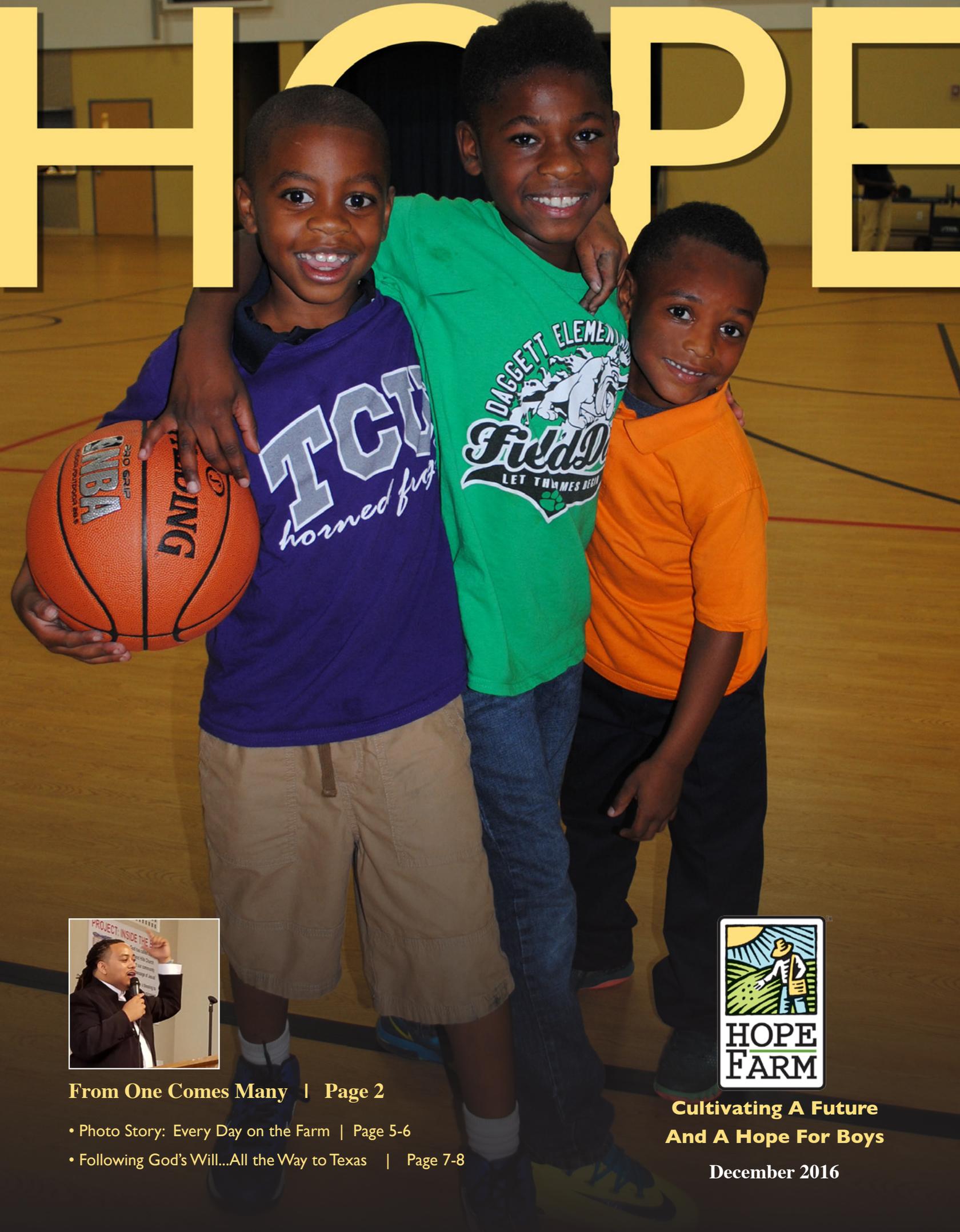
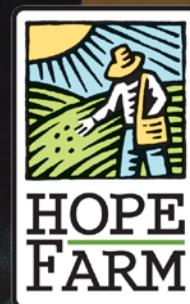


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**Cultivating A Future
And A Hope For Boys**

December 2016



DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

End-of-Year Giving

*'m a single mom, and I don't know how to raise a son.
I can't teach him how to be a man.*

I hear this over and over again. There is nothing about this cry that can be diminished. There is a desperate need for HOPE Farm.



Thank you for helping us speak into the lives of so many moms and sons. We have spent the last 20 years to help bring a solution to this problem. I'll never forget a conversation with Pastor Ted Kitchens who said, "Gary, you won't see fruit for 20 years." What seemed like forever is here now. You have been so gracious in helping us navigate and be able to accomplish our mission on a daily basis.

Thank you for your continued and consistent support. Two of our boys who started the program at the age of 5 are seniors at All Saints Episcopal School excelling on the football field and in the classroom. Both are being challenged academically, socially, spiritually, and athletically, and have personal and career goals that go way beyond the neighborhoods they are living in now.

Thank you for taking this journey with us.

If you are reading this letter, you are part of this 20-year process, and we value your prayers, your time, and your support. Thank you for helping us to create a safe environment for fatherless boys.

Thank you for being a part of the HOPE Farm dream. Without your support, 2016 would not have been as successful! With your support, we can make 2017 even better as we have accepted a record number of 5 and 6 year olds this fall.

The journey is still going. We are not finished. Let's all join in accepting a call to action to change the trajectory of inner city, fatherless boys one child at a time. Consider helping that single mom who can't raise her son by herself.

Consider HOPE Farm during your end-of-year giving.


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Mission Statement

HOPE Farm is a leadership program guiding at-risk boys to become Christ-centered men of integrity.

Vision Statement

Cultivating a future and a hope for boys.



*God continues to multiply
the 'fruit of our labor'
in the life of former
HOPE Farm student*

FROM ONE *Comes Many*

by Noble Crawford, Jr.

Co-Founder and Director of Services

Each year during the month of July, my wife, Mae, and I usually attend our family reunion, which is in a different city each year. This time it happened to be in Atlanta, Georgia, where Arthur and Gelisa Breland live. Arthur spent many years in the HOPE Farm program beginning in the first grade. He has graduated from college, married, and currently resides in Atlanta.

I called Arthur just to let him know we were in the city and that it would be great for us to see them. In an excited voice, Arthur yelled, "Mr. Noble that's great, I'm getting ordained as a Pastor on Sunday, can you come?!" Without even a second thought I said, "We will be there!" We routinely attend church with the kinfolk at our reunions, but THIS Sunday, we went to Woodland Hills Church to see what God was doing.

We did not know Arthur was scheduled to be ordained that particular Sunday, nor did Arthur know that we would be visiting Atlanta. That is the first reason this experience was so special. It was God's sovereign timing.

The second reason it was so special was the oppor-



tunity to speak about Arthur and his mom's history with HOPE Farm and to explain the opportunity to sow truth into his life in partnership with his mom, Ms. Monica Breland, for so many years. I was also thankful to speak a blessing on him and the ministry that God has called him to in Atlanta.

Finally, it was special to see how God is multiplying the fruit of our labor in Arthur's life, first through his marriage to Gelisa and now through ordination as a pastor in a local church. From one comes many is God's pattern. To Him be the glory great things he has done.





FALL FESTIVAL 2016:

Making the Day Come Alive

HOPE Farm is Grateful for Everyone Who Made this Event Festive

Fall Festival 2016 was a special event in every way. We are thankful for the many blessings from *and* for our community. Without the hard work of so many volunteer individuals and groups, we could not have gotten everything done. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, set up and cleaned up. A very special thanks, also, to Katherine Niederer-Morris who organized such a wonderful day!



- 7 City Church
- Alchemy Pops
- Brown Forman
- Cendera Funding
- Chem Can
- Chick-Fil-A
- Child Evangelism Fellowship
- Christ Chapel
- Colleyville Lions Club
- Communities Foundation of Texas
- Cook Children's Health Plan
- Covenant Christian Academy – Colleyville
- EnduraLab
- FW Fire Department (Station 5)
- FW Police Department
- Frito Lay
- Grand Events
- Haltom City Farmer's Market
- JPS (flu shots)
- JPS Foundation
- Junior League
- King Korn
- Legacy Merch
- Legacy Pediatric Dental
- Literacy United
- Malloy Chiropractic
- Mrs. Baird's
- Plains Capital Bank
- Sonic
- St. Paul Lutheran Church / Comfort Dogs Pax & Phoebe
- Subway
- Tarrant County Master Gardener's Association
- Texas Photo Booth Company
- TCU Baseball
- TCU Greek
- TCU Track and Field
- Trader Joe's
- UNT Health Science Center
- Whataburger
- Young Men's Service League

Encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

– 1 Thessalonians 5:11



Covenant Christian, Brown-Forman Helped Set the Stage for Fall Festival

Two groups who helped behind the scenes the week before our Fall Festival on Saturday, October 15, were the seventh graders of Covenant Christian Academy in Colleyville and an executive group from the Brown-Forman company.

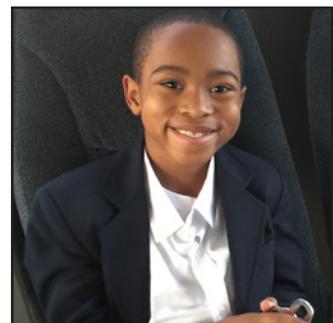
A few days before the big event, the entire seventh grade class from CCA came to HOPE Farm to serve from 9am-3pm. We had 79 students, parents and faculty cleaning trash, planting flowers, pulling weeds, picking up sticks, loading trash in dumpsters, washing vehicles, making posters, writing Bible verses for grocery bags, and stuffing grocery bags full of food.

It was a very busy day as they helped staff and our volunteer gardeners Joel and Wendy make our campus beautiful for Saturday.

On Friday, a group from Brown-Forman came to help set up tables, move hay, blow up bounce houses, and get the campus ready for the hundreds of people who would come through the gates the next day.



We are thankful for all of the behind-the-scenes labor these groups did. We are blessed by their service and thankful for their giving hearts.





LEARNING, LAUGHING & LOVING...

every day



on the Farm





Following God's Will...

...all the way to Texas

*After one year,
Program Assistant
knows she's exactly
where she's
supposed to be*

“**F**aithful you have been and faithful you will be.”

These nine words have their origin in a lyric line in the song “Ever Be” by the contemporary Christian band Bethel. With the intent of emphasizing the aspect of praise to God, the artist’s desire is for the listener to remember the goodness and faithfulness of God in His promises, no matter the circumstances of his or her day. Within the past year, I have found these encouraging lyrics to reign true in my life and in my calling as well.

In following God’s call to continue my education in graduate school at Southwestern Seminary, I moved from Amory, Mississippi, to Fort Worth in August of 2015.

In a new city with new surroundings and new people, nervous, anxious, and even terrified seemed like understatement! Having just left a ministry back home that I led for almost four years, I was also battling a sense of purposelessness and emptiness in not having a specific place to serve in ministry. I prayed that God would open up a door again, and that is exactly what He did! In searching for that open door, I stumbled across an ad from HOPE Farm that caught my attention. I researched HOPE Farm and familiarized myself with what it



by Danielle Hathcock

Program Assistant – Como Campus

was, what it stood for, and what it sought to accomplish. I knew from the beginning that the opportunity to work for this organization would be an honor. Much to my surprise, God would give me that honor just a few months down the road!

My first official day at HOPE Farm in Como was on October 6, 2015. I was beyond excited! One of the first boys I met was Jaise Richardson. He walked up, introduced himself, and extended to me a firm handshake. I was quite impressed. As I watched him interact with the other boys at snack time, the first thing I noticed was his contagious laugh! He loves to laugh, and he takes joy in seeing others laugh.

As time passed, I also noticed that Jaise has an innate ability to be a leader. When given an assignment, he sees it through to the end. Jaise is also academically driven. When he gets to HOPE Farm, he dives straight into his

homework, and his grades reflect his desire for achievement. Jaise is also intentional in being a helper to our little guys. I have observed as he spent 30 minutes walking through the number system with one of our younger boys, even though no one had asked him to.

Though this list could go on and on, the one characteristic that I appreciate in Jaise the most is his constant, deliberate respect to me. We joke around and have a lot of fun, but he is always careful to show respect. His effort in that means a lot to me.

God has grown Jaise tremendously in the short time that I have known him. I know that He will continue that growth and raise Jaise up into the man that He desires for and is calling him to be.

It truly is hard for me to believe that a year has now passed since my journey at HOPE Farm began. I could not be more satisfied and blessed to work anywhere else. These boys have certainly changed my life in more ways than I can ever hope to change theirs.

God has been faithful in my life and in theirs, and faithful He will be.



FIT TO BE GENEROUS

25 Crossfit Teams Help Raise \$15k in Workout Challenge

Last spring, Ryan Smith, who works with Luther King Capital Management, came to HOPE Farm for a tour of the facilities with the intention of learning more about how we accomplish our mission on a daily basis.

Like so many who visit, Ryan was excited to meet the boys and to see how HOPE Farm ministers to young men who do not have fathers. He wanted to get involved and began thinking of ways that he could help in areas that we needed.



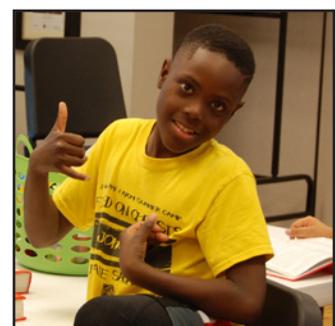
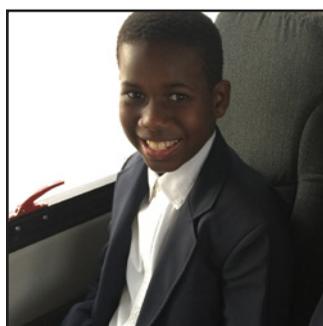
Ryan's first project was to raise money for private school tuition for some of our boys. He wanted to combine his new passion for the work of HOPE Farm with an old passion – WORKING OUT.

He started telling friends and set a date for the first annual "Purdue Special," hosted by Crossfit KT and the Smith family on Saturday, October 1.

This endeavor, which raised over \$15K for HOPE Farm, was a team-based challenging Crossfit workout that was scalable to all skill levels.

The workout ended with a celebration at the Smith's home. Over 25 teams participated in the workout and over 100 folks attended the post-workout festivities.

We are thankful for Ryan Smith's support!





ORGANIZATION BRIEFS:

Choir Continues to Sing 'Joyful Noise'

In September, the HOPE Farm Boys' Choir performed in Dallas for a special event hosted by Capital for Kids for many of their donors. Capital for Kids is an organization that donates significant funds to organizations that help children. We are thankful to be supported by Capital for Kids, and the choir was grateful for the opportunity to travel to Dallas and share their musical talents with them.

A few days later, the choir was invited to sing the National Anthem at a TCU Volleyball game. For many of the boys, it was the first time they had viewed the sport, and they were impressed by the speed of the game and strength of the players. One of our guys was even chosen to enter the hoola hoop contest run during one of the breaks.



The Power of Prayer: Students Share Prayer Requests

In our Bible classes, we spend time praying. There are specific prayer requests from several of the boys that we would like to highlight to let you know what is going on in their hearts. Here are a few to add to your prayer list:

- I pray that everybody will be respectful (age of boy praying: 7 years old)
- I pray that the homeless in Fort Worth will get food (9 years old)
- I pray that I can control my anger (9 years old)
- I pray that we all be obedient (10 years old)
- I pray that I will follow directions (10 years old)
- I pray that my Aunt gets a better job, and I pray for my mom (10 years old)
- I pray for my leg to get better (8 years old)

HOPE Farm High Schoolers Making a Difference

Because of the generous hearts of three Fort Worth families, Shamar Peoples, Scotty Mills, and Grant Garrison all attend The Hill School in Fort Worth and are making a positive difference inside and outside the classroom. Shamar and Grant are members of Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In addition, Shamar participates on the Drumline, plays varsity basketball, and is part of the Microsoft Academy. Scotty plays varsity football and basketball and is a member of Student Council and the Debate Team. Grant is also on Student Council and is honored to be a Student Ambassador of Hill School. We are so proud of these young men who are making a positive difference at their school.

Save the Date:

- February 2017 – Leadership Luncheon
- March 13-14 – Basketball Clinic
- June 5-30 – Summer Camp



BEAR CHARITY TENNIS PRO-AM:



Brian and Julia Flowers and Jim and Anna Nackley put on the most successful Charity Tennis Tournament to date benefiting HOPE Farm. With total donations exceeding over \$86K, we are thankful for the hard work and preparation that went into this weekend. We are humbled by the friendship and support of the Flowers and Nackley families.

Quick Facts

2016-2017 Enrollment

(64 boys total)

Southside:	
Elementary	31
Middle School	7
High School	11

Como:	
Elementary	9
Middle School	4
High School	2

Did You Know? Homes without fathers account for...

- 63% of youth suicides
- 90% of homeless and run-away children
- 85% of all children that exhibit behavioral disorders
- 80% of the rapists motivated with displaced anger
- 70% of all juveniles in state-operated institutions
- 75% of all adolescent patients in chemical abuse centers
- 71% of all high school dropouts
- 85% of all youth sitting in Texas prisons

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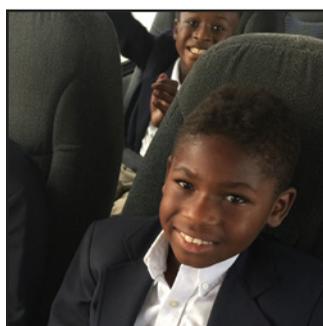
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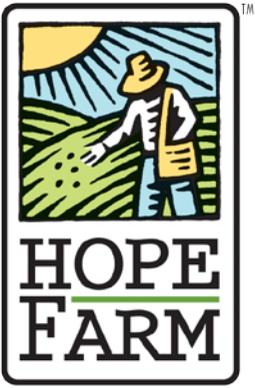
Taking Our Students to Another Level

HOPE Farm is making a tremendous impact on the lives of fatherless children every day. The statistics about fatherless children are startling to say the least. We wanted to share some very encouraging stories about fatherless children who have been in the HOPE Farm program for years—these stories give us great hope and shows how important our work is. We are working for Him and furthering His Kingdom. Please consider HOPE Farm in your year-end giving.

Here are some amazing things that HOPE Farm young men are doing:

- **Arthur** was just ordained as a minister at Woodland Hills Church in Atlanta, GA (2016)
- **Detrick** is serving with the United States Air Force
- **Cameron** just graduated with a Masters in Education from Hardin-Simmons University (2016)
- **Felix** just graduated with a Bachelors in Social Work from Jarvis Christian College (2016)
- **David, Robert, Demetrian, Salathial, and Darian** are currently studying at colleges and universities
- **Thurman and Shamar** received merit-based scholarship awards at their high schools
- **Derrick, LeDarian, and Elijah** are studying at the TCC Collegiate High School

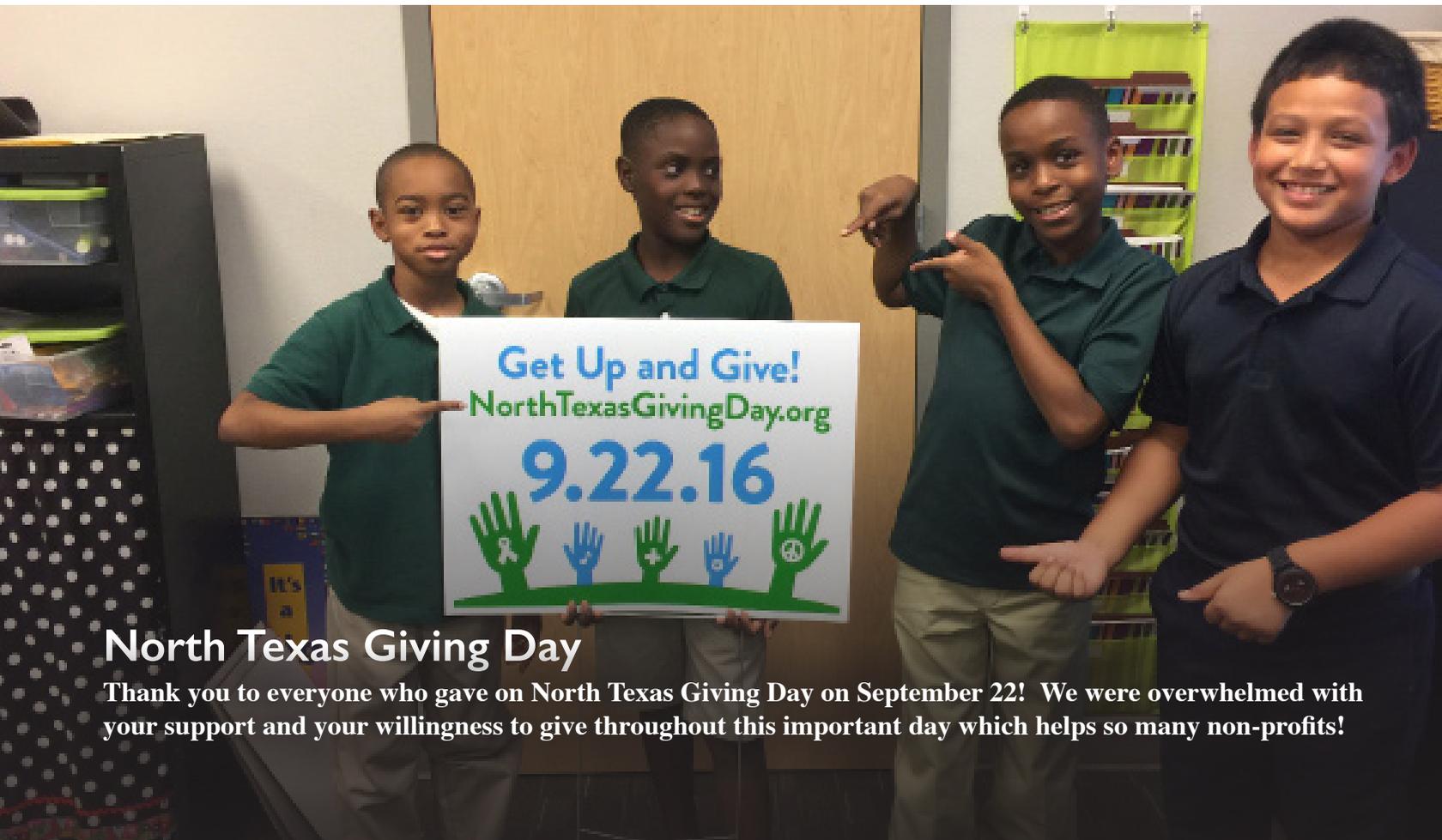




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North Texas Giving Day

Thank you to everyone who gave on North Texas Giving Day on September 22! We were overwhelmed with your support and your willingness to give throughout this important day which helps so many non-profits!