



Hello and welcome to our November newsletter

I hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a restful Thanksgiving and found moments to slow down, laugh, and connect. This season always brings me back to the heart of why we do what we do—showing up for one another—and I'm continually reminded how beautifully that spirit lives here at LVTRise.

As we step into December, our Annual Angel Tree is well underway, and we still have several angels from the Las Vegas Trail community hoping to be adopted. Each angel represents a child wishing for a little extra magic on Christmas morning, and with your support, we can make that joy possible. If you haven't adopted an angel yet, there is still time—we're working hard to have every child matched and gifts delivered to the center this week.

Thank you for sharing your warmth, your generosity, and your heart with our community. It truly makes all the difference.

Christian Harris
Development Manager



October Recap

In early October, we hosted National Night Out, welcoming over 500 community members for an evening of fun, food, and connection with local law enforcement. It was a wonderful reminder of the strength and spirit of our neighborhood—neighbors coming together, enjoying one another's company, and building relationships that help make our community safer and stronger.

As the holiday season approached—and with the ongoing uncertainty surrounding SNAP benefits—we launched an emergency food drive to ensure we could meet the growing needs of our community. We asked for specific food items and monetary donations so we could build complete food packages for individuals and families who came to the center in need. The response was immediate and overwhelming. Food poured through our doors, online donations came in quickly, and we were able to respond without hesitation.

Here's a snapshot of what we've been able to provide so far:

- Luella Merritt School: 50 food packages
- Western Hills High School: 50+ food packages
- West Park: 25 food packages
- Western Hills Primary: 25 food packages
- Western Hills Elementary: 25 food packages
- LVTRise Pantry: 43 food packages & 41 sandwich packages

We are proud that we have not had to turn away a single person or family seeking food support. Through our relationships at Western Hills High School, we've also seen a rise in student requests—and every student has been served. Many high schoolers shared that they ration food at home among siblings, but they know they can always rely on Cougar Corner.

We are incredibly grateful to the partners who hosted food drives on our behalf, including Luella Merritt, Paulie Ayala's University of Hard Knocks, National Charity League (NCL), and FirstService Residential.

Moments like National Night Out and the incredible support from our community remind us what true community looks like: neighbors showing up for neighbors, lifting one another up, and ensuring no one is left behind.



October Impact



Food Pantry Families served 1,222	Weekly STD Testing Participants 104	Fort Worth Public Library visitors 638	Volunteer Visits 177
Youth Activities Participants 71	Case Management 45	Special Events Participants 1,057	Volunteer Hours 463.09

Case Management Impact

Through our case management program, our amazing case manager recently helped Jean, a local mom, avoid eviction. With SNAP benefits cut, rising grocery costs, car repairs, and other unexpected expenses, she was \$640 short on rent. Thanks to the support and guidance of our team, we were able to cover the remaining balance and help her stay safely in her home. Even small acts of support like this can provide immense stability and relief when everyday life feels overwhelming.

In August, Sandy's world was turned upside down when her eight-year-old daughter was struck by a drunk driver in their apartment complex near the center. Her daughter spent three long months in the hospital, and Sandy became her full-time caretaker, navigating the daily challenges of caring for a child recovering from life-changing injuries. With work on hold and bills piling up, she faced the very real threat of losing her home. Through our case management program, we were able to cover her past-due rent and provide a few months of stability—giving her space to focus on her daughter's care while reconnecting with Workforce Solutions to find employment that fits her new life. Sandy's story is a powerful reminder of why our community support matters—helping families stay safe, together, and hopeful even in the most unimaginable circumstances.

Amber, a hardworking single mother and CNA, was facing a quieter, but no less difficult, challenge. Despite caring for others, she had been focused on catching up on bills and, with no family nearby, was preparing to skip Thanksgiving dinner for herself and her children. When our case manager reached out to check if she had what she needed for the holiday, we were able to step in and fill the gap. Thanks to that connection, Amber and her kids were able to sit down to a warm Thanksgiving meal together—a moment of comfort, joy, and normalcy in an otherwise challenging time.

These stories—Jean's, Sandy's, and Amber's—capture the heart of our work: walking alongside community members, meeting them where they are, and helping them find stability and hope when life gets tough. Together, they remind us that community support is more than just assistance; it's about care, connection, and showing up for one another when it matters most.





Your Impact Starts Here



Angel Tree

Give the Gift of Joy This Holiday Season!

Our Angel Tree is returning this Christmas, and you can help make the season bright for a child in our community. If you already know you'd like to adopt an angel and ensure they have a merry holiday filled with gifts, click the button at the bottom of the newsletter to adopt your angel today.

Your generosity creates holiday memories that last a lifetime!



Winter Drive

Help Keep Kiddos Warm This Winter

This season, we're collecting coats, gloves, scarves, and socks of all sizes to ensure every child in the LVT community stays warm and cozy. You can drop off or send your donations to 8201 Calmont Ave during regular business hours.

Your generosity makes a cold winter brighter for the kids—thank you for helping us share warmth and care!



Giving Tuesday – December 2, 2025

Help Us Feed Families During Uncertain Times

We're excited to participate in Giving Tuesday on December 2nd for the first time. This year, we're raising funds to support our holiday food bags, which help families get through the week with a mix of essential items. If you'd like to contribute, you'll find the Giving Tuesday link at the bottom of the newsletter.



Monthly Giving Program

Make a Lasting Impact—One Month at a Time!

Join our monthly giving program at any amount that feels right. Your steady support is essential to reaching those who need us most. As a thank you, new monthly donors will receive a special gift after their first donation—though the greatest gift is the impact your generosity makes possible.

We are so grateful!

We are so grateful to everyone who donated to our food drive and adopted an angel this season. Your generosity is helping families in the Las Vegas Trail community enjoy a little more security, joy, and hope during the holidays. Thank you for showing the power of community—coming together to lift up neighbors when they need it most.



Public Improvement District

The Las Vegas Trail PID (Public Improvement District) provides enhanced services and improvements that support the city while strengthening our community—helping create a safer, cleaner, and more vibrant neighborhood for all who live and work here. We are so grateful for the LVT PID and the positive impact it continues to have on our community.



Collaborate. Empower. Impact.

October Security Check Stats



BUSINESS CHECKS

207



CITIZEN CONTACTS

171



PARKING LOT CHECKS

206



ASSIST ON-DUTY UNITS

3



HOMELESS ENCOUNTERS

29

TOTAL INSTANCES

616

TOTAL PATROL HOURS

180

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

LVTRise Drive



Pasta Sauce
Alfredo Sauce
Boxed Pasta
Canned Green Beans
Canned Corn
Cup of Noodles
Ramen Noodles Square
Canned Beans
Chicken Noodle Soup
Canned Soup
Oatmeal
Peanut Butter
Canned Chicken
Canned Tuna
Crackers
Vienna Sausage
Uncle Ben's Rice
Spaghetti-o's
Mac & Cheese Cups
Mashed Potato Cups
Granola Bars

We are anticipating a substantial increase in food requests, please **help us feed hungry families** by donating these items, or donating at the QR code below.

Bring or send items to 8201 Calmont Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76116, during regular business hours.

[https://lvtrise.givingfuel.com/
/lvtrise-food-drive](https://lvtrise.givingfuel.com/lvtrise-food-drive)



Upcoming Partners On-Site

WEEKLY EVENTS:

TUESDAYS:

Food pantry 10AM-12PM

Game Night 3:30-5PM

WEDNESDAYS:

Bible Study 6-8PM

THURSDAYS:

STD Testing 9AM-12PM

Season of Change 5:30-7PM

Group Art Therapy 6:30-7:30PM

FRIDAYS:

Group Art Therapy 3-5PM

MONTHLY EVENTS:

12/4 Produce Pantry 9AM-12PM

12/6 Movie Day 12-2PM

12/9 Spectrum (The Night Before Christmas) 4-6PM

12/9 PNC Mobile Bus 9-11AM

12/13 Walk with a doc 8:30-9:30AM

12/13 Movie Day 12-2PM

12/18 Produce Pantry 9AM-12PM

12/19 Operation Polar Express 4-7PM

12/20 Movie Day 12-2PM

12/23 Food Pantry 10AM-12PM **BUILDING WILL CLOSE AFTER FOOD PANTRY**

12/23 PNC Mobile Bus 9-11AM

12/22 - 1/3 **BUILDING CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY**

