



metrocrest moments



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about

Since 1971, Metrocrest Services has provided hope and relief to those who need a helping hand.

The mission of Metrocrest Services is to provide programs for individuals, families, and seniors that lead to self-sufficiency and foster independence.

our services

food pantry

senior services

financial empowerment

**employment coaching
and job readiness**

seasonal programs

emergency financial assistance



get involved

Host a Virtual Drive

Rally the troops and help fund the No Child Hungry initiative with a virtual donation drive.



no child hungry initiative

No child should worry about where their next meal will come from. By harnessing the power of our volunteers, donors, and community partners, Metrocrest Services' **No Child Hungry** initiative ensures local children have nutritious food to eat year-round.

The initiative combines our Food Pantry, Sack Summer Hunger Program, and Holiday Food Program into a comprehensive solution to end child hunger in our community.

- ① The **Food Pantry** provides parents with fresh fruits and vegetables, nonperishable items, bread, milk, eggs, meat, and hygiene supplies year-round.
- ② The **Sack Summer Hunger Program** delivers nutritious, easy-to-prepare meals to children's homes weekly during the summer.
- ③ The **Holiday Food Program** provides children and their families with the ingredients they need to make healthy holiday meals and food for students to enjoy during their Thanksgiving and Winter breaks.

“My family has struggled off and on with a number of crises, both job-related and health-related. Because of your help, we've been able to provide healthy meals for our kids and even a Thanksgiving meal. We are forever grateful.”

- Patrice, mom of three (ages 11-17)



Be a ChangeMaker

Help feed children year-round with a monthly gift.

\$50/month = 3,600 meals/year

Volunteer

Load vehicles in our mobile food pantry or pack boxes of nonperishable items in our warehouse.

Learn more about becoming a volunteer and/or a ChangeMaker at metrocrestservices.org.

behind the circumstances

What comes to mind when you hear a person is experiencing homelessness?

Whatever it is, the story behind the circumstances often includes one defining factor — a lack of access to resources.

by the numbers



103% increase*

*67 people living outdoors
or in a car*



53% increase*

*641 students doubling up
with friends/family, living
in a motel, shelter, or car*



62% increase*

*1,942 people living
in a motel for months
or years*

**Since 2019; data from 2022 Point in Time Homeless Count of northwest Dallas County and southern Denton County.*



To address the rising population of unsheltered individuals in our community, Metrocrest Services hired Homeless Resources Director Melanie Meijering. Melanie spearheads a group of volunteers passionate about helping people experiencing homelessness by identifying issues surrounding their circumstances and providing support delivered with dignity and respect.

Since joining the team, Melanie has started working with city and community partners to develop and implement a new Homeless Resources department at Metrocrest Services. While it's still in its infancy, her experience and knowledge have allowed the organization to begin addressing the needs of people who are experiencing homelessness by connecting them to community resources.

Metrocrest Services is seeking volunteers interested in joining our street outreach team.

Interested participants should be passionate about supporting the needs of unsheltered individuals and feel comfortable talking to them in a variety of environments. Questions? Contact Melanie Meijering at melaniem@metrocrestservices.org.



“She’s my angel,”
*shares Anthony while sitting on his couch with Melanie,
Metrocrest Services Homeless Resources Director.*

from surviving to thriving ...

We met Anthony in February 2022 at the Metrocrest Services Food Pantry.

“It was during one of the cold snaps, and I remember struggling to walk on the ice from my tent to the pantry to get something to eat,” he explains.

On that fateful day Anthony met Melanie, Metrocrest Services Homeless Resources Director, who greeted him and offered gloves to help him stay warm.

A former user and dealer, Anthony had been homeless for 3 ½ years after serving a prison sentence.

He was ready to get his life back on track; he just didn’t know where to start. Thanks to Metrocrest Services’ new Homeless Resources department, Melanie was able to connect

Anthony with the nonprofit organization MetroRelief, which helped him receive a housing voucher. Afterwards, Melanie worked with Anthony to find an affordable senior living complex.

Anthony moved into his new apartment with only the items in his backpack, happy to have a safe, clean place to rest his head.

Then, Melanie connected Anthony with CitySquare’s housing program, where he received furniture for his apartment and assistance applying for Social Security benefits.

Sitting on the sofa in his apartment, Anthony recalls that it’s the simple things like taking a shower, sleeping in a bed, and cooking in his kitchen he now cherishes most. “Don’t ever give up. I didn’t.”



“The new building will not only allow us to expand our services, it will be a gathering space for our community.”

– Tracy Eubanks, CEO

building update

Metrocrest Services is building a home of our own! The 48,000-square-foot building will be located on the corner of Josey and Beltline in Carrollton, right in the heart of community need.

Since the Building Our Future capital campaign launched, \$12.7 million of the \$15.8 million goal has been raised. See the plans and donate at msbuildingourfuture.org.

project timeline

- December 2020**
Metrocrest acquires property
- October 2021**
Building Our Future capital campaign launches
- January 2022**
Construction begins
- April 2023**
Estimated completion



Staff visited the site in June to check out the progress and drop notes of encouragement into the foundation.



On August 1, the foundation was completed. In total, 500 cubic yards (52 truck loads) of concrete was poured.

visit metrocrest resale

Metrocrest Resale is a local shop specializing in boutique clothing, housewares, and home furnishings. Find 60% – 80% savings with new treasures added daily! All proceeds support Metrocrest Services.



Shop / Donate

Monday – Saturday
10 am – 6 pm

Location

2661 Midway Road #207
Carrollton, TX 75006
972-250-1900



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Passion

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GIVING DAY

9.22.22 presented by amazon





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Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022

The Westin Galleria Dallas

Join us for the first ever Hidden Heroes Luncheon.

Celebrating community members creating change through everyday actions.

Learn more:



As a ChangeMaker, your monthly gift will help keep our community fed year-round!

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“In some way, we are all touched by hardship, and paying it forward is important to helping our neighbors in need. That is why I am a ChangeMaker for Metrocrest Services as they help provide a hand up to self-sustainability.”

– Michael Bettinger

