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THOSE OF YOU WHO GAVE TO OUR MATCHING FUNDS CAMPAIGN,

Thank You!

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious. Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind! Psalm 66:1-2,5

Tuesday mornings are "orderly chaos" at Impact, when hundreds of people are on our campus to receive food and other help. One of these Tuesdays I walked through our office foyer and saw a woman with two young girls waiting on the hall benches, where there are often people waiting to speak with a minister or with one of our social workers. I found out that she had recently immigrated from Venezuela, and was looking for any help that we could give because her girls were sleeping on a mattress on the floor. I felt empathy for this because I have two little kids around the same ages as her daughters, and in the winter it's not nice to sleep on the floor.

I noticed that the man who works in our warehouse was also in the reception area, and I asked him if we had beds and other household items that we could give to her. He said yes and immediately went to find the things that she desperately needed. Friends, this type of immediate response, prioritizing the needs of suffering people and their children without bureaucracy and obstacles is only because of:

- 1) God's abundant love he has blessed us with, and
- 2) the generosity of those who have donated to Impact through the years.

The chain of people involved in bringing help into the hands of people is long, and it starts with you! We are a church that speaks God's love to those who visit us, and thanks to your support we can speak of God's love not only with words but with something even better - **actions**. And I also want to thank you personally - because that day I had a smile on my face knowing that those two little ones were not going to be sleeping on the floor again! **Carlos Inglés**

A couple of weeks ago Nestor came to us with his family asking for groceries. They had just moved to Houston from Venezuela, [this is a different Venezuelan family from the one Carlos discussed above], escaping from the sad situation in their country, and did not have basic necessities such as food, beds, and clothes. They were staying with another family for a couple of days. As soon as I heard of these needs, I arranged a way to help them with some clothes, food and things for the kids. They also were able to get food from our Resource Center and will be able to continue doing that twice a month. And as soon as they find a place to live, we will continue helping them with furniture, kitchen supplies, household goods, etc., because our love for our brother in need should never stop. It was awesome to see the way so many different team members came together in a matter of one hour to help bless this family. This to me is a beautiful image of the body of Christ working together for HIS glory.



Alejandro Arango

Thank you for your support!

One thing that has been a huge blessing for Jeremy and I is the number of meals we get to share with the middle schoolers each week. Sunday afternoon we have the fellowship meal after church. Tuesday we have one of our rockstar staff members, Perla, fix a hot meal to share with all of Middle School and High School students before bible study. Wednesdays and Thursdays Jeremy and I throw together something less impressive, but arguably still delicious, to eat with our small groups. That means that 4 different times a week we get the blessing of sitting around a table full of middle schoolers and sharing a meal with them. I'm not going to pretend that this is always a deep and meaningful moment spiritually, but it is definitely a time where the kids and I get a chance to bond with one another. We let some walls down, hear about each other's weeks, and enjoy some great fellowship before spending some time in God's word. This luxury of providing a meal for the kids 4 days a week could not be done without the huge generosity of donors who help make this possible. Not only has this been a physical blessing of providing a meal, but even more so for providing a time where we can all come together. I hope this simple practice of sharing a meal together can continue to encourage the kids to gather around HIS TABLE and to feast on HIS WORDS for years to come. Thank you again for helping make this possible.

Sydney Reynolds and Jeremy Varner



I continue to be so grateful, especially in a pandemic, for the unbroken chain of supporting churches and individuals who make it possible for us to have a Fellowship meal on Sundays after worship.

When unable to come in person, you sent generous funds to cover expenses or you creatively made a way to provide "to go" meals. You even made a way to provide safe "dine in" meals during the worst of times. Impact's kitchen staff also stood in the gap at times to keep Luke 14 meals alive and well.

THANK YOU! Lord, for sustaining all of us to be faithful to this important part of your mission.
Ron Sellers

Everyday there are people in our ministries facing a crisis. Some have nowhere to turn for help, but through your donations Impact is able to say YES to helping people with immediate needs. Some of the ways we have been able to help in the last few months include:

- new shoes for a kid who comes to church with shoes that were falling apart
- a pizza for a mom with 4 little kids whose husband has been out of town for a month working
- \$10 for a teen wanting to go to the carnival at their school
- electricity bill money for a mom who had to take 2 weeks off work because her daughter was exposed to Covid-19 at school

While some of these things are very small, they make a huge difference for people in their lowest moments. We are thankful to God for providing such amazing people like you to support His work at Impact.

Caroline Morales

Michael Guffy

I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and was working for one of the largest counseling groups in the Houston area until the funding was recently found to allow me to devote myself full time to providing free counseling here at Impact. I am able to offer counseling, both spiritual and mental health, to Impact members and even to the families we meet through our Resource Center. I believe that mental health counseling is inadequate without including the spiritual teachings found in scripture, and it is my joy to be able to offer this to my community at Impact and the underserved of Houston. Thank you for making it possible!



One of the greatest benefits of ministering at impact is that I get the chance to see God's hand at work up close and personal in the lives of our Outdoorsmen. Not only are we privileged to feed them, allow them showers, wash their clothes, and share with them the word of God, but God has blessed us with buses so that on these recent cold nights we are able to transport them from outdoors to warm indoor spaces. Furthermore, because of the love shown to them in meeting their physical needs, many of our outdoorsmen have begun to attend worship once again. God is amazing! Through your support He has blessed so many.

Tim Sells