



Kids Korner

Keeping up with Hope & Love 4 Kids

NOVEMBER 2011

Hope & Love 4 Kids - Mission Statement

Helping children in our community by providing basic necessities, comforting them in their time of need and uplifting them through service and outreach.

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H-E-B Plus!-Kyle, Texas Gives Back

By Jennifer Carson

Hope & Love 4 Kids was delighted to have, Bill Kostan, General Manager of H-E-B Plus! - Kyle, Texas, in attendance at the October Board Meeting. He very graciously presented H&L4K with a Community Legacy check worth \$2500 on behalf of the H-E-B Corporation and H-E-B Plus! - Kyle, Texas!

“Bill received this Community Legacy check and chose to give it to the non-profit that does the most work for underprivileged children in our community, Hope & Love 4 Kids, of course!” said Leata Bartlett, Community Relations for H-E-B Plus! - Kyle, Texas & H&L4K Board Member.

Hope & Love 4 Kids would like to extend our biggest thanks to Bill and H-E-B Plus! - Kyle, Texas for the generous donation to our organization and their

recognition of our work within the community. This contribution will allow H&L4K to further reach children in need! “When you receive a gift because someone recognizes the hope and love you give to others, it opens more doors for us to share that with many more.” -Angie Nuñez, H&L4K Director.



Leata Bartlett, Bill Kostan, Angie Nuñez & Mia Hendricks
H-E-B Plus! Community Legacy Check Presentation
Photo Courtesy of Hope & Love 4 Kids



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A Search Engine More "Good" Than Google?!?

GoodSearch

GoodSearch.com, powered by Yahoo!, works off the notion that we all would love to give our time and money to charities that do good for our communities, but many of us have neither of those things. They have made it quite a breeze to help an organization you care about. That's why Hope & Love 4 Kids loves and uses GoodSearch, and you should too!

GoodSearch is a search engine, similar to Google or Yahoo!, with one huge difference - every time you search the Internet using GoodSearch, choosing Hope & Love 4 Kids as your recipient, they donate 50% of its sponsored search revenue!

GoodShop, an expansion of GoodSearch, is a shopping tool to use when making purchases online. You can donate up to 20% of the sale to H&L4K when you shop using GoodShop! So make sure you get your holiday shopping done searching with GoodSearch and purchasing with GoodShop. You can prepare your family's holidays while making other family's holidays special too by donating to H&L4K!

Go to GoodSearch.com and download the free toolbar or use the toolbar on the GoodSearch website to search for all things Internet!

Our charity currently has 20 supporters and is in need of more! A big thanks to our Top Supporters, Mia Hendricks and Ashley Messer!

GoodSearch Donations
October, 2011
\$2.21

A Call for Board Members

By Jennifer Carson

Hope & Love 4 Kids is currently accepting applications for two Board Member positions! Though the commitment is ever present, the reward is tremendous.

"If you have a giving heart with the drive to help underprivileged children in your community, serving on our board is a rewarding and fulfilling way to satisfy your giving spirit!"

If you would like to take part in this amazing opportunity to give back, or know someone that would be a great fit to our team, please do not hesitate to consider these positions. Visit our website or Facebook page to contact us to learn more about becoming a member. Please be prepared to submit a Curriculum Vitae for review, to be voted on by our current board.

Please consider the following -- A H&L4K Board Member is committed to serve their position for two years. After their two-year term is fulfilled, the option to change positions or depart from the board is available. A board meeting is held the third Wednesday of every month; members are expected to attend. Attendance is also expected at organization and community events in which H&L4K is represented. This opportunity requires active participation. Serving as a board member is rewarding and a noble act of selflessness. We look forward to meeting you!

A How-To Guide to Giving

To Hope & Love 4 Kids

- ↳ Visit our website at <http://hopeandlove4kids.org> to make a safe a secure donation of any amount.
- ↳ Download and use **the GoodSearch toolbar** to shop and search for things on the Internet. Be sure to choose Hope & Love 4 Kids as the charity of your choice!
- ↳ Purchase **Austin Wayne Self merchandise!** Not only is he an awesome athlete that you'd be silly not to support, 100% of the proceeds goes directly to Hope & Love 4 Kids!
- ↳ Be a **Volunteer** for Hope & Love 4 Kids!
- ↳ Please, **support our cause** and **spread the word** about Hope & Love 4 Kids!

SPOTLIGHT ARTICLE

Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive

By Jennifer Carson

Hope & Love 4 Kids kicked off its 7th Annual Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive earlier this month!

The Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive is one of Hope & Love 4 Kids' biggest and farthest reaching charity fundraisers. Last year H&L4K put Thanksgiving dinners on the tables of 30 families in need. This year we're striving to reach more families than we ever have – 50 dinners for 50 families! In our efforts to make this goal tangible, H&L4K needs your support!

To help feed families in need, you can donate money, purchase a gift card, or buy specific Thanks-4-Giving grocery items and deliver them to one of our many drop-off locations around Kyle and surrounding cities. A big thank you to our generous supporters who have offered their local businesses as drop off locations for food items!

The more donations we receive, the more families we can feed. We need your generous heart to make this event reach its fullest potential. Please join in the effort in making our Thanks-4-Giving Food Drive a success by creating a special Thanksgiving Day for fellow families who are less fortunate.

Our drive continues only until November 18, so act quickly! If you need more information about our drive or

Shopping List

Stuffing Mix, Green Beans, Corn, Yams, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Cocktail, Gravy Mix, Chicken Stock, Cereal

Drop-off Sites

Christian Brother's Automotive, Fox's Pizza, Seton Medical Center Hays, Trust Texas Bank, Bailey's Burgers, Total Child Therapy Center, DNP Photo Imaging, Larson's ATA, Chick-Fil-A - Kyle, Bright Life Family Chiropractic, OTX, Elite Bodyworks, Vantage Apartments, Peak Therapy, Champion Toyota

how to get involved with our efforts please contact Hope & Love 4 Kids via our contact information on this newsletter or our website.

Wishing you and yours a happy and safe Thanksgiving from Hope & Love 4 Kids!

Spaghetti, Scholarships, Success - Oh My!

By Jennifer Carson

What do scholarships and spaghetti have in common? They create a successful fundraiser event! The Hope & Love 4 Kids Scholarship Committee hosted its 1st Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Silent Auction early in October. The H&L4K Board and volunteers set up and served a delicious three-course meal at Historic Kyle City Hall as hungry donors feasted on their dinner and enjoyed a viewing of "Roman Holiday" and participated in an exciting silent auction.

Money was raised in contribution to the H&L4K scholarship fund in which three scholarships will be awarded to qualified candidates in the spring of 2012. Applications for these scholarships are now being accepted! To find out more about them, including a PDF of the application packet, please visit our website or one of our social media sites.

H&L4K would like to extend our thanks to Frank and Barbara Hendricks, and Richard Rodriguez- Bailey's Burgers, for their cooking efforts and delicious recipes.

Missed this opportunity to give back? H&L4K is looking forward to making this event an annual fundraiser! A big thanks to those who supported our efforts at this year's event!



Above - Board Members and Volunteers at the 1st Annual Scholarship Committee Fundraiser.
Historic Kyle City Hall, Kyle, Texas
Photo Courtesy of Hope & Love 4 Kids

Below - Camden Beltran, H&L4K Volunteer, enjoys a delicious bowl of spaghetti.
Historic Kyle City Hall, Kyle, Texas
Photo Courtesy of Mia Hendricks

Giving Girl Power

By Mia Hendricks

Hope & Love 4 Kids debuted its first ever "Girl Power" Empowerment Workshop, hosted by Thunderhill Raceway.

The workshop's speakers Included: Casey Bellows - H&L4K Board Member and Family & Child Studies Graduate Student at Texas State, Diana Blank - City of Kyle Director of Economic Development, Mary Ann Naumann - Thunderhill Raceway, Owner & Former Race Car Driver, and Judge Beth Smith - Hays County, Precinct 2.

Though we had a small number of girls in attendance, the intimacy of the small group made for great round-table discussions. The round-table setting and our speakers' great topics lead to many conversations with all the girls participating and being empowered!

Miss Hays County, Tara Hanson, and Miss Hays County Teen, Melaine Harrington stopped by as special guests but ended up participating in the workshop.

The goal of this workshop was to change the lives of these young ladies by educating them and empowering them; that goal was accomplished! Ironically, the young girls were not the only ones whose lives changed. Everyone involved with this workshop left a changed and empowered woman. Diana Blank "was very impressed with the girls in attendance. I feel confident and encouraged to know that these young women are our future leaders."

H&L4K has a philosophy in support of young girls like the ones in attendance - If they can dream it, they can achieve it! However, they might not know or believe this way of thinking, and that is why programs like our empowerment workshops are, "...extremely important for young ladies of all ages to know that they have the power to do anything and everything they want to do... to follow their dreams" - Beth Smith

H&L4K is anticipating the next "Girl Power" Empowerment Workshop and looking forward to changing the lives of many more girls. For more information please visit our website or social media sites!



Presenters at first ever 'Girl Power' Empowerment Workshop
Thunderhill Raceway, Kyle, Texas
Photo Courtesy of Hope & Love 4 Kids

Save the Date!

For our Upcoming Hope & Love 4 Kids Events!
Hope to see you there!

November

- ☑ **18th** -- Thanks-4-Giving Food Sorting
- ☑ **19th** -- Thanks-4-Giving Dinner Distribution
- ☑ **30th** -- Santa's Arrival
- ☑ **30th** -- Angel Tree Angel Adoption Begins

December

- ☑ **1st** -- Kyle Chamber of Commerce and Hope & Love 4 Kids' Annual Toy Drive
Bring an unwrapped toy or Target gift card to help a less-fortunate child this holiday season.
- ☑ **16th** -- Angel Tree Gift Sorting & Shopping
- ☑ **17th** -- Angel Tree Gift Distribution



We need Volunteers! Please contact us for more information on how you can become a Hope & Love 4 Kids Volunteer!