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*“Then the family heads...and everyone whose heart God had moved-prepared to go up and build the house of the LORD...all their neighbors assisted them with articles of silver and gold, with goods, and with valuable gifts, in addition to all the freewill offerings.” ~Ezra 1:5-6*

**Children’s Enrichment Center  
A REALITY!**

In the above scripture, King Cyrus answered the call of the Lord and helped to rebuild a place where families once held in captivity could live, work, and worship.

King Cyrus needed resources to be able to accomplish the task at-hand. The people of Persia responded with offerings of every kind.

In much the same way, the Midland community responded to the call of this ministry and helped Midland Fair Haven’s families with a new addition to the Family Enrichment Program.

A statement made by then Board President, Karen Sparks, she recalls the decision to explore a program expansion. “In the spring of 2006, the Board decided to pursue a richer ministry for the children of Fair Havens,” Sparks explained. “We felt like we had done a great job of equipping the mothers at Fair Havens with education, life skills and spiritual encouragement. We wanted to offer the same thing to their children.”

Today, the Children’s Enrichment Center is a reality. With this expansion of program, Fair Havens also needed extra office space, parking, and storage.

“We are so grateful for God’s direction and provision over the past eleven

years of ministry and are very excited about this expansion which enables us to focus even more on the children’s needs,” Executive Director, DiAnn Koehl states.

Program Director, Linda Hamblin, says, “I am just so humbled to be part of this ministry and that through so many blessings from so many generous people... God did all of this!”

The Children’s Enrichment Center and new additions are a gift from many generous friends who heard and answered the call. It is with much love and joy that we would like to recognize Bill Parsons and the Vandergriff Group. Both were very instrumental in making this new addition a reality. We are so thankful for your expertise, guidance and care.

Many individuals and groups contributed their time, talent and treasures. We are so very grateful for these blessings that were shared. All contributors will be recognized publically at our Open House as well as in the winter newsletter.

We hope you will make plans to come and see for yourself, the new additions during our Open House which will be held on November 11th. More details are on page 4.



**MISSION STATEMENT**

*The mission of Midland Fair Havens is to equip single mothers and their children for self-sufficient living by addressing their educational, vocational, spiritual and emotional needs in residential and non-residential settings.*



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# Blog, Blog, Blog

Jimmy Patterson, HEB, and many others, once again, wholeheartedly participated in this year's Blogging for Fair Havens event which took place in the parking lot of HEB at Midkiff and Wadley approximately 20 feet above the ground in a scissor lift.

Jimmy, Editor of MyWestTexas.com and host to his own Blog (stickydoorknobs.com), began the 24-hour blog and web cast event bright and early on Saturday, July 26 at 7:00 in the morning. Jimmy and many special guests were a part of the "heart-raising" experience and showed their support for Fair Havens by posting blog entries as well as photos and videos.

We are excited to report that this year's event raised over \$17,000...which more than doubled last year's event and set a new record for the Blogging Event! Supporters were able to donate by giving online, by stopping by on event day, by sending email pledges or by giving at any Jumburrito location. Many thanks to some very generous companies and individuals who sponsored gift certificates and great door prizes to be won. A special thanks goes out to Joe Hopkins who donated a 1997 Vulcan 1500 Classic Motorcycle (pictured at right) for the Silent Auction.

A new game this year was the Melting Ice Game. The Beach Snow Cone Stand donated a 10 pound solid block of ice and InWest Retirement Solutions donated a \$500 HEB gift card which was awarded to the person who guessed the correct time, without going over, that the ice would completely melt.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the Blog such great fun and a huge SUCCESS!!!



Jimmy Patterson & former MFH Resident, Rita, doing Web Cam interview!



Joe Hopkins with motorcycle donation



...there were also drive-by donations



Blog Volunteers: Deborah and Zayden

## Congratulations to the Grads



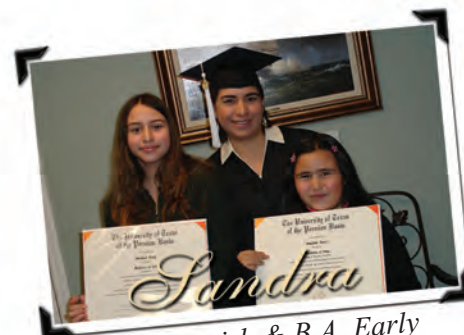
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"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. . . .  
 "plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

## In Loving Memory



Hazel Pierce  
A treasured Fair Havens volunteer

## An American Hero's Salute and Send-Off

On April 28, 2008 the families and staff of Midland Fair Havens along with four members of the Sun Country Gentlemen's Quartet celebrated the service of one of our troops with a picnic salute and send-off event.

The support of our troops is one way that our families have chosen to give back. The kids will also be sending Jeremy care packages and letters of support and encouragement through out his tour.

"This is just one way that our families, but especially our youngest residents can better understand what is happening overseas. We will send our love and support to the brave men and women of our United States military and Cpl. Arsiaga," says Priscilla Lane, Family Enrichment Coordinator.

"Our kids enjoyed getting to meet a true American Hero. One boy caught my eye as he gave a firm handshake to Cpl. Arsiaga. He looked him in the eye and said, 'I want to thank you for fighting the bad guys.' I realized what a priceless experience this was for our kids."

Please join us in thanksgiving and prayer for all of our brave men and women, past and present, serving our country.

We wish the Arsiaga family Godspeed.

*"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."*  
 Matthew 19:26



In-Kind donation needs are always changing as we grow and new families arrive. For current information on specific items needed, please call 689-3411. In-Kind donations are accepted on Wednesdays 9am-4pm.

Our families can always use: **Paper Goods:** toilet paper, paper towels, aluminum foil, Saran Wrap, Ziploc bags (all sizes), disposable storage containers (Ziploc, Glad, etc) **Cleaning Products:** laundry detergent, dish soap, Windex, Lysol, Pine Sol, Comet, Ajax, Brillo pads, and sponges.





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Celebrating God's Grace and Goodness!!**

**WE'RE CELEBRATING**  
The Opening of our  
**Children's Enrichment Center**  
And You're Invited

**PLEASE JOIN US**  
Tuesday, November 11, 2008  
4:00 - 6:00 p.m. (Come & Go)