

**2011 Tinsel & Dreams  
November 4 at Union Station  
- A Record Success!**

Event chair - Melanie Myers

Honorary Chairs — Angela and Jim Thompson

Special thanks to Brinker International and ORIX Foundation

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Jill and Jim Cochran



Friends president and event chair  
Melanie Myers with her family



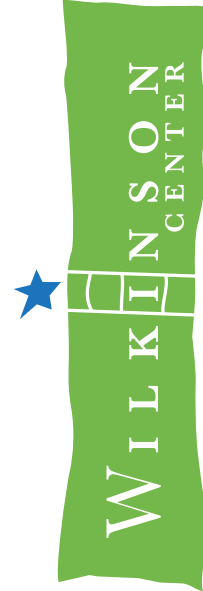
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## Counting our Blessings

As we end 2011, we at the Wilkinson Center have so many people we want to thank and so many blessings for which we are grateful:

We want to thank all our generous supporters, especially the **Harold Simmons Foundation** and the **Ginger Murchison Foundation** that gave large matching grants. We are so grateful for their continued support of our work and our mission.

**Tinsel and Dreams**, produced by the **Friends** of the Wilkinson Center, was chaired by **Melanie Myers** with Honorary Chairs **Jim and Angela Thompson**. The T&D committee created a beautiful event that broke all previous fundraising records. Special thanks go to **Brinker International** and **ORIX**.

We had a fabulous first annual **Fall Festival** for all our CLIMB and Adult Education families at Umphress UMC on October 29th. Kudos to **Chree Carr** and **Cathy McNally**, **Pastor Levy**, the **Dallas Police Department** (especially the helicopter and SWAT crews) and all the volunteers that made the day so much fun for everyone.

At the Food Pantry on the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week, we gave out 280 **turkey baskets** provided by the wonderful congregation of the First United Methodist Church in **Rockwall**. We were all moved by kindness and caring that went into each basket. They were true gifts of love from one family to another.

Thank you to all who helped us provide **Pathways out of Poverty** for so many. May your holidays be filled with peace, love and the joy of the season,

Anne



Angela Thompson, Anne Reeder, Fred Duffy, Jim Thompson

## Wilkinson Center fights poverty every day

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## Fall Festival

On October 29th, Wilkinson Center hosted its first-ever Fall Festival for families in the CLIMB after-school program. Over 100 people attended the event at Umphress Road United Methodist Church and enjoyed games and food; trick-or-treating and face painting. One of the highlights certainly was the landing of the Dallas Police Department helicopter! Many thanks go to the many volunteers, including the police officers and the Dallas Public Library Bookmobile staff.



## A big thanks goes to the Dallas alumni of Florida State University and University of Florida!

Wilkinson Center was honored to be the recipient of their annual Food Fight. **Director of Operations (and FSU alum) Mark Ernst** was on hand with **Gerald Giddings** when the DFW Gator Club and The Seminole Club of North Texas dropped off almost 1,800 pounds of food at our pantry on Buckner on November 28th.



<b>YTD Totals for November 2011</b>	
Food Pantry Visits .....	29,438
CLIMB After-School.....	800
Adult Education Services.....	937
Social Services .....	3,841
<b>Total Number of Services provided</b>	<b>35,016</b>

**GREATEST NEEDS!**  
As winter approaches, our clients need items to make warm, hearty meals:  
Any brand of potato and packaged meals; pancake and baking mixes; soups and stews, hot cereals.

