

PARKER TASK FORCE

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Board of Directors

- Steve Budnack
- Diane Roth
- Michael Bain
- Lisa Coe
- Justin Giacchino

Board Resignation

Thuy Aragon, representative from 1st Bank, resigned at the last meeting due to her new position with the bank. Thuy was a great supporter of the Task Force and her expertise and support will be missed. Justin Giacchino is our new board member from 1st Bank. He brings a wealth of experience with a background in construction.



Building Update

The soft ground breaking was held on Friday, November 21st at 2 p.m. Bob Powers has graciously volunteered to manage the project for the Task Force. He will be very busy spending his days at the work site once the project begins. The new building boasts a great new floor plan and separate private offices for the interviewing of clients. The bids came back in a little higher than expected since construction costs are going up. We will be using White Construction of Castle Rock and they will try to hire local sub contractors—keeping jobs in Parker. The new building will cost approximately \$1,433,500. This figure does not include the new coolers, freezer, shelving, etc... We will continue our Capital Campaign to raise money to pay for the building. The board of directors approved getting a loan to help fund the building until we have raised enough funds. We are expecting the building to be completed by the end of next summer. Check out the pictures of the ground breaking on page 3.



Recap of the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

A huge thank you to Terry Kania for hosting the volunteer dinner. It was a beautiful evening that began with Steve Budnack recognizing Nancy Gripman as the founder and longest serving volunteer of the Parker Task Force. He also gave a financial, general and building update. It included:

- Senior population needing help has increased.
- Largest increase is those outside of Parker needing help. Increase of 29%.
- 3 months of food on hand.
- At the end of August, PTF had 719K in the capital campaign.
- Reserves- about 11 months on hand.

What do our volunteers do?

Ted goes to the schools every week to deliver backpacks with food for students who are deemed homeless by the school district. Over 283 backpacks are delivered each month. Eight schools in the Parker area participate in this program. Ted you are making a difference in so many lives. Thank you!

Jill is our grant writer and has written more grants than ever for PTF for both the operating and capital campaign. We are already starting to see the benefits of this. We could not do this without her. Thank you!

Sue K. is working to incorporate many of the ideas from our volunteers to update the Volunteer Personnel Policy. Thank you!

Last year, Chaparral High School had 24 students who were identified as “going nowhere”. The school asked, “Will you feed them breakfast?” These kids were fed breakfast daily and twenty two of the twenty four students improved their grades and were able to graduate. Just a little help can make a big difference in the lives of others. This was a huge success!



This Year's Data

10% increase in client visits

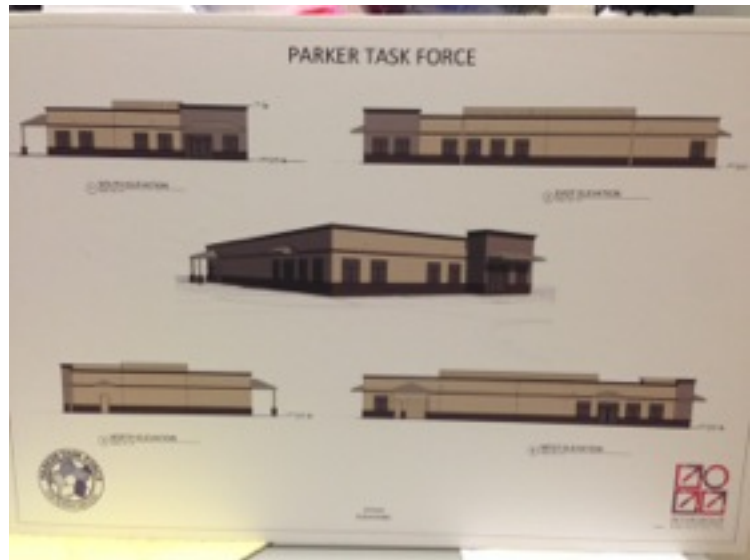
Down 10% in food disbursements

Monetary help/assistance is down

26% increase outside of our service area

87 seniors age 60 or older are clients (3 years ago we only saw 28 seniors)

465 children in our community are receiving help



Another way to help Parker Task Force

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Photos from the ground breaking



Thanksgiving Update

This year the Parker Task Force had over 60 volunteers including volunteers from the Parker Police Department to help make Thanksgiving boxes, collect food from the community, organize all the donations, and stock the shelves. The Task Force provided more than 218 meals for 1069 individuals. Each of you make a difference in the lives of others. Thank you for all your hard work and compassion to make the holidays special for others. You are heroes in the eyes of others.



Did you know?

There is a bulletin board in the office filled with thank you notes to Task Force and it's volunteers. Please stop by and read some of these wonderful letters and notes. Each of you really make a difference in the lives of others. Here are just a few of them.



Mr. Steve Budnack,

Thank you for the most generous gift of seeing, the new eyeglasses. Don and I have appreciated the Parker Food Bank and the continued support you have so willingly given and shared with us. Since our accident in 2004 our world, as you know, has been turned upside down and your organization has continued to help in so many ways, and we do so appreciate your help.

Before our accident, when we were able to work and had good health, we delighted in sending some financial help to families we knew were in need, especially when it was done anonymously. It was a pleasure for us to do so. It was not until we needed and received your help that we fully realized how much help from those who really care can mean to a family or individual. We want to thank you many, many times for all the help and generosity that we have received over the past and the gift of the new eye glasses. It would please us if you would share our gratitude and thanks with those that so faithfully work with you and share your philosophy of helping those in need. Again, Thank you and God Bless.

Since

Dear Mr. Steve)

Thank You for giving us The money To get one of my infected crowns out.

Love,

Dear Steve + Parker Task Force,

Thank you so much for your support This year at Pine Lane + within our Parker community! We were Thrilled to hear about The summer program too. Your support has made a significant impact on our families + Community.

Thank you! Allison, Kathleen + Sara