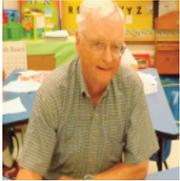


# ST. SIMON'S SAYS Newsletter 2015



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



### 2014-15 WAS A VERY GOOD YEAR FOR ST SIMON'S AFTER SCHOOL

Another school year is drawing to a close and I couldn't be more excited about our St Simon's After-School programs. With your support St Simon's continued to expand and enhance our after school offerings. For all of us at St Simon's we say "THANK YOU VERY MUCH".

### 650 POTENTIAL "LATCH-KEY" KIDS KEPT SAFE AFTER-SCHOOL

For the 2014-15 school year approximately 650 disadvantaged elementary school children in 14 DISD schools have been kept in a safe, familiar, and nurturing place during after school time until their working parents could pick them up. They were saved from being "latch-key kids", and provided a nutritious snack as well as help with their homework.

### 40 CHILDREN PROVIDED REMEDIAL TUTORING FOR READING SKILLS AFTER-SCHOOL

In 2014-15 we doubled our remedial reading program using the Istation educational software to provide dedicated reading assistance for 40 students who were deficient in their reading skills at the beginning of the school year. Final data is not available at the time of this writing but preliminary inputs indicate that approximately 70% have advanced to "grade-level" performance.

### GOALS FOR NEXT YEAR ARE EVEN MORE EXCITING

The 2014-15 accomplishments are great, but the need is for so much more. This year at least 3 of our schools had long waiting lists of parents that desperately needed the free after school offered by St Simon's. In addition, principals at 10 additional schools have already contacted us requesting the addition of the Istation remedial reading program to their schools next year. In response to this need our plans for next year are "cautiously aggressive". With God's help and with your help we will:

- Extend after-school coverage to at least 50 more children, bringing our total to 700
- Extend remedial reading coverage to at least 60 more children, bringing our total to 100

God Bless you all, and thank you for helping make the world a little more nurturing for about 650 disadvantaged children this past school year.

*Bob*

Bob McLendon  
President

## IN THE CLASSROOM



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or with the enclosed  
donor card

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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

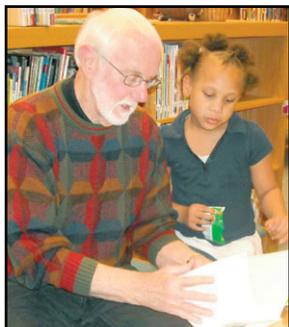
- a safe, familiar, nurturing place for children to be after school
- encouragement and assistance with academic and social development.
- a mid-afternoon nutritional snack
- support for the student's families

## LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PEOPLE

Are you interested in helping disadvantaged families in Dallas – especially children?

Are you willing to invest a few hours each month helping eager, loving elementary school age children?

Then you just might be a match for St. Simon's After-School Volunteer opportunities!



Volunteer(s) are assigned to each of the Elementary Schools we serve to:

- be a coordinator for the program at the assigned school
- assist the professional teacher as needed to insure smooth operations
- procure and deliver needed program supplies such as art/crafts, games, basic school supplies, etc. (paid for with St. Simon's funds).
- distribute the free books we provide to the children twice during the school year
- host parties at holidays and the end-of-school
- visit your assigned school at least once a month for 2-3 hours after school during the 9 month school year (Sept – May)
- assist the children with homework, read them stories, mingle with them. Show them you care!
- provide feedback on the program for your school to the St. Simon's Board of Directors as appropriate/needed

This is a rewarding experience. If you think you might be interested, or maybe visit a school with an existing volunteer to try it out, contact us at 214-826-0811 for more information.



St. Simon's employs certified teachers (who work at the students school) for our after-school programs. We are proud to work with both the teachers and principals at each of our schools to provide not only quality care, but a safe and nurturing place to be while their parent's work. We thank our teachers for their time and commitment to the program.



## WE ARE GRATEFUL

Thanks to all of our individual contributors, and the following churches and foundations for your support. All funding and donations received allow us to continue to provide safe, nurturing after-school and remedial reading programs at no cost for economically challenged working parents and their young children.

We can't do it without you!

*thank you!*

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