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## The Jesse Tree: New, Improved and Branching Out

On the evening of Friday, April 20, 2012, The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship will host The 9th Annual Empty Bowl Event to support the nutrition programs of The Jesse Tree.

This creative, beautiful and delicious event will bring together supporters of The Jesse Tree at Galveston's historic Garten Verein to enjoy delicious soups provided by local restaurants from uniquely designed ceramic bowls. This evening event lets attendees demonstrate their financial support for The Jesse Tree while enjoying the artistry of the handmade bowls and the bounty of epicurean soups. Tickets sell very quickly and are available for \$45 at [www.jesstree.net](http://www.jesstree.net), or call 409-762-2233. Don't delay!

The Jesse Tree Mobile Care Unit has been in operation since the beginning of the year, and is proving to be a successful and innovative outreach to those in need. There are now three Island locations at which services are provided: New Life Church on Heard's Lane, St. Paul Methodist on Broadway and the original location on Market Street.

The Gospel Baptist Church at 38th and Ball Streets will soon join The Jesse Tree Partnership hosting Food Fairs. The Mobile Unit is reaching more people in more places and is available to attend health fairs, outreach efforts and events. It is fully equipped, uses wireless technology and carries food, diabetes supplies and everything that was once available only in the office. The schedule is found at [www.jesstree.net](http://www.jesstree.net), or you can call 409-762-2233.

Please join us for an Open House at our new Administrative Offices at Mainland Medical Center. The Jesse Tree offices and warehouse are located on the hospital campus, behind the main hospital on the West side of the complex. The Open House will be held on Thursday, March 1 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.



Madeleine Baker introduced The Empty Bowl Event in Galveston nine years ago. It has become a well-loved event and raises funds for the nutrition programs of The Jesse Tree.

The Mainland Branch assists in discharge planning for uninsured or under-insured patients. It also houses storage for the durable medical equipment and medical supplies that serve the entire Gulf Coast region. Please join us for a tour of the newly established offices. Artwork by Peter Davis is proudly displayed in the new facility. The Jesse Tree Board and staff are very grateful to Mainland Medical Center and Hospital Corporation of America (HCA) for generously providing this space to better serve the county.

"Spare Change for Systemic Change" is a newly established campaign to raise funds to cover the costs of prescriptions, ID's and other direct assistance to help those seeking care to get help more quickly. The Million Penny Campaign successfully collected over one million pennies in 2011, raising more than \$10,000 that is being used for these services at present.

"We're coming back for those dimes and nickels!" said David Mitchell, Director of Programs and Services for The Jesse Tree. "The majority of our clients are two low-income families who simply cannot make ends meet. Spare change adds up quickly and

affords us the ability to fill prescriptions through our Best Cost Formula for \$4 or \$5, and to get those lost ID's replaced so that families get the help they need. Please give generously when you see a Spare Change jug in the local restaurants and businesses!"

The Jesse Tree is a faith-based, nonprofit organization supported by a broad network of faiths dedicated to restoring dignity and compassion to receiving help. Volunteers are desperately needed to assist in delivering senior food boxes, at Food Fairs and with virtually every aspect of the program as it branches out.

Visit our website at [www.jesstree.net](http://www.jesstree.net), call 409-762-2233, email us at [info@jesstree.net](mailto:info@jesstree.net) or write us at PO Box 575, Galveston, TX 77553.



The Jesse Tree Mobile Care Unit is reaching more people in more places.



**A shoot will come up from the stem of Jesse; from his roots a branch will bear fruit.**  
Isaiah 11:1

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