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"Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." ~Psalms 25:4-5

Midland's Downtown Rotary Back to School Baskets *Back to School Events*

Once again the Midland Downtown Rotary Club has chosen the families at Midland Fair Havens to bless with new school supplies to begin the new school year. Both moms and kids were the beneficiaries of everything from backpacks and snacks to scissors and glue...even hand sanitizer to ward off the flu!



One of our young residents was starting her first year of school and could not contain her excitement, especially when she was given a Hannah Montana backpack. She screamed, "Hannah Montana, Hannah Montana. I can't believe it! I never thought I would own a Hannah Montana backpack!"

Thank you Downtown Rotary Club for 'gearing' our families up for a great school year!

First Baptist Church's *Dress 'em and Bless 'em*

The First Baptist Church "Dress 'Em & Bless 'Em" is an annual church wide project to supply new school clothes for families in need. For more than 5 years, our Fair Havens families have been blessed by this practical demonstration of God's love and provision. Our moms

and children appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of caring people in the community and are encouraged to succeed in their academics. Many thanks to those who faithfully serve others through this wonderful 'act of kindness'!

Legacy Real Estate's *Shoes and Socks -n- a Flash Drive*



Legacy Real Estate and its agents helped to provide a new USB flash drive to each mom as well as tennis shoes and socks for each mother and child in their Shoes and Socks -n- a Flash Drive. This was a huge help to our families and is greatly appreciated by all. One of our young residents was so proud of his new shoes that the first night, after receiving his shoes, he slept in them!

**Inside:
Celebrating God's Grace and Goodness!!**

Christmas!

Christmas will be approaching soon and in the spirit of the season you may feel compelled to honor and pay tribute to those special people in your life.

A gift can be made in honor of a friend, family member, colleague, or employees to celebrate a special occasion or to recognize him or her by making a memorable gift in their honor.

A memorial gift is made in memory of a loved one to celebrate their life while expressing your sympathy/remembrance to the family for their loss. At the same time, your gift also helps to carry on the work of *Midland Fair Havens* in equipping families for a self-sufficient future.

For the holiday season, when you send a memorial or honorarium, we will promptly send a Christmas card to the family or person(s) you wish to pay tribute.

*Let us help you honor your loved ones this Christmas
and all through the year!*

Call us for more details.

432-689-3411



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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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to our Generous Sponsors!

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Blog, Blog, Blog



ALL DAY. ALL NIGHT. ALL GOOD.

The 5th Annual Blogging for Fair Havens was a new face at this year's Rock the Desert Event. Jimmy Patterson, Editor of MyWestTexas.com, and this year's winner of the Nonprofit Management Center's Beacon Award, once again braved the heat and climbed atop the Shorty's Rental scissor lift in order to raise awareness for Midland Fair Havens.

Many attendees stopped by to inquire about the mission of Midland Fair Havens, to collect information and goodies, register for the mailing list, bid on the donated Plasma television, even youngsters stopped by to color a page with the scripture of Jeremiah 29:11. Our visitors were also very curious as to what Jimmy was doing two-stories up!

We are especially grateful to Jimmy Patterson who continued his mission for Midland Fair Havens soon after the passing of his beloved father, Pat. Jimmy writes:

"In accepting the Nonprofit Management Center's Beacon Award, it was an honor to be recognized by some of the finest people in West Texas. Any other year the first thing I would have done after this would have been to call my dad and tell him about my day, like I'd done so many times since I was a kid. And he would always tell me how proud he was of me. My dad died the week before this year's Blogging for Fair Havens.

Every year before this year, he would write a small check to help out Fair Havens and he would always call me in the middle of the

evening during the event just to see how I was holding up. My dad taught me everything I know about how to do good for others. Really and truly, if it weren't for him, there would be no Blogging for Fair Havens, and so this wonderful Beacon Award, given by some of the most charitable-minded, faith-filled people I have had the pleasure to be associated with, I dedicate to the wonderful memory of my dad, Harold 'Pat' Patterson. Thank you, daddy, for everything you taught me."



Jimmy Patterson doing Web Cam interview

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Blogging for Fair Havens and helping to spread the word of this ministry and equipping single mothers to achieve their goals.

A special thanks to the Board and Staff of Rock the Desert for allowing us the opportunity to join them in their ministry efforts at such a great event. A good time was had by all...both live and in cyberspace!

Please visit www.midlandfairhavens.org to see a variety of the pages colored by our young event attendees.

The Denver Mattress Company to Match Donations to Midland Fair Havens

Beginning November 9, 2009 and ending December 9, 2009, when you donate to Midland Fair Havens, through the designated link on our website,

The Denver Mattress Company will match your gift dollar-for-dollar, up to a maximum of \$2,500!

Please visit us at www.midlandfairhavens.org for more information.



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If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?

James 2:15-16

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*Our families can always use: Pampers, Pull-Ups, Baby Wipes, Family size laundry detergent
For this Flu Season: Anti-bacterial hand sanitizer, Anit-bacterial cleaning products, Clorox disinfectant wipes*