

Fall Festival Report for 2020

Dear Children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and with truth.

- 1 John 3:18

On Saturday, October 10th, the scheduled day for Fall Festival, we took a minute to celebrate ALC's Judy Cargill and Judy Johnson. The "Judys" retired this year after 10 years of heading Fall Festival. In service to ALC, the community, and area charitable organizations that benefited from the profits of our Fall Festival, Judy and Judy worked to make sure Fall Festival was a success every year.

Even though, in the mist of Covid-19, we were not able to celebrate in the way we wanted we were able to surprise them with a "drive-by celebration".

Thank you to all who took the time to drive by with signs, honks and cheers. The Judys were so surprised!

Also, thank you to all who donated to the charities that would normally have benefited from Fall Festival earnings.

Here are the totals of the donations:

HAAM \$1000
Family Promise \$895
American Cancer Society \$200
Lone Survivor Foundation \$70
Cub Scouts \$150
Twyla's Friends \$25

In His service,

Renee Wallace

2021 Fall Festival Update

Having to cancel our 2020 Fall Festival has given us time to take a fresh look and reimagine what future Fall Festivals may look like. In our initial meetings we have focused on ways to engage the community in a more meaningful way and provide something for all ages. Our goal is to make ALC's Fall Festival a 'destination,' where families can come together and enjoy a few hours of shopping, dining and entertainment.

In the past, the ALC food booth has been quite labor-intensive for our volunteers. We are considering foregoing the food booth in favor of a few food trucks, which are gaining in popularity. This idea definitely needs some more research to see if it's feasible and how it would work. Hopefully, this will free up volunteers to work in the bake booth and raffle booth, as well as a possible new 'garage sale' booth, where people can donate items they no longer need, but others may want. And we would like to enlarge the Kids' Zone to include inflatables and other fun activities.

Another avenue we are exploring is the addition of live entertainment. We would love to feature local musicians and entertainers, so people can stay a while and enjoy the Fall Festival in its entirety. Of course, we will be reaching out to our past vendors and looking for new vendors to complete the Fall Festival experience.

We are still in the very early planning stages and would welcome your feedback on the ideas we are considering, as well as any suggestions you may have. Our goal is to have the 2021 Fall Festival be bigger and better than ever! Working together, we can make it happen.

Debbie Heinrich and Kristin Rentrop
ALC Fall Festival Coordinators



Many thanks to the congregation for your help and support of the Family Promise ministry in 2020. 2020 was not the typical year, as we all know, and because of the Pandemic and COVID concerns, there were fewer families in the Church Network part of Family Promise, but many still in the Outreach facet. During the rotations that ALC hosted throughout the year, we served 4 families for a total of approximately 375 volunteer hours. We provided 24 meals, 21 sleepover buddies, lots of groceries and snacks, welcoming rooms, clean sheets, and most importantly love and fellowship! Some of the families joined us for multiple rotations, and some did not survive the program and exited. The families that we get to see through several rotations are the success stories! We had one successful graduation this year, with many more to come! Lauren and Moses and their three children successfully completed the program and are living locally, working, and the kids continue in school.

Help us keep the promise to
provide the space and
resources to help our families
THRIVE!



The Promise House

All kinds of action is happening at the construction site! Swing by and check out the BIG machines hard at work!

- Our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN is in FULL EFFECT!! Tell your friends!! We are willing to present the project where needed and are actively seeking sponsors for some key spaces in the home! Get your family or business thinking about making a lasting impact on our local community by sponsoring a space!
- The Promise House is in the Chronicle again! Check it out [HERE!!](#)
- The Promise House vision is RAPIDLY becoming a reality!! Keep up to speed by following us on social media to get the latest info!!

The Mighty 250

We still need YOU!!

177 Champions to donate at least \$1000

to build

The Promise House!!

You will receive a 12 x 12 brick on our "Walk of Success" and the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many families!

If you are not able to donate \$1000, there are other donation levels available also.

Thank you ALC for your continued support of this wonderful ministry! With much appreciation,

The Judys

ALC helping the community through HAAM in 2020

- Food scarcity problem – taken on by an ecumenical group of volunteers from ALC and AUMC (Atascocita Methodist Church)
- The members of Atascocita Lutheran Church in partnership with HAAM, AUMC and CTKE, provided services to local area residents in crisis. Over 680 families received supplemental foods through food fairs which extend to approximately 3,000 individuals. By hosting 4 food fairs in 2020, Atascocita Lutheran Church and HAAM extended our reach into the community and provided HAAM service information, employment and food coupon resources to more than 1,000 people as well.
- In addition to the service ALC provides to the community through food fairs, members volunteer by assembling off-site projects and volunteering in our food pantry* (prior to COVID-19). More than 87 volunteers from Atascocita Lutheran church provided 571 hours of service to HAAM.
- Child nutrition packs which help to provide nutritious snacks for children
- Individual hygiene bags for the homeless to take showers at HAAM
- Family hygiene bags given to families through the food pantry
- Gift cards - \$450.00 given to help buy Christmas for families in need
- Seasons of Sharing food truck to provide groceries for Thanksgiving dinner
- Volunteers working in the food pantry before the COVID pandemic

During 2021, ALC and AUMC would like to hold four food drives. The food is provided through the Houston Food Bank for \$250.00 for each food fair.

We would like to thank The Lutheran Gulf Coast Synod for providing \$500.00 for food relief during the COVID Pandemic.

When the COVID pandemic is over, ALC will hold congregational projects to help with the needs of the community.