship with other kids could actually even help them in school? That means a lot to me."

Last year, 138 boys got to represent their schools on the pitch through Liga HEB. Almost all of them outperformed their at-risk peers in the classroom, missing half as many days of school in the process.

Demographics vary from team to team in the league, but nearly 75% of players are economically disadvantaged. Some play for private soccer clubs on their own time. Plenty more have never taken part in an organized match; they know the game as they play it in the street. But no matter where you come from, you need one thing to play: a soccer ball.

Zeb's Foundation has committed to helping to cover equipment costs in Liga HEB indefinitely. As far as they can see, this is their grandson's best chance to keep the game going. And, in the process, to bring people together like never before.

"Watching those players out on the field, you know, it tugs at our heart," Rick said. "it was just such a joy... the soccer ball — and soccer — is almost like a universal currency. So many people value it. But it's also like a universal language... it's like it overcomes the cultural boundaries that exist. It helps people to form a unity. A union. A relationship."







2018 AWARDS

2018 GAME CHANGERS

CPR | LG Services

Operation Back 2 School | **NE Tarrant Lions**

Night of Hope | First Baptist Hurst

New Hope Center | Carolyn Keeling

Community Garden | Jason & Rachel Thurman

Community Ministries | Larry Lehrmann

Liga HEB | Zeb's Foundation

Corporate Sponsor of 2018 | Bank of America

Corporate Volunteer of 2018 | Lockheed Martin

Faith Based Organization of 2018 | Compass Church

School Based Advocate of 2018 | Tami Emery

Next Gen Award of 2018 | **HEB ISD Adult Transition Center Students**

Inkind Sponsor of 2018 | Republic Services

Gary McKamie Catalyst of Hope Award | John Meador

2018 COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS

Operation Back 2 School

Suzette Mikhail

Guy Escano

Erin Biggs

Tyler Williams

Naomi Jones

Merredith McKenna

Night of Hope

Kim Campbell

Paul Baccus

Melissa Yoshioka

Samantha Snow

Betsy Deck

CPR

Overhead Door of Ft. Worth - Chuck Blume

Kelly-Moore Paints - Mike Cagle

Sunbelt Rentals - Shane Wood

The Home Depot - District 169

Sherwin-Williams - Kathryn Barlow

Smith Lawn and Tree - David Yonis

Russell Simpler

Community Ministries

David Pait

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Ann Glockson

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