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Banana Republic and Food Bank fight food insecurity



Right now in San Antonio, there are people who are hungry. According to the organization *Feeding America*, 17 percent of San Antonio's citizens suffer from food insecurity; 27 percent of them are children. Food insecurity is defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as "limited or uncertain availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods or limited or uncertain ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways."

The San Antonio Food Bank uses DePaul Family Center as a distribution center and brings the big truck monthly to give away a variety of healthy foods to about 170 families and seniors.

Employees from the aptly named Banana Republic stores had been volunteering in the Adopt-a-Child program for several years

when Store Manager Mark Wolfschlag (pictured at left) from the La Cantera store observed the regular visits of the Food Bank truck and asked if his fellow employees could help. Now five Banana Republic store employees volunteer monthly during working hours to help with food distribution.

For every hour that an employee volunteers, the Gap Foundation makes a \$10 donation to Daughters of Charity Services. In recent months, this donation has been as high as \$2,500.

Also assisting with monthly food distribution are volunteers from the Catholic Daughters of America at Holy Trinity Church. We're grateful for their support.

A Celebration!

In Honor of the Daughters of Charity in San Antonio

When: Thursday, June 19, 2014
Where: The Bright Shawl, 819 Augusta
(Between McCullough and Brooklyn)

Gather at 11:30 am
Luncheon served at noon

Master of Ceremonies: Father Kevin Fausz

Individual tickets \$125

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Mission Statement

Faithful to the Vincentian tradition, the Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio will establish and maintain neighborhood-based programs to increase accessibility to primary health care and human services on the part of the poor. These programs will have a strong holistic orientation and consider participation and empowerment as an integral dimension of the delivery service. While services will be rendered with preferential option for the poor, it is not to the exclusion of others.

Service Locations

Main phone number: **210-334-2300.**
DePaul Family Center
7607 Somerset Road
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DePaul Children's Center
3050 Golden
San Antonio, Texas 78211
DePaul-Wesley Children's Center
1418 Fitch
San Antonio, Texas 78211
El Carmen Wellness Center
18555-1 Leal Road
San Antonio, Texas 78221
La Misión Family Health Care
19780 South US Hwy 281
San Antonio, Texas 78221

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

Southside Pre-K Program Springs from Historic Agency Partnership

Friday morning, March 7, the Archbishop of San Antonio sat in the sunshine and listened to an energetic cadre of wriggling pre-schoolers sing about the colors that surround us, concluding that "the world is a rainbow." (See photo with story at right.)

Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller dedicated the early childhood education center in the Columbia Heights neighborhood that represents the most recent fruit of a partnership between Daughters of Charity Services of San Antonio and Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. The children were correct; all the colors of the rainbow are represented along the path that these two organizations have traveled.

The Daughters of Charity came to San Antonio in 1958 at the request of a local priest to minister to the people of Mission Espada parish and other local, rural communities. The El Carmen Clinic opened in 1961, offering general medical services provided exclusively by volunteers.

In the same year, on the other side of town, the Southwest Texas Conference of The United Methodist Church opened the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital for the purpose of delivering and promoting health care for the populations in that as-yet undeveloped part of San Antonio that were not being served.

The missions of the two organizations have run parallel ever since, and the partnership was sealed around 2004 when Methodist Healthcare Ministries became a major funder of the heir to El Carmen Clinic, La Misión Family Health Care, a primary medical/dental clinic run by Daughters of Charity Services in far south Bexar County.

The partnership in child care came later. Since 1986 Daughters of Charity Services has operated a child care center on Somerset Road, about three miles from where the Wesley Community Center had conducted a child care program since 1910 when a free kindergarten was established by the women of Travis Park Methodist Church. In 2004 the Wesley Community Center Board made the decision to close and asked Daughters of Charity Services to take over operation of the child care program. In 2013 MHM constructed a brand new childcare center to house the Daughters of Charity early childhood education program on the location of the original free kindergarten, exactly 100 years later. The center is called DePaul-Wesley Children's Center after St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Daughters of Charity in 1660, and John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Movement in the mid-18th century. The dedication of the new building, which serves 140 children with a curriculum-based early childhood education program, represents the culmination of a decades-long partnership.

As the newest member of the Daughters leadership team in San Antonio, I reflect with appreciation and gratitude on how much has been and can be accomplished by collaborations and cooperation for the long term. These strong relationships, among people of different faiths and views, have made history yet again in this community.



"Let the children come to me"

On March 7, a beautiful spring day, about 100 guests gathered to participate the dedication of DePaul-Wesley Children's Center. The new building, which serves 140 children with a curriculum-based early childhood education program, represents the culmination of a decades-



long partnership with Methodist Healthcare Ministries. Mike Bennett, President and CEO of Daughters of Charity Services welcomed everyone before introducing Lee Bailey (*right*), Chair of the Daughters of Charities Services Board of Trustees. Lee welcomed the dignitaries and briefly turned the podium over to Sister Ellen Kron, DC (*below right*), representing Ascension Health, the parent organization of Daughters of Charity Services. Kevin Moriarty (*below*), President and Chief Executive Officer of Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South



Texas, Inc., spoke gratefully about the long and productive partnership between the two organizations before the Archbishop (*top left*) took center stage again to conduct the blessing. As the staff conducted guests around the facility, that long-standing partnership was reinforced by the presence of benefactors who had funded playgrounds, Harvey Najim of the Najim Family Foundation and David Green representing the Mays Family Foundation. The Charity Ball Foundation funded the classroom furniture.



Left. Members of the Daughters of Charity Foundation, one of our principal benefactors, visited San Antonio in March and toured all five centers. From left, Sister Ellen Kron, DC; Mike Bennett; Susan Nestor-Levy; Sister Bonnie Hoffman, DC; Sr Marie Thérèse Sedgwick, DC; Buddy Elmore; Sr Mary Catherine Dunn, DC

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