

St. Simon's provides free after school care for low-income children and their families. We serve elementary grade students who qualify for assisted lunch, whose parents work, and who have no one at home to care for them after school. Saving these children from a latchkey existence and helping them get a good start with their education is a worthy goal for each of us.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is truly an honor and privilege to be able to lead an organization like St Simon's After-School, and participate in providing safe, nurturing, comfortable, after-school care to so many financially disadvantaged Elementary School age students in DISD. But the most inspirational part is the opportunity to interact with the children in their after-school environments. We serve largely Hispanic and African-American children throughout DISD, and as all our volunteers will tell you, they are all very loving, polite, eager-to-learn kids. Spending an hour and a half after school helping them with homework, reading a book together, putting a puzzle together, or playing board games is guaranteed to warm your heart and brighten your day.

The need for after-school care in DISD is great, and at St. Simon's we continue on our path to grow and serve even more children. For the coming 2012-2013 school year we will expand to provide 25 programs at 14 different DISD Elementary Schools. Each program provides safe, nurturing, no cost after-school care lead by a professional certified teacher for 20-25 students. This growth keeps us on our long range goal to grow to 30 total programs within the coming years.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I offer our sincere thanks for your support of these After-School programs. I am confident that with your continued help, we will make our goal of growing to provide 30 programs serving 750 students.



Bob McLendon  
President, St. Simon's After-School

### *St. Simon's Mission Statement*

*To support elementary school children and their families who are challenged by economic and family situations by providing*

- a safe, familiar, nurturing place for children to be after school
- encouragement and assistance with academic and social development.
- a mid-afternoon nutritional snack
- support for the student's families



## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Approximately 25% of the children in Dallas County live in poverty; 250,000 of them qualify for school lunch programs. St. Simon's After-School provides a safe nurturing environment for a small fraction of these children, thereby keeping them from being unsupervised and giving their working parents the assurance that they are cared for while they are at work. Many DISD schools would like to have St. Simon's After-School programs or expand existing programs. In Dallas County, the need for after-school care far exceeds the availability of such programs. In the specific schools served by St. Simon's 95% of the children qualify for free or reduced lunch placing them in the poverty or near-poverty level, 98% are minorities and 49% are deficient in English language skills. Professional bilingual teachers can assist them with academics; often their working parents do not have time or the skills required to help with homework.

St. Simon's caters exclusively to children of very low-income working parents. Low-income working parents of young children are often torn between their need to provide safety and supervision for their children and their need to work. Many low-income parents, despite working, cannot afford the cost of after-school programs. St. Simon's After-School provides an after-school program for these children who would otherwise be "latch key" kids in Dallas County.



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## GIRL SCOUTS VISIT FOSTER ELEMENTARY

Recently, Girl Scout Troop #3086, Fifth Graders from Good Shepherd Episcopal, visited Foster Elementary school. In preparation for their silver award project, their troop leaders wanted to expose the girls to some outreach opportunities in the community. The troop organized a peanut butter drive and donated it all to the students of Foster for their snacks. The girls came out and got involved with the kids, reading, helping with homework and on the computer. Carroll, their troop leader reported that the girls had a great time and it was one of their best Girl Scout experiences yet! Thanks, troop #3086!



## VOLUNTEER!

With support for foundations, churches and individuals like you, St. Simon's continues to grow. At the end of this year, we will have a total of 25 programs at 14 DISD elementary schools in Dallas County. That means over 600 students will benefit from your generosity.

In addition to donations, our programs are in need of volunteers. This is not a huge commitment of time - one day a week or a few times a month. It is so rewarding to sit and read or help the kids with their homework.



*It all comes down to one word...fun! The kids are so excited to see their volunteers, so eager for attention, and so genuine. It really is....fun!*

Thanks to our major financial supporters this year

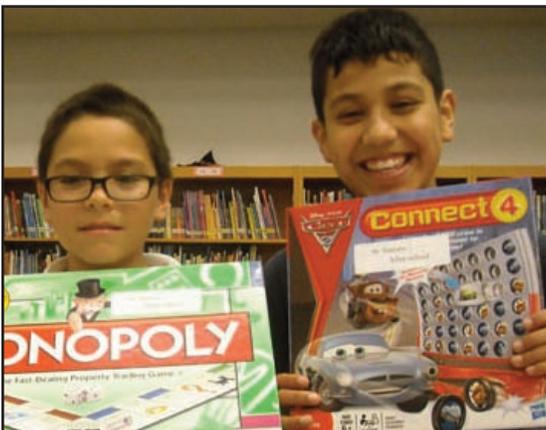
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## IN THE CLASSROOM

The parents and students of St. Simon's THANK YOU for your support. Each program helps students with their homework and reading as well as playing games, crafts and more.



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