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2020-2021 Club Theme

*“Achieving wonderful things through  
Unity, Teamwork, and Compassion”*



President’s Message

In the past few weeks, how often have you heard someone say, “These days, I don’t even know what day or what time it is?” I, myself, say this multiple times a week. It’s hard to believe that we are already into our third month of the Altrusa year, and we are still resilient as ever despite the Covid 19 quarantines. Just a couple

of months ago, we were all wondering what this year would look like. We had to cancel our most important event, OWT, and we hurriedly learned to navigate ZOOM for our club and committee meetings. Thanks to Kim Kierce and her technological savvy, we were able to continue to have our meetings, and even came up with the Sister’s Social that has given us the opportunity to stay in touch with each other.

The Zoom meetings have been an integral part to our ability to stay in touch and carry on important business. Through this means, our committees have been able to meet and have already done some remarkable things. The committees of our club are the heartbeat of our club. The valuable services they provide to the community are integral and so appreciated by the people we serve. As a club, we have been innovative, coming up with projects that several months ago no one would have thought possible. This month, Community Outreach members provided children’s socks, shoes, and underwear to Network. Also, we provided backpacks and participated in a backpack distribution drive by at area high schools. One of our newest members developed and worked with the RISD to establish a virtual tutoring program for children attending RISD schools. In addition to our projects which serve our school children, we purchased and had a dishwasher installed for Ability House and even held social distancing birthday celebrations for the residents who live there. The Kindness committee met and are continuing our Choose Kind Libraries partnership with RISD as well as the international partnerships that we have made over the years. These among other ideas

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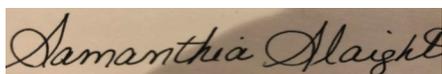
**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** (continued)

are instrumental in keeping the Altrusa name and our mission out there. We look forward to planning and participating in our future projects.

While our committees have been extremely busy, we managed to work on the business aspects of the club as well. We continued to rely on Zoom to have our board meetings, committee meetings, and other important club business needs. The Strategic Planning committee presented the new Strategic plan to the club and it was approved as a living document. The Finance committee met and approved both the Administration and Foundation budgets. Committees have met and brainstormed ideas for the club that can be done respecting social distancing. Since we will not be holding our OWT luncheon, we are working to come up with fund raisers that will allow us to continue to help and support our community.

The next few months will be important as we see how the club will meet and continue to carry on our service projects. Since it appears that we will not be meeting in person for a while, we purchased a Zoom account for the club to use during this time of social distancing, and we will be able to use this platform even after we are able to meet face to face again. The challenges that we have been presented with seem daunting, but our club is resilient and able to take on anything to continue to serve the needs of people in our community and the world. This is who we are. We are Altrusa strong.

We are “achieving wonderful things through unity, teamwork, and compassion”.



President 2020-2021

ALTRUSA ACCENT

**The Website's the Place to Stay Informed and Let Members Know What's Up**

**EVERYONE!** Please check the Events / Club Calendar for committee planning meetings. And be sure to notify **Jean Stuart or Linda Caron** when your committee makes its plans, so your meeting can be added. Help us avoid conflicting events!

Also, as committee plan events throughout the year, please notify Jean Stuart and Linda Caron ASAP to put it on the calendar to lock in your event and avoid conflicts. The following information is needed for event postings on the website:

**Website Calendar Event Posting Information** (to avoid delays in posting, please send all this information directly to Jean Stuart at [Jeanstuart37@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanstuart37@gmail.com) and Linda Caron at [lindamcaron@gmail.com](mailto:lindamcaron@gmail.com))

**PLEASE SEE THE NEW FILLABLE EVENT POSTING FORM ON THE MEMBER INFORMATION PAGE**

**SAVE THE BLANK PAGE, FILL IT OUT AND EMAIL TO JEAN AND LINDA**

**Upcoming Events**

See online calendar for event details, location, and sign-up at <http://altrusarichardson.com>.

- Sept 1-15 “Creating for the Needy” drop off
- Sept. 08 Start Date for RISD Tutor Volunteers
- Sept. 09 Leadership Development Meeting
- Sept. 11 Hope’s Door Virtual Fundraiser
- Sept. 12 10 am – 2 pm Days For Girls Workday
- Sept. 17 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Sept. 17 North Texas Giving Day
- Sept. 18 11:30 am Socially Distant Picnic
- Sept. 28 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Oct. 03 District Nine Fall Leadership Event
- Oct. 03 Virtual Walk to End Alzheimer’s
- Oct. 15 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Oct. 17 1:30 pm Ability House Celebration
- Oct. 26 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club
- Nov. 07 1:30 pm Shelly’s Birthday Ability House
- Nov. 19 7:00 pm Monthly Meeting via zoom
- Nov. 23 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm AWCLS Book Club

EDITOR'S NOTE

**Please Note Tidings Schedule Change for This Year**

The Board has approved a temporary adjustment to the club policy of a monthly newsletter. Tidings will be published quarterly: **September 1, December 1, March 1 and June 1.**

This also makes a change in the deadline for submitting articles for Tidings. The new deadline is the **15th of the month prior** to the publication date: **August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15.**

You do not have to wait to **send your information**, send it to the editor as soon as possible, **so you don't forget** (especially since Tidings will not be published monthly). And as they say, "a picture is worth a thousand words", so don't forget to take pictures and send those, too. Send articles to Bobbi Klein [raklein77@yahoo.com](mailto:raklein77@yahoo.com). *Please observe the submission guidelines as to font, font sizes and spacing. "TIDINGS SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS" are on the website Members Only/Member Information page.*

Remember that Tidings is available to non-members by going on our website, so write your articles with that in mind. Tidings makes a great resource to refer potential members or sponsors.

Communication is vital to the success of our club and it's projects and Tidings is a vital link in the Communications chain. It's up to you to make sure that all members know about the great things you and your committee are doing.

DISTRICT NINE COMMUNITY UPDATE

**Sage Advice on Zoom from Kimberly Kierce and the Collin County Club**

**From Kimberly:** The message below is from Altrusa Collin County who meets Thursdays at noon...during school hours. Most of our Richardson meetings are late afternoon/evening so as to not get bogged down by school connections. But, it may be a good idea to download the Zoom App on your smart device for a more secure connection, in case you experience any issues in the future. (Note: If you are hosting a Zoom meeting, the features on a computer are easier to use. there are instructions on how to host a Zoom meeting on our website under Members Only/How to Zoom.) Go to your App store and search "Zoom Cloud Meetings"

**From Collin County:** You may have heard that Zoom has been having some issues recently. Apparently now that school is back in session, so many schools are using Zoom to teach online that it became more than Zoom could handle. They recommended downloading the Zoom App (since it continued to play), rather than clicking the web link.



You will need to create an account but it's free and you can use it for 40 minutes at a time to communicate with family and friends! You can also log in to our Altrusa meeting from the app. Just open the app and click "join" You'll need to add the meeting ID number and password. Go to [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

*NOMINATING COMMITTEE UPDATE*

**Invitation to Serve your Club and your Community**

By the 2020-21 Nominating Committee

Altrusa Richardson is more than a group of civic-minded women. We are family. We care and take care of each other and our communities. Mimi Tanner's elevator speech, created in 2007, still rings true: *"Altrusa is a wonderful group of women, united by the desire to serve the community with love and compassion. In the process, great friendships are formed, leadership skills are increased and a considerable amount of fun is to be had!"*



Serving as a committee chair or on our Club or Foundation Board provides you with an opportunity to show and strengthen your leadership skills.

The Nominating Committee just had its first meeting to develop a roadmap to ensure a successful future for our Club and the people we serve. We encourage everyone of you to consider stepping up to serve in a more prominent role. If you would like to learn more about the responsibilities of a board member, please check out the Job Descriptions for Club Board (on the website under Members Only/Member Information); and/or Foundation (on the website under Members Only/Foundation).

Interested? Please contact us anytime. We will love hearing from you. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions as well. We look forward to chatting with you.

--Mary Beth, Telva, Gale, Barbara

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*ALTRUSA INTERNATIONAL/DISTRICT NINE SERVICE PROJECT*

**Invitation to Serve your Club and your Community**

By Jane Tucker District Nine Days for Girls Liaison

This past year our club had planned to hold a Days for Girls District Nine service project at Conference in April but due to the pandemic the Conference was cancelled, which delayed this project. Over the summer the supplies pledged to this project have been collected from District clubs and on August 8<sup>th</sup> a workday to assemble kits was held. Following COVID-19 safety guidelines volunteers were limited. Jane Tucker and Garland club members Mary Powlen, Elizabeth Fuentes, and Christina Contreras met at the home of District Nine First Vice Governor Shirley Raymer to assemble 134 kits. Beverly Lenoir dropped off 60 assembled kits from the Collin County club.

The Rowlett Days for Girls Team had alerted our members that there was an immediate alert calling for all Days for Girls Chapters and Teams to come together to support the DfG Lebanon Enterprises. The August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020 massive explosion in Beirut which had killed more than 150, injured over 5,000 and displaced over 300,000 has created an overwhelming task for the DfG Lebanon Enterprises trying to provide emergency menstrual supplies to not only refugees but also the women and girls affected by this disaster. Because of this crisis, the 194 kits assembled were mailed to a collection point in Liberty, Missouri for shipment to Beirut.



District Nine Altrusans assemble Days For Girls hygiene kits

Future workdays during the fall are planned until all the kits have been assembled. Hopefully, a total of 500 will be completed and distributed to areas in need of Days for Girls kits.

## **Altrusa Richardson Assists Days for Girls Turn Periods Into Pathways**

By Jane Tucker District Nine Days for Girls Liaison

For three years our Club has been working with Days for Girls to assemble kits for distribution in Africa and Bogota, Columbia. The assembled kits containing shields, liners, panties, a washcloth, soap, transport bag, menstrual chart, and drawstring bag have allowed hundreds of women and girls to manage their menstruation with dignity and help shatter the stigma and limitations associated with menstruation.

Another area of Days for Girls has emerged. Starting in 2012, a small team of leaders Uganda began the mission of developing the goal of Days for Girls into a sustainable, locally oriented business model allowing women and girls the opportunity to make and sell the kits for themselves. It took a year of program design, planning, and evaluation to officially launch the Days for Girls Enterprise in 2013. More than ever before, due to the pandemic the world is in upheaval and Days for Girls kits are in high demand. During the first quarter of 2020, Days for Girls African Enterprises were able to provide employment opportunities for women in sub-Saharan Africa. In March, Enterprise leaders in sixteen countries met in Kenya and Uganda with a team from Days for Girls International. These leaders were instructed on ways to improve their businesses which included branding, marketing, reporting, time management, budgeting, and goal setting. They also received information about improvements to the Ambassador of Women's Health and Men Who Know curriculums. The leaders also met with and received support from government officials in Kenya and went to schools to provide menstrual education and DfG kits. Even with the recent COVID-19 pandemic crisis the Days for Girls African Enterprises have continued to provide menstrual supplies and education to women and girls. They have even started making masks for local healthcare workers and those individuals most vulnerable to spread the virus.

More than ever before, these women and girls in Africa are needing our help to keep up the work that is going on there. To assist in this effort our club has donated items to help the Days for Girls Enterprise in Kumpala, Uganda. Through an Altrusa International Days for Girls grant our club has been able to not only help with purchasing and helping to prepare almost 500 kits for our 2020 District Service Project but through our workshop sessions held in January and February 2020 have also able to cut extra shields and transfer bags which our club has donated to the Highland Village Days for Girls Team. They plan to send the supplies to the Kumpala Enterprise which will allow them to sew over 200 shields and transfer bags. To quote Celeste Mergens, Founder and CEO of Days for Girls, "Periods don't pause for pandemics" so we need to continue supporting the effort of helping **every girl, everywhere, period.**



UNITED NATIONS OBSERVANCES  
**2020 U.N. Days and Observances**

Excerpted from [www.un.org](http://www.un.org)



**International Literacy Day, September 8, 2020:** International Literacy Day 2020 focuses on “Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond,” especially on the role of educators and changing pedagogies

**International Day of Peace, September 21, 2020:** The UN General Assembly has declared this as a day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire.

**United Nations Day, October 24, 2020:** UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. With the ratification of this founding document by the majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council, the United Nations officially came into being

**International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, November 25, 2020:** The [Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women](#) Issued by the UN General Assembly in 1993, defines violence against women as “any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.”

*It is with great sadness that we  
note the passing of Altrouser  
Kurt McIntyre, husband of  
Cindy McIntyre  
on August 6, 2020.*

*Cards can be sent to:  
Cindy McIntyre  
5704 Sowerby Dr.  
Richardson, TX 75082*

The text is enclosed in a decorative orange border with scrollwork in the corners.

**KINDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE**

**Kindness Committee is Spreading Kindness to Our Military**

By Sue McElveen/Linda Caron (co-chairs)

The Kindness Committee is doing mailings to our military serving in Kuwait, and other areas in the middle east, over the next 4 months. We would like to ask each of you to contribute just a moment or two of your time. Here is how it will work. First option is to hand write a note of encouragement on a card and mail it to either **Sue McElveen at 11221 Cactus Lane, Dallas, TX 75238** or to **Linda Caron at 2713 Sherrill Park Dr., Richardson, TX 75082**. Second option is to send an **email to Cindy McIntyre** with a note of encouragement and she will copy them and print them. These notes will be put into the boxes we are packaging to send the second week in September. We would love to include at least five notes per box and we will mail six boxes at a time.

The next batch of boxes will be mailed the end of September, so we would need thirty more notes for that mailing. If you have grandchildren that you could get to draw a picture, write a note or even just their name, I am sure would bring a smile to a weary, homesick soldier.

There will be one mailing each month in October, November and December. Perhaps in November you could use the Thanksgiving theme and in December send a Christmas or Hanukkah card. Cards should be mailed by the first of each month so they can arrive in time for the packaging. Again we would like at least at least thirty notes each month.

We have about seventy-one members currently, so let's see if we can all pitch in and once a month write a note or email to our women and men serving our country.

Thanks in advance for your help. This is sort of our COVID answer to a "Hands On" project.

## KINDNESS COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Kindness Committee Spreading Kindness Around the World

By Sue McElveen/Linda Caron (co-chairs)

The Kindness Committee has been busy this summer with getting our plans for the 2020-2021 fiscal year started. We have made or will make monetary donations to the following charities:

\$432 to TeachHaiti that helps with the education of Willnise Pierre Louis, a little girl going into the 5<sup>th</sup> grade

\$500 to HELPS International where we are supporting the education of Senayda Isabela Torres Medina who will be in the seventh grade this school year

\$200 of our budget is going to Think Kindness/VIMA – Ghana, a new charity we chose to support because it is an orphanage in Ghana where we donated a Choose Kind Library in 2019. They are in need of educational supplies as well as cleaning and sanitizing supplies due to the COVID-19 virus.

\$350 is going to support Mike's Kids (through Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries) which helps a non-profit feed and clothe the poorest in the Rio Grande Valley. We also have a Choose Kind Library at the El Puente Orphanage in Matemores. Mike's Kids was founded by our Altrusa President Samantha Slaight's late husband.



Kids of the VIMA Orphanage



Pictured here are some of the troops displaying much needed and appreciated support "Care Packages" that we have sent previously

Our "hands-on" project for the first half of this year is to send boxes of desired items to our military in the Middle East. We are working with three chaplains to distribute the items as they see fit. Sue McElveen has been hard at work finding the best deals on items like baby wipes, razors, jerky, and coffee packets. The plan is to send several boxes of goodies at a time to a chaplain over the remaining months in 2020. We will rotate through the committee roster so that only 2 members at a time are preparing and shipping the boxes.

Another project we have begun to plan is to purchase, package, and donate feminine hygiene items to New Friends New Life (NFNL) which is a 501 (c) (3) organization located in the Dallas-Fort Worth area dedicated to restoring and empowering formerly trafficked girls and sexually exploited women and their children. This project will be done during the first half of 2021.

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## ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE

### Proposed 2020-2021 Ability House Event Calendar



**Ability Connection**

*Enriching the lives of people with disabilities...one person at a time*

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Robert 8/5	Birthday 08/08
Fall/ Halloween	10/16 **tentative date, more details to come!
Shelly 11/4	Birthday 11/07
Christmas Party	12/12
Vera 2/24/19	Birthday 02/27
Kathleen 3/3	Birthday 03/06
Henry 3/16	Birthday 03/20
Nina 4/28	Birthday 05/01

The residents are suffering from their confinement just as we all are. Why not send a card to any and all of the residents at Ability House? Address: **615 Woodhaven Pl, Richardson, TX 75081**

**ABILITY HOUSE UPDATE**

**Ability House Committee**

By Rosemary Gouger, Committee Chair

Robert's Casper the Ghost birthday party was great! I hooked up with Achaia, the tall, lovely caregiver from the Congo. She took pictures for us since we cannot go inside the house. She is an angel and when I thanked her for helping us with everything, she responded that it is "her honor" to serve the residents and to help us as we help them. Our "Shero" for Robert's birthday was Alma Benoit who got all of his cool presents. We had to celebrate outside in the yard but had a good time anyway. We all learned or relearned and sang the old Harvey Cartoon theme song for Casper and Happy Birthday at the window for him while they all cheered. Everyone was in great spirits.

The new dishwasher was delivered in July. It's a 2020 Maytag (my research says this model is the top rated for dependability). A special thank you goes to Ann Payne and her husband, who graciously donated \$225.00 of the bill to help Ability House and save our budget. While working with Tammy in the large appliance department of Richardson's Lowes we struck up a conversation about where the new dishwasher was going. Tammy asked me if we would like to be on their donations email for any surplus items that Lowes can donate. Of course, we said "YES". I have since received an email telling us that there are items to share. I called Landon Cole from Ability Connection to find out what we needed to do, and met hm at Lowes to introduce him to Tammy. There were lots of interior moldings, a large area rug, lots of five gal. buckets of paint and interior doors available. Tammy was also working on a microwave and a Bosch dishwasher to add to the available donation items. Tammy says that Ability House will be her new "favorite" charity. Tammy also helps get donations for an Autistic center that she and her mother work at as well. Tammy at Lowes is our new "Shero", too.



Robert (left) and Henry (right) impatiently wait for cake



Robert (left) enjoys cake but keeps his eye on his presents



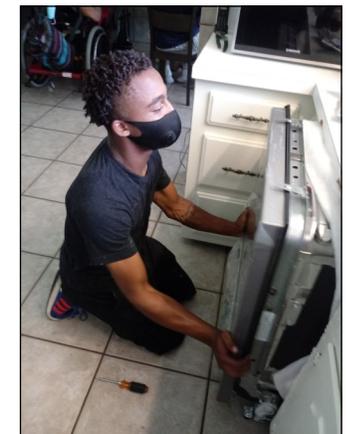
(L-R) Henry, Shelly, Kathleen and Vera enjoy cake, ice cream and soda



(Pictured L-R) Robert, Henry, Shelly, Kathleen and Vera. Nina is out of the shot at left front



Robert's Casper Cake



The three photos above show the new Maytag dishwasher being installed

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE

### Community Outreach (current) Projects Summary

By Carol Ruskowski, Committee Co-Chair

Projects you may be interested in as presented at the Business Meeting on July 16, 2020. These events will also be posted on the website soon for sign ups. But for now, SAVE THE DATES! and get involved and get connected into service again....The Heartbeat of Altrusa!

#### **Community Outreach - NETWORK**

- **Need:** new shoes, socks and panties/briefs – both boys and girls – all sizes
- \$250 has been designated from Community Outreach Budget. Still need donations.
- If you order from Amazon, please be sure to use the SMILEAMAZON feature on Amazon so that our club can benefit financially (contact Kimberly if you need help connecting your Amazon account or order with SmileAmazon to benefit "Altrusa Richardson Foundation")
- **Deliver to Carol R., Gloria S. or drop off with Alma Benoit. Carol will pick up if you call her and schedule a time.**
- **Deadline Date: Tuesday, August 8th**

#### **Community Outreach – NETWORK**

120 Backpacks – Designated from Community Outreach budget. Gloria ordering 7/18/20.

#### **RISD**

- Back-to-School Backpack Splash – **Volunteers Needed** to help distribute 5,000 backpacks filled with pre-packaged school supply kits.
- This is a drive-thru type event at each of Richardson's four high schools. More information to follow.
- **Deadline Date to contact Gloria Sandoval – August 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**Date of event: Saturday, August 15th**

#### **Hope's Door**

- **Items Needed:** Towels, wash cloths, sanitizers, masks, laundry detergent, disinfectant sprays. A budget of \$250 has been set aside for this but would,
- If possible, appreciate members to donate something.
- **Contact: Carol Ruskowski or Gloria Sandoval for pick up or drop off at their homes.**  
**Deadline Date: Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **Hope's Door Fund Raiser -- "Tapestry of Hope"**

- **Volunteers Needed** to pick up lunch bags from Café Max at 10 a.m. and deliver to participants before 11:30 a.m. Each volunteer will have from 1-3 stops and receive a free lunch.
- **Contact: Gloria Sandoval- she will give out assignments**  
**Date: Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

1 Please, do not feel like you are being pressured into donating anything. If you are able to – that's great. If not, that's okay too!!!!!!!

#### **2 We have three hands-on projects:**

1. Back to School Backpack Splash from RISD to help distribute backpacks (Aug 15);
2. Request for volunteer tutors via zoom and/or other needs as designated by RISD (Pia Lara).  
Hope's Door Fund Raiser Tapestry of Hope (Sept 11).

Times are scary and if you don't feel safe in participating in one of these projects, please follow your heart.

## THE CORONA VIRUS CAN'T STOP ALTRUSANS

By Gloria Sandoval, Committee Co-Chair

No ugly virus stops Altrusa Richardson members when we get marching, or should we say, “get busy”. After the first Community Outreach Committee meeting on Zoom in July and with budget settled, the Community Outreach Committee got busy. The COVID virus has led to many families without a source of income making it hard for families to prepare their children for the new school year. We want to make sure children of our community will start school clean and fresh. With school starting in August or September,



Gloria Sandoval (left) and Carol Ruszkowski (center) delivered five cases of backpacks to NETWORK volunteer Nick (right)

it was agreed that from the committee budget, five cases of backpacks (120) of various colors, would be purchased and donated to NETWORK of Community Ministries for their Tools4School program. NETWORK had purchased school supply kits and were placing them in donated backpacks. Gloria Sandoval and Carol Ruszkowski, Community Outreach Co-Chairs, delivered the backpacks on August 3rd. Also for NETWORK, Community Outreach, with the generosity of Altrusa Richardson members, collected 255 pairs of girl’s panties, 130 boys briefs, 206 girls socks, 186 pairs boys socks and 79 pairs of new shoes. All items were delivered to Carol and Gloria’s homes, whether in person or by Walmart or Amazon. We are so lucky to have such generous

members in our club. Laurel Stanley, of NETWORK received all clothing items on August 11<sup>th</sup>. She stated that without partners like Altrusa, their work would be much harder.

On August 13, 2020, sundries requested by Hope’s Door/New Beginnings (HDNB), were delivered by Gayle Ingle, Carol Ruszkowski and Gloria Sandoval to their Plano Outreach Center for their Shelter. Beth Roberts of the Plano Center said she was so happy to receive Altrusa’s donation because they were extremely low on some of these items. Funds to purchase the sundries came from the Community Outreach budget and several donations from members. Carol and Gloria shopped and emptied Walmart shelves of Suave shampoo/conditioner, body lotion, toothpaste. Also requested were ziplock freezer bags, all sizes, laundry detergent, kitchen work gloves, 5 cases of masks (250), and towels. Gloria had foot surgery



Laurel Stanley of NETWORK (center) accepts the donation of children’s underwear, sock and shoes from Carol Ruszkowski (left) and Gloria Sandoval (right)



Jane Merz (right) and other community volunteers distributed backpacks with school supplies to students at J.J. Pearce

serve major kudos for being at these high schools handing out backpacks on a day the temperature was close to or at 100 degrees.

Next on the agenda for Community Outreach and all Richardson Club members, is Hope's Door, Tapestry of Hope Virtual Gala to be held September 11. Drivers are needed to pick up lunches from Chocolate Angel on Campbell Road and deliver (drop off) to sponsors of this event, 1-3 locations. This is an easy project, but we need a lot of drivers. Please check our website for more information.

recently and was driving an electric cart carrying all the items. She was zooming all over the place trying to keep up with Carol.

August 15, 2020, was the RISD Backpack Bash. This was a drive through distribution of student backpacks filled with school supplies at Richardson high schools parking lots. RISD had requested Altrusa members to help with the distribution. At Berkner High School, Lynda Calkin, Lynn Solomon and Carol Ruszkowski were there with masks and gloves handing out backpacks to recipients driving through. Jane Merz was our Altrusan at JJ Pearce High School. Mary Osentowski and Jo Leeper were at Lake Highlands High School. These ladies de-



Carol Ruszkowski (left) Gayle Ingle (center) and Gloria Sandoval (right) deliver the donation of sundries to Hope's Door/New Beginnings Center



## DISTRICT NINE FALL LEADERSHIP VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

District Awards Presentations, Key Note Speaker and more  
More Information Coming Soon

