



Good Samaritans of Garland

# **IMPACT REPORT 2025**



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# WE ARE BETTER **TOGETHER**

*Volunteer  
Groups!*

2025 brought many changes, with more growth on the horizon, new team members and a growing group of dedicated volunteers, Good Sam continues to **FEED**, **HELP** and **SERVE** with compassion. Let's take a look at what we accomplished in 2025.



# Who We Are

Good Sam's focus is providing supplemental food assistance to our hungry and food-insecure neighbors living in the DFW Metroplex. Today, we are providing nutritious food to anyone needing food with no residency or income eligibility requirements.



Good Sam Staff

# What We Do

## FEEDING

Through our partnership with North Texas Food Bank, local retail partners, and donations from the community, we are able to provide supplemental food assistance to families and individuals.

## HELPING

Our guests receiving food may be a one-time emergency situation, temporary need, or an ongoing need as result of disability, injury/illness, job loss, or simply not enough money to cover bills. Providing supplemental food assistance is extremely valuable in helping families and individuals move forward through a difficult time, short or long term.

## SERVING

At the core of who we are, GOOD SAM exists to serve our neighbors in need with compassion. Whether it is providing food, information, or making a community partner connection for them, we simply serve.



# Our Core Values

## **GATHER**

We envision a community in which everyone has access to sufficient nutritious food and awareness of community resources.



# Our 2025 Impact

200,944

Individuals  
Served

60,604

Households  
Served

3,062,508

Pounds of food  
distributed

2,552,090

Meals Provided

3,322

Unhoused Served

In 2025, more of our neighbors walked through our doors than ever before. Some came after a job loss, others after an unexpected medical bill, and many because rising costs pushed their budgets beyond the breaking point. I will never forget the mother who told me she hadn't eaten in two days so her children could. Or the senior neighbor who shared, with tears in her eyes, "I didn't know where else to go."

***These moments stay with me. They remind me why Good Sam exists, and why your support matters so deeply.***

*Sara Kenefake*

**Executive Director**



# Our 2025 Impact



Good Samaritans has truly been a blessing to me. I knew I could go there to be **treated with respect even though I was homeless**. I received the food I needed as well as the encouragement I needed.

The staff and volunteers are very professional. They really do care and offer encouragement to those who need it. I thank God for Good Samaritans. Continue to do an excellent service to the community.

**Larry**  
Good Sam Guest

**31%**

Children Served

**21%**

Seniors

**11.5 %**

African  
American

**71.5%**

Hispanic

**7.5%**

Caucasian

**9.3%**

Asian



# Funding Impact

Our fundraising, including grants, topped **\$562,000** for the 2025 Fiscal year.

**38%** of this funding came from grants, **22%** from our annual fundraising events and **39%** from our faithful monthly donors:

made up of individuals, churches and businesses who are dedicated to our mission.

**\$125,469**  
Events

**\$221,534**  
Donations

**\$215,053**  
Grants



# Retail Partners

We engage partners and promote teamwork, accomplishing more to actively sustain our mission, achieve shared goals and build a stronger, healthier community



# Garland ISD Weekend Bag Program

In 2024 Good Sam started a weekend bag program that serves 5 Elementary Schools; providing a bag of 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 snacks for student, weekly. We currently serve 100 students and as funding allows, will expand this program.

In 2025, Good Sam provided **2,790** weekend bags for GISD students.

**For my students, the weekend food bags mean stability. They know that even though they're going home for the weekend, regardless of their home situation, there will be food available to them if they're hungry.**

Whitney Palmer  
*GISD School Counselor*

**100**  
**students**  
**served weekly**



# Community Coming Together

Good Sam actively collaborates with local organizations to ensure that support extends beyond our own guests. Whether they come through our doors or those of a partner organization, individuals in need can count on the resources and compassion available at Good Sam. ***That's the kind of community we're proud to be part of.***

## "We've got you..."

Good Sam regularly receives calls from **City of Garland** social workers. Through these connections with dedicated professionals, we're able to provide more targeted support and resources to individuals in our community who need it most.



When Good Sam receives a call from **Hope's Door New Beginning Center** — which provides free, confidential services to survivors of domestic violence and their children — about a client in need of food who must remain anonymous for safety reasons, our response is simple: *"No problem — we've got you."*

Within 20 minutes, we have a cart of groceries prepared and ready for discreet pickup.



When an unhoused neighbor needs additional support to take the next step on their journey, a single call connects them with

**Metro Relief** — an organization passionately dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness. In addition, every Friday, the Metro Relief Bus visits Good Sam to offer warm meals, meaningful conversations, and on-the-spot access to essential services for anyone in need.



# Community Partners

**Garland Police & Fire** Good Sam is a proud supporter of the Garland Police Department. Throughout the year, we stock their break rooms with coffee and deliver snacks and goody bags to each department as a gesture of our gratitude and appreciation for their dedicated service to our community. Good Sam proudly provides the GFD staff with coffee and meat—small gestures to help fuel the vital work they do for our community. Additionally we provide the Fire Department with Toy donations for their annual holiday Toy Drive!



**Trusted World** As a proud partner of Trusted World, we're able to request clothing and shoes for families and guests in need—helping to take one worry off their list during challenging times. In addition, we have a donation bin at our pantry where we are able to collect clothes to give back at the same time.

**GLOWS (Garland Overnight Warming Shelter)** During the winter months, we support GLOWS by providing food and essential supplies. We also serve as a designated bus stop for cold-weather pickups, helping ensure those in need have access to warmth and shelter.

**Garland Independent School District** Giving back to GISD is deeply meaningful to everyone at Good Sam. We collaborate closely with school counselors and social workers, and we're proud to provide goody bags for teachers throughout the year. As a Platinum Angel PTA member, Sara Kenefake understands the vital role of supporting educators and strengthening our public school system.

**9<sup>th</sup> Street Boxing Gym** We're proud to support the mission of 9th Street Gym by providing granola bars and snacks for the kids in the boxing program. We're also a proud Sponsor of the Guns & Hoses Boxing Tournament, hosted through the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Boxing Gym, each year.

Good Sam provides space for other organizations to offer services that may be needed by our guests such as **Medicaid representatives, SNAP, dental clinics** and **health organizations**.

# Keeping Families Fed

*Good Sam Guest, Antoinette*

"I feel like there's a stereotype for coming to the food bank and through coming I just learned that's not true," says Antoinette, a mother of four. "So many people come. It's such good quality food and honestly, it's such a help with how expensive groceries are nowadays."

Antoinette says when they moved their family to the Dallas area from Georgia for her husband's job, the cost of living went up just as they were welcoming a new baby. With four young children, they decided she would stay home because of the high price of daycare, but living on one income meant they were not able to afford the nutritious food they know their kids need. A neighbor suggested they visit Good Sam and Antoinette says the produce and fresh foods they're given each month are a blessing that supplements the groceries they are able to afford.

"The ladies here are so sweet. They try to remember faces and welcome us," she says. She's so thankful for the help that she tries to support fellow neighbors when she can, whether by sharing baby items her kids have grown out of or telling others about Good Sam.



## Words of *hope*

We are deeply grateful for the thankful hearts of our guests, whose smiles and joy remind us daily of the strength and beauty of a vibrant community—one where people lift each other up with compassion and dignity.



I literally was down to nothing but flour and yeast so I could make bread and my next paycheck needed to go to bills and my dogs' food. So grateful for this organization and the lovely people. I hope to volunteer with them someday!

**Joy**

This place, regardless of YOUR beliefs, has the kindest and most helpful people attending it. This seems to cover the people who need their services as well. We are so fortunate to have them.

**David**

What a great place to get quality food. I received plenty of good bread, milk, okra, salad, broccoli, sweets, canned goods, fish, meat & some household items. The people there are so friendly & didn't make me seem like I was begging. As much as food prices are, I cannot afford to always have food. Thanks so much for places like this.

**Roberta**



# A Community that Cares

At Good Sam, our *commitment goes beyond giving* — we actively engage with the community around us. And we're not alone. We're proud to stand alongside remarkable organizations across the county that share our mission, including the **Achievement Center of Texas (ACT)**, a day habilitation center serving people with special needs. They volunteer with us every Tuesday, best day of the week! We also partner with **NeuroRestorative**, whose patients recovering from strokes volunteer weekly as part of their inpatient rehabilitation and physical therapy. **These partnerships embody the power of collective impact — because lasting change takes all of us.** With servant hearts and a shared dedication to making a difference, these groups generously invest their time and energy to help us fulfill our mission. **Together, we are stronger — and together, we serve.**



# Community Food Drives



Approximately 10% of the food we serve to our guests comes directly from generous community donations. Many local churches support us through monthly food drives, while Garland ISD contributes significantly with its annual district-wide collection. In addition, numerous organizations donate thousands of pounds of food throughout the year—**each playing a vital role in advancing our mission to FEED.**



# Good Sam

## Staff and Board

**Sara Kenefake**

*Executive Director*

**Cheryl Daniel**

*Business Operations Director*

**Katie Keyworth**

*Development Director*

**Cheryl Benchley**

*Pantry Manager*

**Hillary Womack-Adams**

*Operations Manager*

**Ryan Winters**

*Volunteer Coordinator/Admin*

**Patrick Abell**

*Pantry Services Coordinator*

**Aaron Esquivel**

*Pantry Services Coordinator*

**Craig Wheeler**

*Pantry Associate/Driver*

**Scott Everett**

*Pantry Associate/Driver*

**Socorro Escamilla**

*Guest Services Coordinator*



**Robert Kernodle**

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*Chair Elect*

Epiroc

**Clint Kelly**

*Treasurer*

Frost Bank

**Patricia Meyer**

*Chair Emeritus*

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**Libby Odom**

*Secretary*

Ebby Halliday Realtors

**Wendy Hardeman**

Sharing Life Community Outreach

**Jason Collins**

Crossroads Church Rowlett

**LaCrecia Perkins**

Carrington Coleman

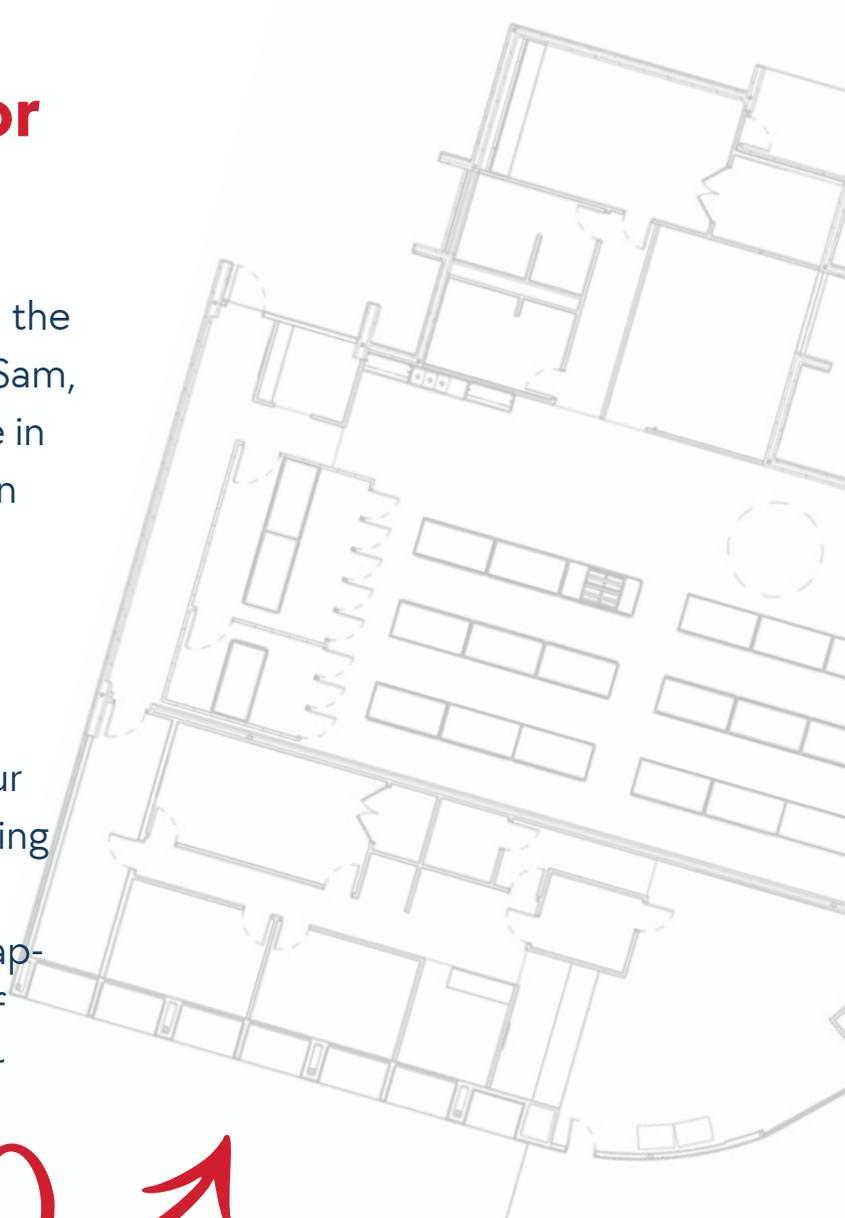
**Tracey Cline**

CUTX Charitable Foundation

# A New Chapter for Good Sam

In December 2025, we received the keys to the new home of Good Sam, located at 3319 Edgewood Drive in Garland. Construction has begun and we are planning on being operational in our new home by summer 2025!

This new building **quadruples** our usable space, enhance our existing services, and provide room for community partners to offer wrap-around services, all in support of **Feeding, Helping, & Serving** our neighbors in need.



More space,  
more capacity  
to serve!



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# We are Good Sam

This building represents more than expansion. It represents security for families who are struggling... a wider safety net for seniors... a stronger foundation for our community. ***It is a testament to what compassion can build.***

In our new space, we will be able to store more fresh food, welcome more guests at once, and provide groceries more efficiently. We will have room to expand programs that nourish students, families, and individuals facing crisis. ***Most importantly, we will create an environment that reflects the respect and dignity every neighbor deserves.***



Donor Wall Good Sam Soup Cans



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