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This Arlington food pantry just received a very special donation: a pickup truck

The Chevy Silverado truck will help with Mission Arlington's food and furniture deliveries.



U.S. Energy Development Corporation and Mission Arlington staff pose together after the corporation donated a Chevy Silverado truck to the food pantry. (Courtesy: U.S. Energy Development Corporation)

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An Arlington oil and gas company just made a large contribution to a local food pantry: a four-door pickup truck.

The U.S. Energy Development Corporation has made smaller donations in the past to Mission Arlington, but the Chevy Silverado truck is by far the largest, said Jordan Jayson, the company's CEO and board chair.

The company, originally based in New York, moved its headquarters to Arlington three years ago, Jayson said. The company worked with nonprofits in the New York area and when it moved to Arlington, it wanted to continue that kind of work, he said.

"As we began to build a relationship with Mission Arlington, we realized what a powerhouse they are in providing services for people in need in the greater Arlington area," he said.

After looking into the services Mission Arlington provides, such as food and furniture delivery, an opportunity presented itself, Jayson said.

The company planned to downsize its vehicle fleet, Instead of selling the vehicle and donating the money to Mission Arlington, the company decided to donate the truck.

Tillie Burgin, Mission Arlington's executive director, said she couldn't begin to explain her excitement last Thursday when the truck was delivered.

"It's kind of like when you get something new like a new carpet, you don't want anyone to walk on it," she said. "We try to be careful about who drives it."

Jayson said the company is considering a Mission Arlington work day where employees go and volunteer at the food pantry.

"We've always had a tradition of helping out the local communities that we're located in and it's the beginning of hopefully a strong and powerful relationship between U.S. Energy and Mission Arlington," he said.

Mission Arlington has seen [demand skyrocket](#) due to the coronavirus pandemic. The nonprofit is currently seeking donations and volunteers.



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