



# Hope Connection... Our Hearts to His

# Aug 2010

A Newsletter From Parker County Center of Hope

## Thank You Businesses

All State Insurance-Doyle Moss  
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American State Bank  
Apex Homes Inc.  
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Nusrat Khan, MD  
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Parker County Plaza  
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## Hunger In Our Hometown....

*"I come for the food,"* explained a 12 year old who came to Camp Hope with her brothers and sisters.

If you're wondering if there are any children who go hungry over the summer right here in Parker County, because they don't have a school lunch- there are. If you're thinking that you need to go to another country to share the Gospel to "unreached people groups" - you don't. Children and families in our own backyard, hunger both physically and spiritually.

In the past two years, Center of Hope has seen at least 80 new families every month. In some months that number has swelled to over 100 families. That doesn't mean 80-100 **people** each month; it means 100 **families** each month. Who are these families? You would be surprised that they often live not far from your neighborhood or are a friend of your child's from school. They shop at the same grocery store and they even pump gas right across from you. Many of our neighbors who seek help don't look like you would expect the "needy" to look.

The need is right here in front of you and it won't go away.  
YOU can make a difference. We need you in so many ways:

**Volunteer your time and talent \* Donate to help families with true need, not enabling generational poverty \* Partner with the growing team of businesses and individuals who are impacting Parker County.**

*"You can have instant coffee, and instant tea and instant potatoes, but you can't have instant relationships."*

*We can't measure out a portion of ourselves to each other, stir once, and be friends. Or measure out an instant prayer, and beat it with a fork until fluffy.*

*A relationship with depth has:*

- listening
- removing masks
- openness and honesty

*without which, no relationship is valid.*

- taken from *Mockingbirds and Angel Songs*  
by Jo Carr and Imogene Sorley

This is where we are moving -  
taking the time to develop  
relationships with depth.

**Join us - Volunteer!**

## Your Donations Are Working...

### In HOPE FOR TOMORROW

Jobs For Life Program  
Mentoring  
Accountability

### In EDUCATION

Computer classes  
Money Management  
GED classes

### In CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Groceries  
Meals  
Utilities / Prescriptions

**We are a Christ-centered ministry dedicated to helping others break the cycle of poverty in Parker County.**

## Finding her way to the Center . . .

On the first day of a long and cold winter in North Dakota, it was snowing out. That was October 12, 2008 and at 4:15 a.m. my husband, the love of my life, died. Micheall and I had joked about leaving before the first snow fall in North Dakota. It would start snowing shortly after midnight on that fateful Sunday morning....

Micheall's obituary could have read, "Micheall John Schieffer died on this date and Gloria May Schieffer died, *on the inside* . I felt nothing for so long, then the only feelings I could feel were anger and sadness.

I moved back to Weatherford to be closer to my children and grandchildren and rented an apartment from James and Sandy Scott. They invited me to Church, but I would not go at first. James shared with me about volunteering at **Center of Hope**– but I could not. I stayed in my apartment with the shades drawn and

isolated from everyone and everything. There were days when I did not want to go on and begged God to just let me die. I questioned God as to why He brought me here when I wanted to go to Oklahoma or Stephenville. It just never worked out for me to leave Weatherford.

When the funds from the sale of my home in North Dakota were running low, I mentioned to James and Sandy that I might have to move.

When they came over to check on me one day, we visited for a long time. I talked about my sob story, about not having a job or even the desire to look for one. They prayed with me and James mentioned again the **Center of Hope** and the Jobs For Life program.

The day I finally went to the Center, was the first day of a Jobs For Life class. The only name I had was Jim Barber and since I didn't have an

appointment I was introduced to Jane. Jane gave me a tour, found out I needed a job, introduced me to Tom Dean and I was able to begin the class that day! I cried through most of the class that day, as I experienced so much emotion.

Through the love and prayer of everyone at the Center and James and Sandy, I was finally able to look to the future and to stop dragging my past around with me. The **Center of Hope** is aptly named because I have truly found new hope for me in my daily life and my future is looking very hopeful! I read a quote recently in a book by Barbara Johnson that sums up how I feel: "*As Christians we have ENDLESS HOPE, not a HOPELESS END.*"

**Gloria Schieffer**

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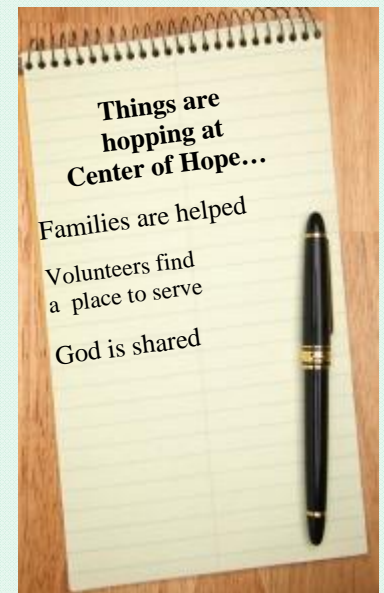
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<p>Not a golfer but would like to support our mission?</p> <p><b>BE A SPONSOR!!</b></p> <p>From Hole Sponsor for \$150 to Title Sponsor For \$5000</p>	<p><i>Our Third Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting</i></p> <p><b>Center Of Hope</b></p> <p><b>Monday October 11</b> at <i>Canyon West Golf Club</i></p> <p><a href="http://www.centerofhopetx.com">www.centerofhopetx.com</a></p>	<p><b>4 Man Scramble \$500 Team \$125 Individual</b></p> <p><b>11:30 am Registration 12:30 Shotgun Start</b></p> <p><b>Lunch and dinner Provided</b></p> <p><b>Awards &amp; Prizes</b></p>
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Please visit our website and click on the link "golf tournament" for complete details.

## August 2010 Calendar of Classes

2 JFL Session Ends 1-3pm WC Computer Excel 8:30-12:30	3 Basic Fin. Mgt 1-2pm WC Excel 8:30-12:30 Parenting Class 6-7	4 WC Computer Excel Class 8:30-12:30pm	5 WC Computer Excel Class 8:30-12:30pm
9 New JFL class 1pm WC Computer Excel 8:30-12:30pm Smart Grocery Shopping 6-7pm	10 WC Computer Excel Class 8:30-12:30pm Parenting Class 6-7	11 JFL Summit 1-2pm WC Computer PowerPoint 8:30-12:30	12 WC Computer PowerPoint 8:30-12:30
16 JFL Class 1pm WC Computer PowerPoint 8:30-12:30 Library Tour 1-2pm	17 Basic Fin. Mgt 1-2pm WC PowerPoint 8:30-12:30 Parenting Class 6-7	18 JFL Summit 1-2pm WC PowerPoint 8:30-12:30	19 Basic Fin. Mgt 1-2pm WC PowerPoint 8:30-12:30 Reception for computer class
23 JFL Class 1pm	24 Basic Fin. Mgt 1-2pm Parenting Class 6-7	25 JFL Summit 1-2pm	26 Basic Fin. Mgt 1-2pm
30 JFL Class 1pm	31 Basic Fin. Mgt 1-2pm Parenting Class 6-7		



**Give today:**  
Your time,  
Your money,  
Your prayers!



### Planting the Seed...

"I'm kind of impressed with myself," Melissa told me. "A few months ago, I couldn't face 2 hours from now, and today I'm able to face people and face life." "Melissa" came to Center of Hope soon after she moved to Weatherford. She came to separate from a destructive family situation. While the move was good for her daughter, it was devastating for her to leave her network of family and friends to start over. Melissa plugged into the classes

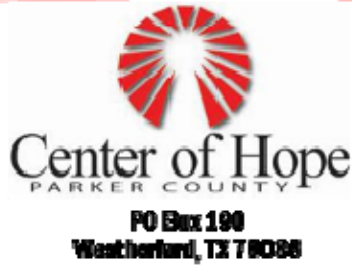
offered at the Center and will graduate from the Jobs for Life Program in August. Along with a team of students, Melissa organized a recent Jobs for Life Hoot which is a fun time where families of students and volunteers get together to eat and fellowship.

A few months ago, Melissa had no job and no hope. "At some point, everything clicked for me," she says. "I'm not sure when it happened or how it happened, but everything came together and I now have hope for a better life. I've had a serious struggle

with accepting God," she candidly admits. "I came from a religious background that worked for my family, but didn't work for me. I'm still working on finding a relationship with God and figuring that out."

At Center of Hope, we don't require everyone to jump through every hoop and profess Jesus as Lord to receive help. Our volunteers offer Christ as our Source of Hope and plant the seed of the Kingdom. Then we let God take care of watering that seed and hope that it produces a full harvest in their lives.





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**Ways in HOW You Can Give...**

There are several ways in which you may gift your donation. You may donate in the form of a "in memory of..", or an "in honor of .." or anonymously by using the envelope provided. You may come to either of our locations in Weatherford or Aledo or you can also go online to give through a secure network.

However you choose to donate, may you know just how much it blesses our neighbors, our programs, and our mission. Within our newsletters, you will see ways in which your donations are being used to help families in need.

**Look Who's In The Kitchen**

**WEATHERFORD**

First United Methodist  
Spring Creek  
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First Baptist Dennis  
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The Church in Peaster  
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