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**TEXAS TREES
FOUNDATION**

Tree farm at Richland College— 12800 Abrams Rd (Parking Lot D)

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OUR MOTTO *The greening of North Central Texas.*

The motto of the Texas Trees Foundation is “The Greening of North Central Texas”. The Foundation sustains a tree planting initiative for neighborhood parkways and medians, schools and other public open spaces, a tree growing facility to assure a healthy supply of trees for the future, and education programs to teach the importance and benefits of maintaining a healthy urban forest.

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In 1988, the Foundation merged with Treescape/Dallas, Inc. a project that had been funded by the Dallas Junior League and the Central Dallas Association. In doing so, the Foundation gained an even greater ability to impact urban landscape projects. Treescape’s successful history of attracting and utilizing volunteers and in-kind donations of services and products provided the model currently followed by the Foundation, enabling it to implement its programs in a cost-effective manner. In 2003, the Foundation was renamed the Texas Trees Foundation to expand the area of focus from Dallas to a six county area that includes: Collin, Dallas, Denton, Rockwell, Tarrant, and Kaufman. At this time, the TTF decided to create two urban tree farms as its main focus. Quality native trees were needed for projects, and the Foundation saw it as a way to create a self-sustaining social enterprise, which we hope to accomplish by the year 2013. With the efforts focused on the nursery production, the link to people and places was diminished. We must now circle back to our roots and reestablish our outreach efforts, programs, and projects so we can get trees planted throughout the Dallas Metroplex area.

The Texas Trees Foundation has a rich history and is positioned to build on the traditions established by its founders and nurtured by its stewardship of the Urban Forest. The investment in the production of trees has sidelined the social benefits that we provided. It is now time for us to return to our “roots” of providing quality education and tree planting opportunities, along with the quality stock that we grow. In the fall of 2007, the Board of Trustees hired a new Executive Director, Janette K. Monear. The focus for the new hire was to invest in and rebalance the organization to meet the social outcomes with the nursery production business. TTF has a new business plan, “Greening North Central Texas” which takes Ms. Monear’s 25 years of experience in urban forestry, combines it with new technology, and provides a roadmap that will make the Texas Trees Foundation a national leader in greening our communities with trees. The plan integrates the social, economic, environmental, and health benefits that trees provide to community development. We are planning for the future and with the new “Greening North Central Texas” business plan; we will reorganize, reposition, and revitalize the Foundation.

Information for Seton Service Days event—Nov. 18, 2107

Seton Work site Coordinator—_____

SSD coordinator—Jeri Phillips 214-695-2214

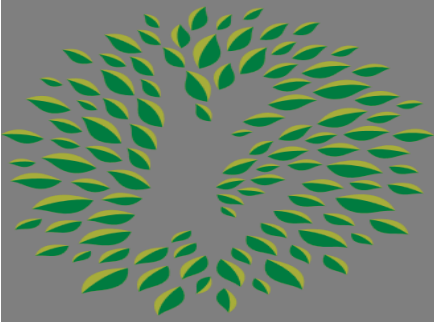
Volunteers: Check-in at Seton church at 8:00am. *Sign in and get information about worksite.*

Service activity will be: weeding and mulching on their tree farm **from 9:00pm-Noon**

Things to bring: Wear your Seton Service Days T-shirt *or get one at check-in*, comfortable “closed toed” shoes and weather appropriate outdoor clothing, refillable water bottle, snacks *(if desired)* You will be outdoors. **The agency also REQUIRES each volunteer to Register on THEIR website:**

under “Buy ticket” select “1” for the Nov. 18th event day then fill in your information and “agree” to their waiver. *(copy and paste this link)*

<https://www.classy.org/dallas/events/treetender-volunteer-day/e147777>



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Texas Trees Foundation—IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE TREES—

now has an online release form!!!

YOU MUST Register on THEIR website

This is the url to get to the event page. *(just copy and paste it into your browser)*

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Thanks!

Seton Service Days — BEFORE... DURING... AFTER...

FOOD FOR THOUGHT and DISCUSSION with Group or Family

“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world”

(St. Teresa of Avila)

Things to think about before you head to your worksite: Do I know who else is going to this site? Do we know what we are scheduled to do there? Have we exchanged info & planned a route? What things am I most excited about? What things am I a little anxious about?

Questions for Agency Representative: Who is served here? What do you do for people? How are you funded? What is your job? What part does our community play in your agency? What will we be doing today?

Things to think about while at the worksite: How am I different from the people we serve today?...How am I the same? What are some of the reasons that an agency like this is needed? Am I learning something new today?...information?...skill?

Things to talk about after the work is completed: What did we do today? Where did we see Christ today? What did we learn about ourselves today? To which of the 7 themes of Catholic Social Teaching did we make a connection today (*can be more than 1*)? Did what I do today make use of the gifts/strengths I have?...if not, what could I do differently next time? Is there anyway for me and other to help work toward eliminating the need for an agency like this (*advocacy*)? How can I continue to serve others (*direct action*)?... on my own? ... as a family?... as a faith community?... as a civic community?... as a global community?...

7 key themes of Catholic Social Teaching

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and Episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we wish to highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. (This summary should only be a starting point...)

Life and Dignity of the Human Person – The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity for the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and assisted suicide. The value of human life is being threatened by increasing use of the death penalty. We believe that every person is precious, that **people are more important than things**, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Call to Family, Community and Participation – The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. The family is the central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. **We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society**, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

Rights and Responsibilities – The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, **every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities**—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable – A basic moral test of a society, is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers – The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—**the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to organize and join unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.**

Solidarity – We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they live. **We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences.** Learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that “loving our neighbor” has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

Care for God's Creation – We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. **We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation.** This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.