



# THE HELPING CENTER

CLIENT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2022

## NOTICES & COMING EVENTS

### OUR MISSION:

The Helping Center of Marble Falls provides nourishment and limited financial support to our neighbors in need in a dignified and hope-filled setting. As a unified community of Christians, we also offer opportunities for education, fellowship, and referrals providing a path to self-sufficiency.

### NEED HELP? WANT TO HELP?

#### Hours of Operation

M-F 9:30 am - 1:30 pm (food/assistance)  
Tues 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (food)  
Thurs 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm (food)

#### Physical Address

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Website | [helpingcenter.org](http://helpingcenter.org)

Facebook | [Marble Falls Helping Center](https://www.facebook.com/MarbleFallsHelpingCenter)

Instagram | [thehelpingcenter](https://www.instagram.com/thehelpingcenter)

### DECEMBER HOURS

The Helping Center will be closed on December 23 and 26 in observance of Christmas. We will also be closed on Friday, December 30 to begin celebrations for New Year 2023.

*The Helping Center  
wishes you a  
blessed Christmas!*

"The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid: for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.'"

Luke 2:10-11



**SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS EVENT | December 5 – 9** | During the first week of December, local pastors and church leaders will be on hand in the client shopping area to welcome shoppers. Smiles, friendly faces, prayers, and small gifts will be shared.

**REGISTRATION CONTINUES - FREE CHRISTMAS TOYS** | For kids ages 0-16 | Registration is open M-F 9:30 am-1:30 pm through December 12 for the free Christmas toys program. To register at The Helping Center, you must live in Marble Falls, Cottonwood Shores, Granite Shoals (not in city or HLEM), Highland Haven, Horseshoe Bay (Burnet County), Kingsland (Burnet County), Smithwick, or Spicewood (Burnet County). You must be the legal guardian of the children and will need to provide the children's names, age, date of birth, social security number, and clothing size. *Ask for Nancy.*

**LAST CLASS OF THE SERIES: "A FRESH START TO A HEALTHIER YOU"** | Thursday, December 8, 10:00 – 10:30 am | The Helping Center partners with Texas A&M AgriLife to bring you the last class of a 4-part series. The topic of our December class is "celebrating small bites". Information, samples, and give-aways are provided. A translator will be present for Spanish speakers. Those who attend all 4 classes will receive a certificate of completion and a \$25 HEB gift card. Join in the fun and bring a friend!

**CONNECT TO HOPE** | You are not alone. Help is available. | If you or someone you know needs help, connect to hope. Call or text #988, or chat at [988lifeline.org](http://988lifeline.org), to speak to a trained crisis counselor 24/7/365.

**RECIPE OF THE MONTH** | Try our delicious Holiday Salmon Spread! Tasty and oh so healthy! Ask for the recipe at the front desk.

### THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

**The meaning of Christmas can be expressed in one simple word: LOVE.**

*The Bible verse John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."*

**The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.**

*For Christians, Christmas is the celebration of love we experience in and through Jesus. Our sharing of gifts is a re-enactment of God's greatest gift to us. This sharing also re-enacts the story of the three Wise Men who visited the infant Jesus in a humble manger, bringing gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

*This season, let us gladly share gifts of toys and trinkets with one another! But let us not forget the greatest gift of all – God's gift of LOVE given freely to each person on earth.*