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Prayer/Upper Room Ministry (Dave Lyons - upperroom@heightsdeacons.org)

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Widows Ministry (Brian Ratcliff - widowsministry@heightsdeacons.org)

The Widows Ministry has been set up to uphold the biblical instruction that deacons are to look after our widows. It is our intent to honor this biblical directive by reaching out to our widows and making available to them a list of services, including financial advice, minor household repair, transportation assistance, and weekly telephone follow up.

Prison Ministry (David Vaughan - prisonministry@heightsdeacons.org)

The Prison Ministry teaches you how to share your faith with inmates who desperately need Christ in their lives so that they will not be in bondage to sin and repetitive crime. The Prison Ministry volunteers give these men an opportunity to respond to God's call to accept Him as Lord and Savior. Training for those who minister in the prisons is provided by the Bill Glass team and their volunteers. You will see lives changed before your very eyes and you will be amazed at how God uses you in those Divine Appointments in Texas prisons.

Circle of Friends Ministry (Jim Burgess - cof@heightsdeacons.org)

The Circle of Friends (COF) ministry provides fellowship, games and craft opportunities in a Christian atmosphere for those who have cognitive disabilities (late teens to senior adults). The COF meet the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month during the school year (Sept thru May) in the West Wing. Programs typically consist of soloists, quartets, High School dance/singing groups, clowns or magicians. Prior to special holidays, our volunteers help the COF members make crafts for their parents and/or caregivers. Most COF members live in group homes and really look forward to these meetings as it gives them an opportunity to visit with friends and enjoy an evening of fellowship and entertainment. We provide a full meal in September, December and May. Our volunteers help plan the meetings and work with the COF members during each meeting to ensure their safety, well being and enjoyment. COF average attendance is 50 to 60, with a ratio of 4 to 5 COF members to each volunteer. Several more volunteers are needed to grow this ministry and meet existing needs in our community.

Lighthouse Ministry (John Basinger - lighthouse@heightsdeacons.org)

Deacons have been key supporters during The Heights' 8 years of ministry to the Hispanic population living in the Park Central area of North Dallas. Volunteers play important roles in maintenance of facilities, Bible teaching several days each week, tutoring kids in their school homework, and helping with business support and overview of financial matters.

Jobseekers Ministry (Dene Allred - jobseekers@heightsdeacons.org)

Today the markets served by US companies change at a bullet speed pace, leaving many very talented employees on the outside looking in. For example, the average executive level position in America today lasts less than 4 years. Job search training can restore the confidence of good people who are discouraged and terrified, helping them to retool and come back strong. There is a group of dedicated Heights deacons and laymen who are constantly striving to identify the unemployed, the underemployed and the nervously employed and provide them with the help that they need so that they can once again become all that God wants them to be. One of the ways we do this is by sponsoring and participating in periodic jobseekers workshops.

Encouragers/Discovery Room Ministry (Roger Kittrell - discoveryroom@heightsdeacons.org)

The Discovery Room provides every worshipper with an opportunity to go to a quiet, private place after each service for the purpose of talking with an Encourager. The Encouragers normally deal one-on-one with people who come to the Discovery Room. Depending on the specific individual need, the Encourager may explain to them how to begin the process of membership at The Heights; help them pray to receive Christ; present information on baptism; or provide encouragement and prayer for specific needs. The Encouragers are Heights members that are not on the church staff. Often a visit with an Encourager in the Discovery Room is the first contact that a seeker attending our services will have. When someone comes to the Discovery Room an Encourager talks with that person, gathers and records their information, and then prays with them. Information regarding membership, baptism, or additional prayer needs is recorded and passed on to the church staff for follow-up by a Heights minister.

CART Ministry (Sam Sewell - cart@heightsdeacons.org)

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