

# ShelterSpeak

The Newsletter of the Austin Street Centre Thanksgiving 2006

## WE NEED YOU this holiday season!

More than 200 poor families who live in the neighborhoods surrounding Austin Street Centre have come to rely on the generosity of our friends and supporters. For the 18th consecutive year and beginning in mid-December, we will once again offer food baskets and bags of toys to our neighbors.

**ADOPT A FAMILY:** We will furnish you with the names, ages and clothing sizes of all the children in the family so that you can buy new toys and clothing for them. This is an excellent project for your Church, office or a group of friends.

**DONATE TURKEYS AND CANNED GOODS:** Donate turkeys, canned goods and other pantry items. We'll make food baskets for all neighborhood families.

**DONATE NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS:** Donate toys and children's clothing for delivery to families in Austin Street's neighborhood.

**HELP DISTRIBUTE FOOD BASKETS**  
Assist with delivery to families in Austin Street's neighborhood.

### DONATE CASH TO THE PROGRAM

Please call no later than November 17th to adopt a family. Deliver donated items no later than December 8th. Distribution takes place December 19, 20 & 21

Info: Contact Carisa Austin at 214-428-4242 or [carisa.austin@austinstreet.org](mailto:carisa.austin@austinstreet.org)

## Centre launches new website

If you do nothing else today (or sometime this week!), please make time to visit our new Austin Street website at [www.austinstreet.org](http://www.austinstreet.org)! Designed by Randall White of Corporate Citizen Group (CCG), the site is intended to educate and communicate an understanding of Dallas' homeless population and the many "step-up" and life changing programs at Austin Street Centre.



With such links as "Be An Extraordinary Human Being: Help Us Help Them", "Understand Homelessness: It's Not What You Think" and "How Austin Street Programs Make a Difference", the new site promises to change the average person's perception of who "the homeless" are.

"We are so happy with this new communication tool and with the message that it sends. We know it will prove very helpful in our ministry of helping the least of these," said Rev. Bubba Dailey, executive director of Austin Street Centre. "Randall created this site from his heart and soul, and it shows."

The site also includes photos by Austin Street Centre friend and professional photographer, Donna Robinson of Dallas. Her photos of client eyes appear at the top of each website page.

"We used these particular photos because many believe that the eyes are the window to the soul. It will be hard for people to look into these eyes and say no or I don't care," said White. "We hope this new website will compel visitors into action, either by volunteering their time or by donating dollars, clothing and/or food."

Note that our new Web site has a different address and our new email addresses will also incorporate [austinstreet.org](http://austinstreet.org).

Friends of Austin Street are encouraged to visit the site frequently, as updates on upcoming special events, programs and educational news will be added often.

For more information on the website, or to give us your ideas on items to be added, please email Rev. Bubba at [revbubba.dailey@austinstreet.org](mailto:revbubba.dailey@austinstreet.org) or [webmaster@austinstreet.org](mailto:webmaster@austinstreet.org).

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# Thanksgiving Message:



## We Are All Homeless

If you are of the Christian faith and believe in eternity, then you too are among the homeless. You are just a pilgrim passing through here on this earth. We are strangers here. Heaven is our home.

If you would number your days, assuming you reach age 75 - - which census statistics tell us is about the average span now for both men and women - then you would live for 27,375 days at 365 days a year. Sounds like a lot, but how quickly it goes by!

My basic interest is not counting our days, but making our days count. The way to do that is to determine our purpose and give ourselves to that purpose whatever it is - - whether we consciously choose it or just drift along with our desires - - it is the benchmark we look to when we measure the success or failure of each one of our 27,375 days here on earth.

Jesus lived only about 12,045 days, and yet historians and theologians agree that he was the most influential person who ever lived.

The central purpose of the Christian's life is to serve. We exist to serve, not to be served. Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."

I came into this world with nothing and I will leave with nothing but I want every one of my days just passing through to count for something and I praise and thank God that I get to go to Austin Street Centre everyday. To serve others, particularly the least of these, is the best way to serve God for me.

So, since we are strangers just passing through, we need to make our days count for something, because eternity is forever. Here on earth I am only Bubba Dailey who works with what some call "street people", but you know what is really true? I am a Princess and I work with Princes and Princesses because my Father is the King. He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, my Heavenly Father.

So as you travel through on your way "home", remember that you too are homeless.

I wish you all a wonderful fall season and blessed Thanksgiving. Please know that we love and appreciate you.

Love,  
Bubba+



*Happy Birthday!! More than 100 cards and letters were received in honor of Rev. Bubba's 70th birthday last July, with many friends making cash donations to Austin Street Centre in her honor. In addition to the more than \$25,000 received, others made special donations including Mrs. June Rogers Austin of Farmers Branch who knitted 17 afghans for the clients of the shelter, and The Dallas Mavericks sent an autographed photo of star player Dirk Nitwiski. "It was a great birthday!" said Rev. Bubba, "I was truly surprised by the outpouring of love and generosity. I am delighted that my birthday could help raise funds for the shelter."*

### LOOKING FOR A SPEAKER?

If your club, church, school or civic organization is looking for a speaker, call us! Rev. Bubba Dailey, Father Harry Dailey, and Carisa Austin are available to meet with your group and give presentations on The Homeless & Poor, How God's Love Changes Lives, and other topics.

Call 214-428-4242. There is no charge, but a donation to Austin Street Centre is appreciated.



**For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'**  
Deuteronomy 15:11

SAVE THE DATE!

# Mavs Head Coach Avery Johnson will be 2007 Humble Beginnings Honoree



Dallas Mavericks Head Coach Avery Johnson will receive the 2007 Pat Summerall Humble Beginnings Award at an awards event benefiting Austin Street Centre, set for this spring. Check our new website at [www.austinstreet.org](http://www.austinstreet.org) for the announcement of the date!

The event, now in its 6th year, will again be co-emceed by Summerall and KTCK-The Ticket radio personality Norm Hitzges.

Set to take place at historic Union Station in downtown Dallas, tickets for the event are \$100. A limited amount of VIP tickets that include an invitation to a "meet & greet" reception, are available for \$200.

Sponsorships, which ensure priority seating, corporate exposure and "meet & greet" invitations, are available at the following levels: HALL OF FAME: \$7,500; ALL STARS: \$5,000; MVP: \$2,500 and MAVERICKS \$1,200.

"This promises to be another sell-out event, so those who plan to attend should purchase their tickets early," advised Rev. Bubba Dailey, Austin Street's executive director. "Coach Johnson is an inspiration to so many, our friends will NOT want to miss this event!"

"This is Austin Street's largest fund raiser of the year, and is crucial to our ministry" said Rev. Harry Dailey, co-executive director. "The past three years have been standing room only with a waiting list, and having Coach Johnson ensures that the 2007 event will be just as popular."

For sponsorship and/or ticket information, call Mary Westfall at 214-969-0090 or email her at [mwestfall@malakoffpartners.com](mailto:mwestfall@malakoffpartners.com)

## Austin Street Pilgrims perform on new CD

"The Seasons of Austin Street", a beautiful CD written and performed by Austin Street Centre clients and staff is now available. Proceeds from this \$20 inspirational CD will be directed to Austin Street's operating fund.

The 19-track disk features scripture read by Revs. Bubba and Harry Dailey, with songs performed by clients and staff.

The seasons featured are "Season of the Incarnation" featuring "We Three Kinds", "Mary Did You Know?", "O Come All Ye Faithful" and "O Holy Night"; "Season of Earthy Life" with "At The Cross", "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", "Come Thou Fount", "Turn To Me", "Jesus is Here" and "Seek Ye First", and "Season of Eternal Life" with "Alleluia #1", "Blessed at His Feet", "Amazing Grace", "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "'Til We Meet Again".

To order your copy of this beautifully performed and inspiring CD, call us at 214-428-4242 or fill out the form at right.

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CD on sale now!

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you. Luke 6:38



# Special Gifts and Memorials

Throughout the year, many individuals pay tribute to loved ones, or salute special birthdays and marriage anniversaries with donations to Austin Street Centre. We are honored to recognize those special givers, their loved ones, and the special contributions they have made to our ministry, including:

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*If you would like to remember or honor a loved one at Christmas, please call or email us. A special Christmas card will be sent to your honoree or their family letting them know of your gift to Austin Street.*



Cornelius stared at him in fear. "What is it, Lord?" he asked. The angel answered, "Your prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God." Acts 10:4

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**Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce;  
 then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.  
 Proverbs 3:9-10**



# Where are they now?

## An update on former Austin Street Clients



In addition to providing emergency shelter and care, your dollars and prayers help support the many programs available to clients of Austin Street Centre, including work training, substance abuse counseling, pastoral counseling and psychosocial classes and therapies. The following is a continuation of our "where are they now" series, letting you know that your help matters and that Austin Street Centre is where "God's Love Changes Lives".....

**Tamara K.** successfully completed our programs here, was reunited with her family and is now enrolled in college in California! Tamara worked in our admin support area for a few months before moving back to California. We are very proud of her.

**Dave R.** took part in some of our programs while staying here, got his retirement and Social Security and moved into an apartment in the local area. He still comes by for classes here, and to pick up things for his apartment.

**Vickie O.** successfully completed our programs here, found a roommate and is now sharing an apartment in the local area, and has a full time job.

**Corine B.** got married and now lives in East Dallas. She and her husband both participated in programs here and they still come by to take advantage of some of our programs and services.

**Carl H.** is another success story. He was able to move out of the shelter and now lives on his own. He still comes by the Austin Street Centre from time to time to visit us!



*Herb G., a former client of Austin Street Centre, now lives in Miami, Ohio, but whenever he comes back to Dallas he always stops by for a visit and to hug Rev. Bubba. Herb participated in many of our programs here, and successfully reconnected with his family. It is always wonderful to see Herb, and our other former clients, knowing that they are back in the loving arms of family and friends.*

## Letters from clients

As our mission statement reads: Austin Street Centre exists to provide emergency shelter and related services to the homeless person in a compassionate Christian community...

We provide our services to more than 400 men, women and children each day. Some are here for a few days, some are here for a few months. ALL receive the care and shelter they need.

*The letter at right appeared in The Dallas Morning News on Sunday, August 6, 2006, and is reprinted with permission of The Dallas Morning News and the author.*

Thanks for the hand up.

Earlier this year, I was homeless in Dallas, a direct result of my drug and alcohol use and subsequent depression and anxiety.

I got help at the Dallas VA Medical Center. I ate lunch at the Stewpot and spent the night at the Austin Street shelter. On Tuesdays and Fridays, the Hari Krishnas would bring wonderful meals to the Day Resource Center, as would the "Chicken Lady."

I never once went hungry in Dallas and never was without clothing, shelter or the resources I needed to get back on my feet!

Thank you, Dallas, Thank you, Texas!

- Thomas Engelhardt,  
Tacoma, Wash.



If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:17-18

# 5-year-old launches "Heart Vision" bracelet fundraiser

A five year old boy's insight after hearing the story of Cain and Abel has resulted in a new bracelet benefiting Austin Street Centre.

"I was reading Nicholas the Bible story of Cain and Abel, and thinking it was not a good idea to tell him that Cain killed his brother, since Nicholas has a younger brother!", said Tudie Athens, Nicholas' grandmother, and a member of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Dallas. "To soften the story a bit, I told Nicholas that there was a good brother and a not so good brother, and God knew who was good and who was not so good, because He was able to see inside their heart.

"At that point Nick said, Wow, I guess God has heart vision! I said to him, I will always remember what you said, and you know it IS more important what we are inside rather than what we see on the outside."

Mrs. Athens told the story to many friends and family with the result being the creation of a new message bracelet imprinted with the words "God Has Heart Vision". The bracelets are white plastic with a multicolored confetti design and sell for \$4 each, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Austin Street Centre.

"This is probably one of the sweetest funding efforts we've ever seen," said Rev. Bubba Dailey, executive director of Austin Street Centre. "God CAN see inside all of us, and how wonderful it is to know that little Nicholas knows that at such an early age. We are very grateful to him and to his family for turning his special message into a way to help the least of these."

Please send \_\_\_\_\_ bracelets at \$4 each to:

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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God Has Heart Vision Bracelet

Austin Street Centre

P.O. Box 710729

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(credit card orders only)

Hi Rev. Bubba:

You have been like a second mother to me since I've been here, and I want to thank you for that! I think I speak for a lot of people here when I say that. God has truly blessed the world by having you here. We are all better people knowing you, so thanks a lot for being you.

Love, your friend,  
Duane

Dear Rev. Bubba  
and Father Harry:

You should rename your shelter "Amazing Grace". Thank you for saving a wretch like me. I pray for you every day.

God Bless You both,  
Little J.



## Thank you, Chester!

As part of the program to earning his rank of Eagle Scout, Chester Pineda collected food and clothing for the clients of Austin Street Centre. We are truly grateful for Chester, and for others like him, who remember Austin Street Centre when doing charitable work. God Bless You Chester...and congratulations!

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27





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## OUR MISSION

Austin Street Centre exists to provide emergency shelter and related services to the homeless person in a compassionate Christian community, and to provide “whole person” therapeutic programs so that the person in need might be better able to make responsible choices, positive changes and have economic self-sufficiency.

# The Wish List

The Austin Street Centre shelters men, women and children. Please provide items accordingly.

**214-428-4242**

••••• **New, unwrapped toys for our shelter kids and neighboring poor** •••••

**Coats**

**Jackets**

**Hats**

**Gloves**

**Earmuffs**

**Winter Socks**

**Sweatpants**

**Sweatshirts**

**Back packs** *(for adults and kids)*

**Blankets**

**Cold Medications**

**Kleenex**

**Frozen Turkeys**

*for Thanksgiving*

**Canned Foods**



For pick-up of household furniture and other large donations, please  
call the Austin Street Centre at 214-428-4242