

# PARKER TASK FORCE

Parker Police & Public Works Departments at PACE on December 23rd with Santa



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## New Building Update

In December, the Town of Parker recorded a warranty deed to the Parker Task Force for land located just east of Town Hall. According to Steve Budnack, "We are in the infancy stages right now and we are working with the architect on the first rendering of the building." The rendering will need to first go through the Town of Parker's building department and then to the Parker Planning Commission. This is just the beginning of the process but obtaining the land for our new building is completed.

Total donations (items) received: **12,588**  
Cash donations: **\$1,116.00**  
According to Dawn Cashman, Parker Police Officer, "This was the largest food drive for the backpack program that the Parker Task Force has ever had and they (PTF) said they received enough donations to feed these homeless and hungry kids of Parker for the remainder of the school year!" She thanked all those involved for their dedication and their desire to make a difference in the community.

Pictures of the event are on page 2.



Volunteers make the difference!  
Read more about three of our generous volunteers on pp. 3 & 4.

**February 4th**  
**is PTF's**  
**26th**  
**anniversary!**



Backpack Program for local school children.  
Read more on page 2.

## NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thuy Aragon  
Steve Budnack  
Lisa Coe  
Mike Frey  
Erin McIntyre  
Diane Roth

Board meetings are scheduled quarterly.

## Day of Giving Update

We collected **20% more** than last year and **75%** of the people who donated were 1st time givers. Final total donated was **\$5,900.**

## PTF December in Review

\$11,007 in financial assistance  
166 bags of pet food  
9480 cans of food  
2125 Volunteer Hours

## Parker Police Collect with Santa at PACE



Thank you to the Parker Police department and Parker Public Works! This event was a huge success! We could not have done this without you.



## 26 Acts of Kindness Comes Our Way

Last week, a couple came in with armloads of new coats. They said that a family member in another state had posted on Facebook about 26 Acts of Kindness. They decided to post that they were going to collect coats for needy families. Many of their family and friends mailed coats to them and their Stonegate neighbors donated some too. All together they donated 36 coats to the Task Force. This is another great example of a community that cares!

## BACKPACK PROGRAM

PTF and Parker Adventist Hospital have partnered with 5 schools to provide students with a backpack with food for the weekend. Students have been identified by the school district as needing help. Families are very appreciative of this support. This program is expanding and our hope is to help children in every school in Parker. We have delivered 400+ so far.

# Volunteers Make the Difference!



**Sharon Anderson**

**1. How long have you been volunteering at the Parker Task Force?**

- approximately 15 years

**2. What do you do for them?**

- interview families to see if they qualify for services

**3. How many hours do you volunteer monthly?**

- 8 hours

**4. How has volunteering benefited your life?**

- volunteering has given me a better attitude about life

**5. Has it changed you in any way?**

- more compassion

**6. Do you volunteer anywhere else?**

- Hands of Hope - builds houses for people who live in South Dakota and Mexico

1. Commitment

2. Dedication

3. Caring

4. Generous

**11. Is there anything else that you would like to add?**

-thinks that people should contribute to the community more often

Interviewed by Megan Yu, NJHS Historian

**7. How many families of Parker have you helped?**

- hundreds

**8. Why have you chosen to volunteer at the Parker Task Force?**

- local entity  
- believes that families in

Parker should have food, household items, etc.

**9. What is the most common item you have seen donated to the Parker Task Force?**

- canned vegetables

**10. Do you like to volunteer for the Parker Task Force?**

- yes



## A Dedicated Volunteer- Genese Sweeney

1. How long have you been volunteering at the Parker Task Force?

**16 years as of August**

2. What do you do for them?

**Interviewer- so she interviews all the families**

3. How many hours do you volunteer a month?

**15 hours**

4. Has volunteering benefited your life?

**Yes, it has made me more aware of my community**

5. Has it changed you in any way?

**Yes, it has made me appreciate more and it has made me get to know my community**

6. Do you volunteer anywhere else?

**Janice does not at the moment, but she formerly volunteered at Praying Hands Ranch**



**Genese Sweeney**

photo courtesy of Officer Britton

7. Do you also work outside of volunteering?

**Genese is retired. She worked at IBM for 31 years.**

8. What advice would you give to a student who wanted to volunteer at Parker Task Force?

**Since community service is required to graduate high school, try to get involved in**

**at least a food drive. Anything students can do to help!**

9. Are there any additional things that you want the readers to know?

**“As much as I love the corporate world, working at the Parker Task Force is very, very rewarding; I absolutely love it!”**

## A SPECIAL THANKS!



Thank you to Tresa Server for keeping our job board updated! Many families have benefited from your efforts.



Thank you to Randy Thompson, our website guru. We are looking so much better.

**Help a neighbor in need!**  
Parker Task Force provides short term assistance to local residents. Our current needs:

Paper Towels, Toilet Paper Laundry Detergent Vegetable Oil, Mayonnaise Pasta Sauce, Saltines Cereal, Coffee, Deodorant	Tomato Paste, Juice, Stews Snacks, Pancake Syrup Fruit Cocktail, Hand Soap Dishwashing Detergent Feminine Hygiene
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**Cash donations and gift cards gratefully accepted.**

We are 100% staffed by volunteers.  
To volunteer or for assistance contact:  
[www.parkertaskforce.org](http://www.parkertaskforce.org)  
20118 East Mainstreet, Phone: 303-841-3460  
Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9:00-1:00

Thank you to Lee and Leslie Hopkins for creating our new needs list for the Parker Task Force. It now has our logo, current needs, how to contact us, and opportunities to volunteer.

**TASK FORCE  
NUMBERS**

**130+  
VOLUNTEERS**

**2627  
FAMILIES  
RECEIVED  
SERVICES IN  
2012**

# Our Community



**Customer  
Demographics**  
**Live in Parker**  
**83%**

**Live in Elizabeth**  
**8%**

**Live in  
Franktown** **3%**

**Outside our  
service area**  
**6%**

School children in 16 different schools in our community have helped the Task Force. In 2012, sixteen schools have had food drives. Over 33,800 items and over \$2,300 was donated last year. Additionally, numerous high school students have participated in food collection drives at grocery stores and volunteered their time at the Task Force.

**Most  
Food  
Donations**

**High School  
Chaparral**

**Middle**

**Sierra**

**Elementary**

**Northeast**