




## *Fall Fund Drive*



**“No one is useless  
in this world who  
lightens the burdens  
of another.”**

**Charles Dickens**



Fall is approaching! For those who love the warmth of summer, it's sad to see another summer come to an end, but for those who look forward to the crisp mornings and the beautiful fall colors, it's a wonderful time of the year. With the magnificence of fall comes the chilly weather. For many who struggle to pay the bills, the increased cost of heating becomes a real issue for hundreds of families.

Masonic Children & Family Services of Texas has programs that provide families with basic needs; including rent, utilities, food, and clothing. This summer, our requests for help have been overwhelming. Winter will be just as challenging, with so many needing our assistance to ensure their children have a warm and comfortable place to call home.

Poverty and financial hardship affect many families every day. Some face job loss, an unexpected major repair bill, or a sick child - forcing time missed from work. For those that call us for help, we are often their only hope and last resort.





These are the faces of children whose families we recently served by funding rental and utility assistance. And while only a few are pictured here, there were hundreds over the past year alone.

From a grateful parent: ***“Thank you for giving me a listening and understanding ear and for realizing that single parents who do not qualify for government aid need help from time to time. The unplanned financial things in a typical two-parent/income home can devastate a single-parent environment. Thank you for giving me space to breathe, regroup, and help me keep going.”***



Please consider donating today in support of our Fall Fund Drive. Your contribution makes a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannon Davis".

Shannon Davis  
Executive Director

***P.S. This is our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year. We are proud of this historical achievement and incredibly thankful that we have been able to assist children for well over a century. To commemorate this special time in our history, all donations, including those for this Fall Fund Drive, \$250 and over, will add your name to our Donor Wall in honor of this landmark.***