



METROPOLITAN HOUSTON MESSENGER

Chevron Retirees Association

MHC Member Supports Houston Ground Angels

Houston Ground Angels (HGA) was founded in 2000. HGA's sole purpose is to provide free ground transportation to cancer patients and their caregivers from/to Houston's airports, as well as homes of cancer patients in the Houston area, MD Anderson Cancer Center and nearby hotels. HGA aims to provide out-of-towners and local residents a sense of security and relief from the stress of driving and paying for transportation. **HGA currently needs more drivers.** Since its inception, HGA volunteers have completed more than 38,000 missions and each year the number of requests for rides grows.



If you volunteer for HGA, you are not held to any fixed schedule. A volunteer simply looks at a list of out-of-town and local requests for rides, also called "missions". Using your computer, you decide which mission you want to take, then use the online tool to contact the cancer patient to arrange the pickup. **It's completely up to each volunteer how many missions he/she takes.** HGA has 75 volunteers who take one or more missions a month, and another 135 volunteers who may take one mission each year. In March, there were 350 requests for rides.

If you are interested in joining HGA, go to <https://groundangels.org/>, followed by "VOLUNTEER", and "PLEASE JOIN US". If you have any questions about HGA, please contact Bob Joyce, an MHC member and Chevron retiree (former attorney in the Major Capital Projects group) at either po3oka@gmail.com or 281-446-1909.

MHC Members Volunteer at Houston Food Bank

On April 27 and 28, the MHC members pictured below volunteered at the Houston Food Bank (HFB) and worked alongside employee volunteers from Chevron and other companies to help make "Backpack Buddies" to supply **~28,000 meals for needy area families**. We are also soliciting MHC volunteers to help make peanut butter on Sept. 8, Oct. 20 and Nov. 17. Those events will be held at the Church of Latter Day Saints at 16333 Hafer Road in Houston. You can watch a video on the Peanut Butter Factory at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=raQjr7g-nY> or [Houston Peanut Butter Factory - YouTube](#). **See your May 20th e-mail for the notice of these events!**

Around 1 million people in the 18 Southeast Texas counties served by HFB are considered food insecure, meaning they lack consistent access to enough nutritious food to fuel a healthy life. To address this issue, the HFB distributes food and other essentials to those in need through a network of more than 1,600 community partners. **Chevron and MHC have supported the Houston Food Bank with financial contributions and volunteer hours for many years.**



MHC Members Al and Irma DeBeer at the April 27 Volunteer Event at the Houston Food Bank.



MHC Members at the April 28 Volunteer Event at the Houston Food Bank. Front Row, L to R: Howard Davis, Joy Davis, Sonya Sullenberger and Paul Sullenberger. Back Row, L to R: Brian Batiste and Charlie Hancock.