

FREE is Key at First North Texas Expo

It is often suggested when fundraising for Expos that we should place a jar at

registration to accept donations the day of each outreach. On the surface this seems like an ok idea that may bring in some extra funding but when you start thinking about our mission and those we are seeking to reach for Jesus, it really sends mixed signals.

Individuals and families living with disabilities are typically under a great deal of financial stress from additional medical, equipment and care giving expenses

and each Access-Life Expo is a gift to those who come to participate.

To suggest donations are required or even acceptable in order to enter the event and enjoy the blessings God has provided is counter intuitive to the whole Gospel message we are trying to share. Salvation thru Jesus is

completely free to us as it was bought and paid for by Him. It is to be received and enjoyed without the burden of compensation.

This past June, we held our 1st Access-Life Expo in Texas. Like all of our ministry activities it was a free event and a gift to the 532 folks who attended. As you can read from the testimony below given by a mom who brought her family being free was key.



"My kids and I had a great time and were truly blessed that we were able to attend Access-Life today! I was amazed at all that there was to do today and that it was all free. We have had so many medical expenses that we are making payments on that we have not had money for much fun or any extras so even the cotton candy and snow cones were a huge treat for my kids! Thank you again to you and all the volunteers that helped make Access-Life happen today! Words cannot express how thankful I am that we were able to be a part of the fun today. It was a very nice break from all the everyday stress for me too since I did not have to say no to anything because we could afford free!"

Thank God for His son Jesus who made our salvation free and thank everyone who through prayer, support and volunteering make each Access-Life Expo free. \odot



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- Go to <u>www.access-life.org</u>, follow the links and donate securely online!
- Fill-out the enclosed response card and return it with your gift today!

Mission Statement

To develop and execute programs and events for people living with disabilities that share the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ as well as connect them to Christ honoring churches, organizations, resources and people within their community.

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ACCESS-LIFE (*), its programs and events: ACCESS-LIFE EXPOS, FISHING WITH FRIENDS and CRAFTING COMMUNITY were founded and are directed by Doug and Leanne Goddard.

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