



# North Dallas Shared Ministries™

Life – Health – Education



# ESL STUDENTS ENGAGE AND COLLABORATE IN CLASSROOM...AND OUT!

About 100 students gather each week as part of NDSM's Daytime ESL program

NDSM's Daytime ESL program, directed by [Trish Houck](#), has about 100 students enrolled in the spring 2018 semester. The students meet weekday mornings at one of our covenant churches, [Holy Cross Lutheran Church](#). Currently, there are six classrooms run by 30 volunteer ESL teachers. Levels of instruction range from beginner to advanced.

A real sense of community is fostered in the ESL classrooms. That community is also evidenced outside of the classroom. The ESL students and their teachers participate in various events and activities sponsored by the program throughout the school year. Some of these include: Student Council, Holiday and Founder's Day Celebrations, and of course, Graduation.

We are grateful to Holy Cross, the director and the teachers as well as the dedicated students who make this program one of the shining stars of the NDSM service offerings.

Recruitment for Fall 2018 teachers in underway! The Daytime ESL program is looking to add 5 new teachers in the Fall. New teaching tools are being developed and more training and support of new teachers is planned for the Fall semester.

[Learn more](#)

"Go into the world and do well.  
But more importantly, go into the world and  
DO GOOD."  
-- Minor Myers Jr



### **Happenings**

In April, NDSM once again secured a full time intern from the [Dallas Mayor's Intern Fellow's Program](#).

The soon-to-be-named intern will work 20 hours per week on-site at NDSM from June 11 - August 3, 2018. The intern is paid by funds raised through the Mayor's Program. This is a much-needed resource for NDSM as the intern typically is dedicated to processing School Uniform and School Supplies forms completed by NDSM clients.

Mark your calendars for the NDSM's annual [School Uniform distribution August 13-17](#) and [School Supply distribution on August 20](#). These are both exciting seasonal

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

Summer is just around the corner! With summer comes vacations and time away from NDSM. The Food Pantry and the Clothes Closet typically feel the summer volunteer loss the most. Very little training is required in these areas and we could use help every weekday - especially on Thursday in the Clothes Closet!

We are also in great need of licensed medical providers (MDs, PAs, NPs, Nurses) in our Tuesday and Thursday evening (6pm-9pm) clinics.

[Please contact Ruth Ann Janson for more information.](#)

For a full list of volunteer

### **Fun Fact**

NDSM is all about creative problem solving. Its nimbleness and openness to finding new ways to solve existing problems are hallmarks of the agency. Here is one great example of this!

The Clothes Closet was recently struggling with a good problem to solve - excess inventory. Clothes Closet Supervisor, [Carolyn Galloway](#), decided to organize and run NDSM's first ever "Clean Out" event (a give-away of clothes, shoes and accessories - think Garage Sale but all items were free!). The event, held on March 24, was well-publicized and resulted in nearly all excess inventory being moved from the

services provided by NDSM.

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opportunities, please click the link below. And, spread the word!

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storage bins of NDSM into the hands of those in need in the Dallas area. Great idea, Carolyn!

## NDSM Dental Clinic Patients Are All Smiles

NDSM began fitting clients for dentures in December 2017. Since then, we have provided 18 sets of full dentures and 19 sets of partial dentures perfectly fit for our clients!

Dentures are a costly product. Providing them to our clients recently became cost feasible through a grant from the City of Dallas. Denture fittings continue to be one of the fastest growing areas in the agency. Yet another example of how NDSM expands to fulfill unmet needs of our clients.



Thanks to our partners in the Dental Clinic, the Texas A&M School of Dentistry led by the wonderful Dr. Dwayne Evans, for continuing to provide exceptional service to our clients!

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Smiling second graders from Preston Hollow Presbyterian School stock shelves with food and hygiene items collected prior to their visit in March.

Thank you to all of our student groups who keep us young and happy at NDSM!

*All photos herein courtesy of Bryon Crawley*

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