

Our Mission

One Man's Treasure seeks to empower men recently released from prison to the Dallas area by providing them with clothing and opportunities for networking.



**Our Shepherds
Deliver....**



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www.onemanstr.org

Recidivism Study

We have completed five annual studies that show the rate of recidivism of our clients three years after they were released from prison was less than 13%! We are blessed to have been able to be a part of the successful reintegration into their communities of 87% of our clients.



The Story of the Starfish

While walking along a beach, an elderly man saw a young boy in the distance who was picking up starfish off the sand and gently tossing them back into the ocean.

As he neared the boy, the man smiled and said, "Why are you throwing starfish back into the water?" The boy replied, "The sun is up, and the tide is going out; if I don't throw them back in, they'll die." The man commented, "But, son, don't you realize that many, many starfish have washed up along every mile of this beach? You can't possibly make a difference!" The boy listened politely. He then bent down, gently picked up another starfish, and tossed it past the breaking waves. "Sir," he replied, "*I made a difference to that one.*"

What Makes It Work

Along with a full time Executive Director, we are blessed with two part time employees and 187 volunteers who all have a heart for this ministry. In 2013, these volunteers recorded over 3100 hours of service to One Man's Treasure.

We can always use more!



In one client's words- "I just wanted to send this note to say thank you for the clothes! I know it isn't just one person who makes it all happen, so I would like to tell everyone who takes a part in what you do! It is a true blessing!! So I want to wish God's blessings & light in your lives & all that you do!! God bless & thank you!!"

How You Can Help Make a Difference

One Man's Treasure has many needs. You can help in any of the following ways:

- ◆ Pray for God's direction for the ministry
- ◆ Volunteer to deliver clothing to one of our male clients and be a first Christian contact.
- ◆ Volunteer at our clothing site in Rockwall
- ◆ Donate good, washable men's clothing & shoes
- ◆ Organize a clothing drive in your Sunday School, women's/men's group, or church.
- ◆ Help with the coat drive in November (men, women & children's coats distribute to our clients and many other charities)
- ◆ Find a venue in your church or social group for a speaker to present the Ministry
- ◆ Help with our annual fundraiser
- ◆ Participate in the "Adopt a Client" program with a one time or monthly \$65 donation and prayer
- ◆ Make a tax deductible donation to the ministry
- ◆ Pray for the men we serve



ONE MAN'S TREASURE

*"One by one,
we can make a difference."*

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"I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:36

Our Clients



When a man leaves a Texas prison, he is faced with an almost impossible task. Given \$100, the clothes on his back, and a bus ticket upon his release, he is expected to make a

new life for himself. If he has no family to help him or a family of limited means, his chance of successful re-entry into the community is not good. **One Man's Treasure**, a faith-based non-profit organization, was created in 2005 to make a difference in the lives of these men. **Our mission is to provide clothing to formerly incarcerated men, allowing them to adopt positive self-images as they face a new world and try to find jobs.** It is based on the belief that if they can obtain employment, these formerly incarcerated men will be able to lift themselves from poverty into a positive role as a productive member of society. In helping our clients obtain this goal, we are reaching out to help their families and the community as a whole.

Our Program

Clothing applications are in most of the state's prisons and we partner with volunteer groups working inside the prisons as well as with transitional homes, mentoring and aftercare organizations, and parole officials to identify men who are need of our services. Gently used and new clothing is collected by volunteers at our Rockwall facility. When a parolee or a man who has served his entire sentence relocates to the Dallas area and calls the clothes closet with his information about sizes and residence, a set of clothes is gathered and then delivered to the client by one of our male volunteers, called *shepherds*. The shepherd is often the first Christian contact the client has after his release, and he uses that opportunity to visit with the client and encourage him during this critical time of transition.



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The Need is Great!

Since the ministry began more than nine years ago, our shepherds have delivered clothes to over 5000 men in the Dallas area including over 1700 in the past two years. We anticipate that over 4500 shirts, 1800 pairs of pants, 900 pairs of shoes, and 4500 pairs of new underwear and socks will be needed this year alone.

Most of our clients are given the following items:
5 shirts, 2 pairs of pants, a pair of shoes,
5 new pairs of underwear, 5 new pairs of socks,
1 tie, 1 T shirt and during the winter months,
a coat, hat, and gloves.

Prison and Aftercare Collaborations

We collaborate with over 25 transition homes, aftercare programs and ministries inside and outside the prisons including Kairos Prison Ministry, Prison Fellowship, Bridges to Life; PEP, ROD Ministries, Trinity Restoration Ministries, The Way Back House; and Dallas DOORS, to identify men who are in need of clothing assistance. In 2014, we began a new partnership with the Movement Day Greater Dallas re-entry initiative to implement a pilot aftercare program in south Dallas.

Testimonies of Our Clients

One Man's Treasure is blessed to receive many phone calls and notes from clients expressing their appreciation and sharing their success stories, some of whom later volunteer to become shepherds.

"I just wanted to write a brief letter to all those at "One Mans Treasure" to give thanks for all that you have done. There are many things to be anxious about upon release from prison but the big three are the basic necessities of life, food, shelter, and clothing. Thanks to One Mans Treasure, one of those basic necessities has been met and it's alleviated one of my biggest fears. Truly this is the kind of ministry that Christ would say "Well Done ". The core of this ministry is truly love. So thanks again, Thanks! God Bless. *Michael*

Partners

The success of the ministry of One Man's Treasure comes from the support of the foundations, civic and corporate organizations, the faith community, and hundreds of individuals who give of their time, talents, and financial gifts to make a difference in the lives of the often overlooked men served by One Man's Treasure each year. We are blessed to have them as partners.

Covenant Churches

In recognition of their invaluable commitment of financial gifts or grants, volunteer service and in kind support in 2013-2014, the following churches have been designated a Covenant Church of One Man's Treasure:

Creekwood United Methodist Church
Custer Road United Methodist Church
First Presbyterian Church of Rockwall
First United Methodist Church of Heath
First United Methodist Church of Rockwall
Highland Park United Methodist Church
Northaven United Methodist Church
St James on the Lake Episcopal Church
St Michaels & All Angels Episcopal Church

Community and Faith Partners

These organizations provided invaluable grant funding for support of the organization in 2013-2014:

Brian J Ratner Philanthropic Fund
Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation
Carrie S. Orleans Foundation, Bank of America, NA Trustee
Communities Foundation of Texas
Episcopal Foundation of Dallas
Hillcrest Foundation
Life to Life Foundation
Rockwall Women's League
Tess P. White Foundation
TVEC Charitable Foundation
Women of St Michael

These corporations have joined with their employees to support One Man's Treasure with a matching gift program.

AXA Foundation Exxon Mobil Foundation
GE Foundation Pepsico Foundation

These faith and community partners have provided invaluable services and gifts throughout the year.

Belk
Concord Baptist Church
Cornerstone United Methodist Church
Episcopal Diocese of Dallas
Faith Fellowship Church
First Presbyterian Church of Mabank
First Presbyterian Church of Richardson
First United Methodist Church of Richardson
First United Methodist Church of Mabank
Highland Park Presbyterian Church
Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Program
Lake Pointe Church
Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP)
Preston Road Church of Christ
Prestonwood Baptist Church
Sachse United Methodist Church
Sail with Scott
St Nicholas Episcopal Church, Flower Mound
The Ranch Community Church
The Shoe Bank
Tom Thumb Good Neighbor Program
Toyota of Rockwall
Trinity Restoration Ministries
United Methodist Women Rockwall
Wheatland United Methodist Church
Woodcreek Church