



Media Contact: Cheryl Coleman
Communications Director
972.783.8800, ext. 171
972.783.8841 FAX
ccoleman@chaseoaks.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Chase Oaks Church Lends a Helping Hand to the Community

Plano, TX – Lending is not a word very much heard in today’s depressed economy! But volunteers from Chase Oaks Church are lending a helping hand and “loving their neighbors” at their annual community outreach event, *ShareFest*, coming up on April 25.



Senior Pastor, Jeff Jones, comments that, “At our last *ShareFest*, we had some 1,500 people out serving and engaging the community through acts of kindness and compassion.” One of the beneficiaries last year was Memorial Elementary School, where a team of volunteers did some major landscaping work and continue to help the school as needs arise. Principal, Maricela Helm expressed her appreciation for Chase Oaks, “The project was a huge success! Everyone worked so hard and the transformation is unbelievable. Please know how grateful the Memorial staff and students are. We feel blessed to have partnered with such an awesome group of individuals.”

Projects

This year’s event promises to be even bigger, reports *ShareFest* Director, Jim McGuire “with more than 80 projects in the works.” A few of these include:

- **Mendenhall Elementary School** (1313 18th Street, Plano, Texas 75074) — We have over 50 volunteers putting on a school carnival that includes a cookout, bounce house, dunk tank, games and face painting.
- **Cities of Plano, Allen and Richardson** — We’ll be doing repairs on over a dozen code violation homes for homeowners who are unable to do the repairs themselves.

The event kicks off on Saturday, April 25, at 7:30 a.m. with refreshments and prayer, as Chase Oaks’ volunteers prepare to canvas the community.

Donations

From 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church campus parking lot, volunteers will be accepting donations for a variety of items including food, clothing, and box fans. In addition, Carter Bloodmobile will be onsite accepting much-needed blood donations. For more information, visit <http://sharefest.chaseoaks.org>.

- **What:** ShareFest
- **When:** April 25
7:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- **Where:** Chase Oaks Church
281 Legacy Drive
Plano, TX 75023
- **Event Contact:** Jim McGuire (*ShareFest* Director), 972.897.4617
jmcguire@chaseoaks.org
- **More Info:** <http://sharefest.chaseoaks.org>



The media is invited and encouraged to attend.