



80 Served in One Day

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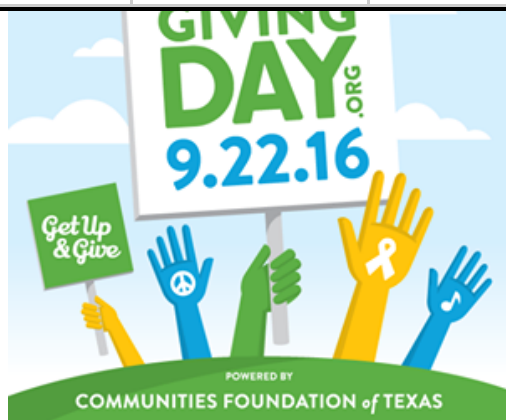
CCM staff experienced its own form of First Day of School Monday, August 22, 2016 when it set a new record for number served in a day. 80 Chin people brought paperwork problems to our 4-person staff. Here is a breakdown of the types of needs they brought to us.

<u>Number of people</u>	<u>Classification of Need</u>
44	School related issues
14	Read and explained mail
9	Health related, including making appointments, explaining and obtaining health insurance
3	Immigration/citizenship issues
3 (takes over an hour)	Helping apply for job online
3	Tenant/utility issues
2	Legal
2	Help them understand online bill paying

We believe that CCM offers needed services, not just to the Chin community, but to the larger American -born community. Please consider donating to CCM for North Texas Giving Day.

Support CCM on North Texas Giving Day

Chin Community Ministry is pleased to take part in the eighth annual North Texas Giving Day on September 22, 2016! On that day, all gifts of \$25 or more made through the CCM profile page on the North Texas Giving Day website (<https://northtexasgivingday.org/npo/chin-community-ministry>) will be increased by bonus funds and prizes between 6 a.m. and midnight! Every nonprofit receiving a donation on North Texas Giving Day receives a portion of the total



donated.

Program Is Not Just About Reading - It Is About Empowerment



CCM's Summer Reading Program concluded its 6th year on August 11. For 6 weeks, 2 times a week, volunteers met and listened to a Chin elementary schooler (2nd - 5th grade) read to them, and help them understand the material they are reading. The program also included a middle school girls book club and boys soccer reading club that was highly attended each week.

On Tuesdays, students read about Flat Stanley with volunteers and even had the opportunity to create their own. The theme of our Flat Stanley project was "A Day at Work," where the kids were able to see the day in the life of different careers from some of our volunteers, ranging from doctors, lawyers, coaches, and office workers. The kids were so excited to talk about, track, and write about their flat character's journey and adventures!

Thursdays were focused on reading comprehension where students read books of their choosing out loud for 10 minutes at a time to a volunteer who, in turn, asked them comprehension questions to ensure the reading was understood. Prizes were given at the end of the day for those that read for 60 minutes.

On the last day of the program, there were cupcakes, games, and a live dramatic performance from Trietsch Memorial United Methodist Church's Stage Right Ministry—a great way to celebrate a wonderful summer of reading! On their way out, they were able to take a bundle of books home of their choosing.

"The CCM Summer Reading Program is essential tool to empower Chin students as they progress through school and life. This is one of our most

CCM Executive Director, said.

CCM would like to thank the more than 50 volunteers that volunteered more than 500 hours from 18 different churches and organizations. We would also like to thank the Flat Stanley volunteers for allowing him to accompany you on a day at work.

Special thanks to First Presbyterian Church of Lewisville for the use of their facilities; First United Methodist Church - Lewisville, TX Children's Ministry for providing snacks for the kids; RockPointe Church of Flower Mound for board game prizes; and of course, Kristy Dean, who led and coordinated the program this year!

P.S. Kristy Dean will now be working with our newly expanded gang prevention soccer program and so we are looking for a new Reading Program Director. Please contact Becky Nelson at crm.beckynelson@hotmail.com if you have administrative gifts that God would have you use in this important program.

New Socks and Shoes for School



150 Chin students received new socks and shoes for school, thanks to the generosity of The Village Church, Caring Compassionate Hearts & Helping Hands, Inc., Payless ShoeSource on Main Street in Lewisville, and all those who support Chin Community Ministry. Thanks to Karen McFarland and her crew of volunteers who served 150 Chin students in 3 1/2 hours! Thanks to Benny Sazul and Far Thang, our interpreters, who managed all the logistics for getting that many Chin served in 3 1/2 hours with such efficiency and grace.

August "For Girls Only" Camp

Approximately 15 Chin girls attended a week long day camp designed and facilitated by Madison O'Malley as part of Madison's Girl Scout Gold Award Project. Madison wrote the curriculum, planned all the activities, gathered resources and enlisted 5 friends to help her. Topics included personal hygiene, nutrition, safety, and household health care. The emphasis was on how the girls



received a first aid kit donated by Bob Lilly's Professional Promotions and a copy of "The Care and Keeping of You" donated by Matt and Marcy O'Malley. They also had a lot of fun playing Hangman and Pictionary and making

bracelets. The camp also included a visit from the Lewisville Fire Department (pictured). Madison and her parents are members of The Village Church.

Share Day

Share Day will be September 17 at Basswood Apartments. Volunteers will meet at Lake Sharon at 8:30, and Share Day will begin at Basswood at approximately 9:15. We hope to be finished by 10 or 10:15. If you would like to help, contact Mitch Gray at mitchg55@yahoo.com.

Donation Requests:

Basic furniture for newcomers—

Couches, dining room, kitchen table and chairs, and dressers (small enough to fit into apartments). For furniture pick-up, call our donation line at 469-444-1231.

Diapers—Newborn to Size 6

Monetary contributions—Donate online to Chin Community Ministry at lewisvillechin.org/donate or send checks to Chin Community Ministry, P.O. Box 271323, Flower Mound, TX 75027-1323

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