

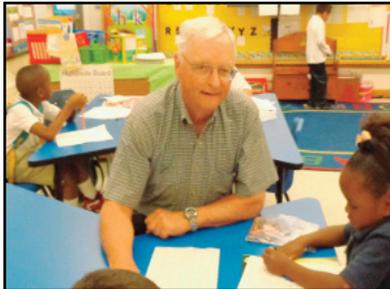
ST. SIMON'S SAYS Newsletter 2013



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

"Hi Dr. Bob", the children yell as they see me coming for a visit to one of our St. Simon's After-School programs. I love it when they call me "Dr. Bob", and they get so excited to see me. They are such bright, loving, innocent, happy children. No matter what else has



happened in that day, my spirits are lifted by the loving greetings, and happy smiling faces of the children in our St. Simon's After-School programs. They are generous with their hugs and unconditional affection, and we all need a dose of that on a regular basis.

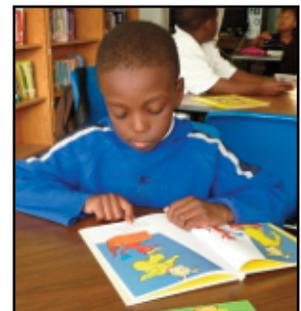
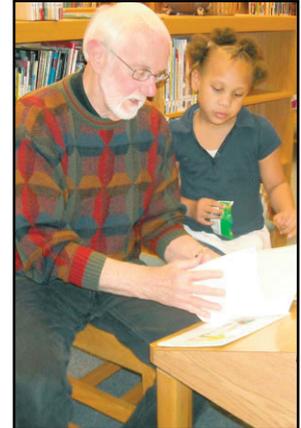
Of course their enthusiasm is bolstered by the fact that they know when I come, I'm usually bringing some new coloring books, games or other supplies, and just maybe I might have some free reading books to give to them or even some ice cream and cupcakes for a special party that day. I'd like to believe that the enthusiasm and love they radiate is all for me, but the goodies and supplies I bring undoubtedly are a major factor.

At St. Simon's it's all about the children and families we are blessed to be able to help. Our programs are increasingly in the southern parts of Dallas, and our students are mostly Hispanic or African American. The main thing they have in common for us is that they all need safe, secure, nurturing, no-cost after-school care until their working parent or guardian can pick them up after they get off from jobs. The donations you make to St. Simon's enable us to provide this care.

Over the past 5 years, we have been fortunate to grow our after-school coverage from about 350 students to near 600 today. But the need is for much more. There are at least 3 schools in DISD now that are without adequate After-School care. We have received enough donations to provide additional coverage at one of these schools starting in the 2013-14 school year. But we are continuously in need of additional funding, and more volunteers to provide additional expanded coverage. You can help with either your donations or by volunteering your time. A donation envelope and contact information is included with this newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

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



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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

NEW SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Emily and Monserrat "Monse" have been admitted to the Episcopal School of Dallas for the 2013-14 school year. These girls attend the Chavez Learning Center. St. Simon's volunteers help identify appropriate students and encourage them during the application process. The St. Simon's Scholarship Fund, in memory of Mike McAuley and John Cook, provides \$1000 a year for the students' tuition. Emily is excited to be in an environment in which the students all want to learn. Monse is looking forward to making new friends.



Episcopal School of Dallas

Through our scholarship fund, St. Simon's now supports five total scholarship students ranging from the Fifth (5th) through Ninth (9th) grades.



COMMUNITY HERO AWARD!

Our very own Bob McLendon was recently honored with the Safeco® Community Hero Award. Bob was one of 16 individuals across the country selected this Spring as



Dot Hedman, Kayla Kelly (DISD), Bob McLendon, Bodie Spangler, Safeco

someone who improves the places where we live, work and play while inspiring others to do the same. St. Simon's received a \$5,000 donation for his good work.

While we didn't win the additional \$10,000 through online voting, Bob's award confirmed something we knew all along, he is already a winner for the work he does for St. Simon's. We also owe a big thanks to Dot Hedman with Roach Howard Smith and Barton who nominated Bob for the award.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

In addition to help with their homework, throughout the year, with grants from First Book, and the generosity of the Good Shepherd "elves" - books and toys are distributed. The parents and students of St. Simon's THANK YOU for your support.



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