



Hello and welcome to *our December newsletter*

It's the most wonderful time of the year! As we approach the new year, we want to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a fantastic New Year! We are so grateful for the ways you have joined us throughout this year, and we are excited for all that 2025 will bring. We already have many wonderful things in store and hope you'll continue to be part of our journey for another impactful year!

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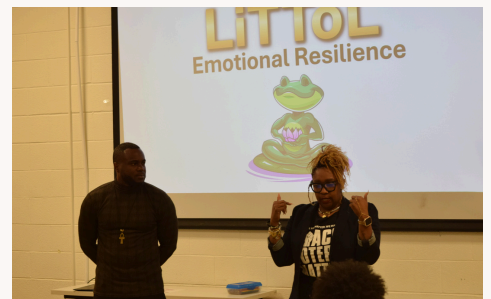
November Recap

A month of gratitude, November is a special month where we are able to

November always brings warm feels as we celebrate Thanksgiving with loved ones. We were able to partner with Freedom Church to give away Turkeys to community members. Additionally, we distributed food bags for turkey dinners with Mrs. Patty Pressley and Cougar Corner.

We had an amazing time working with our families in our Case Management program, and the youth who participated in our programs to identify angels to be adopted for the Angel Tree. 82 angels (youth) were adopted, and will receive Christmas gifts. What a joyous time it will be for them and their families.

Our partnership with Champ & Building Pathways continues to be fruitful for the community members, and we are so grateful for the Barber Mentorship program, where the youth were able to come learn from a professional barber, the skills that it takes to be a successful barber, as well as emotional wellness skills.



Community Member & Staff Perspective



“CHAMP recently wrapped up our fall session at LVT Rise, where we focused on empowering youth to reflect on their past experiences and shape their futures using positive coping skills. Additionally, we successfully concluded our inaugural Barber Tech and Emotional Resilience Express training. This unique opportunity allowed young adults to explore and gain hands-on experience in the barber industry while building critical emotional intelligence and resilience skills. At CHAMP, we believe in providing innovative pathways for growth, healing, and skill development to prepare our youth for brighter futures.” – Lachelle Goodrich, CHAMP

“I really enjoyed partnering with Champ Texas and Master Barber Goodrich for the Emotional Resilience + Barber Tech Express Training last month! Not only did we discuss mindfulness, the power of affirmations, and how to navigate the emotional muck of our own internal blockages, but we were also intentional about providing practical tools for the workshop attendees. In addition to the enticing the attendee's desire to learn barber skills from Goodrich, each person left the workshop with a better understanding of how to Deal with Anger in the Moment. I am humbled to report that as a success.” – Louie McClain, Building Pathways

“I like this place because we get to express our feelings and to experience new things that we have never heard about or learned. I like coming here because I get to spend time with my friends and my brother, and I always like to come here because if you have a bad day, you can tell the teacher when you get here and they you can express it and tell them what happened.” – Rosi, CHAMP participant

Upcoming Partners On-Site

Tuesdays:

10AM-12PM Tarrant Area Food Bank

10:30-11:30AM The Parenting Class (Spanish)

Thursdays:

9AM-12PM STD Testing

5:30-6:30PM Zumba Class

Saturdays:

Christmas Movies 12-2PM

Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who donated Christmas gifts, winter clothing, and adopted an angel from the Angel Tree! This Christmas season will be one to remember because of you all!



Year-End Giving

We invite you to make a year-end donation, so we can continue our work in the LVT area. Click the link at the bottom of this page to make a year-end donation.



Snack Donations

We are currently accepting individually wrapped snack donations. Bring all snack donations to the front desk at LVTRise.



Monthly Giving Program

Become a Rise Community Partner today by joining our monthly giving program at an amount that works for you. Every monthly donor who signs up will receive a gift after their first donation, as a token of our appreciation.



Volunteer

Sign up to become a volunteer, and join us next year as a food pantry volunteer on Tuesdays from 9AM-12PM.



2024-WHAT A YEAR!

Check out all the exciting things from 2024 at LVTRise.



LET'S CELEBRATE- 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

As a donor, have you ever wondered if your contributions truly make a difference or where your support goes? Wonder no more! We couldn't have accomplished everything we did in 2024 without the generosity of donors like you. Please note, the following numbers reflect January-November. For a complete overview of the year, be sure to look out for our 2024 Annual Report, which will be released in January 2025.

Health & Wellness

- 318,761 pounds of food distributed through our weekly food pantry with Tarrant Area Food Bank (TAFB)
- 6,645 households received food at our weekly food pantry with TAFB
- 1307 families received fresh produce at our monthly produce pantry with Blue Zones & North Texas Healthy Communities
- 820 people received free STD testing at LVTRise through the Tarrant County Health Department
- 231 people participated in Walk with a Doc at LVTRise
- 120 people visited the mobile pediatric unit at LVTRise
- 542 people met with a SNAP representative at LVTRise
- 118 youth participated in the Champ program, learning and practicing mental wellness skills
- 104 participants in the Zumba class

Community Aide Services

- 341 Community members served in Case Management
 - 123 Community members served in the housing track
 - 119 Community members served in the basic needs track, and received either diapers, food, hygiene, or other basic necessities
 - 16 Community members obtained critical documents
 - 77 Community members served in the employment track
 - 6 Community members served in the education track
- *85% of the community members we served have a yearly income under \$30,000*

Youth Programming

- 82 angel tree adoptees
- 42 kids enrolled in Operation Polar Express with our NPO and other FWPD officers
- 421 kids participated in our STEM program

Education

- 70 parents attended weekly parenting classes
- 6,337 people visited the Fort Worth Public Library
- 11 students participated in the education cohort, with 100% college enrollment



LET'S HAVE ANOTHER GREAT YEAR IN 2025!

THANK YOU FOR SPENDING ANOTHER YEAR WITH US SERVING THE LVT COMMUNITY!



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