



**Olive Orchard Planting  
at  
Mission Road Ministries**

**Please join us  
Saturday, May 2, 2015  
Mission Road Developmental Center Campus  
8706 Mission Road (78214)**

**Training for Team Leaders: 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**

**Planting: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Lunch provided**

**What to bring:**

**Shovel  
Spade  
Wagon  
Pail**

**RSVP:**

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**Directions to campus and other information on back.**





**Do you want to be a part of something exciting, meaningful and inspired by God?**

**Well then, the Olive Orchard Planting at Mission Road Developmental Center is where you need to be on Saturday, May 2, 2015.**

Mission Road Ministries offers care to over 800 children and adults with Intellectual Developmental Disabilities such as autism, Downs Syndrome, Shaken Baby Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome, closed head injuries and more. Our mission is to give our clients the opportunity to reach their full potential for independence, productivity and inclusion in the community.

Eleven years ago a beloved MRM client, Brandon Smith who had experienced the caring environment of Mission Road's residential services for 54 years, passed away at age 71. His loving friend, Virginia Munroe donated an olive tree to be planted in his memory. Ten years later, Virginia visited the Mission Road Campus and, while touring, she spied the olive tree. It was thriving and stood at over 20 feet! Virginia was immediately inspired to plant more olive trees at Mission Road. She shared her dream with her dear friend, Lou Womack which set in motion miracle after miracle! Lou was inspired to fund the orchard and together with Virginia garnered the support of Sandy Winokur of Sandy Oaks Olive Orchard. Gifted sculptress Donna Dobberfuhr was commissioned to create a bronze sculpture of our special children with their therapy dog, Oreo. Author Brooke Negley was then inspired to write a children's book about Oreo and the olive orchard. The project has developed a life of its own! It caught the attention of video production artist, Jeff Horny who is now filming a documentary about the remarkable story.

The prayerful partnership of Lou, Virginia and their team will provide beauty to the campus of MRM, offer meaningful work for clients, develop a new source of sustainable revenue for the organization, and design a peaceful garden area of respite with a beautiful work of art depicting hope and peace to honor the special needs of those served every day by MRM.

The Mission Road Family is going to learn all about planting, tending, harvesting and selling olives. The clients and caregivers will have sweat equity in the project...personal investment which should bring them great satisfaction at harvest time when they sell their olives.

Don't miss your opportunity to be involved.

**Directions to the Mission Road Developmental Center Campus from down town:**

**Take Hwy 281/I37 South, exit #135 Military Drive/TX-13 Loop, go West (Right) on Military, after 2.9 miles, turn Left at the signal onto Mission Road. The campus is 1.2 miles on the left – 8706 Mission Road.**

**Take I-35 South, exit Military Dr./TX-13 Loop, go East (left) on Military, after 3.1 miles, turn Right at the signal onto Mission Road. The campus is 1.2 miles on the left – 8706 Mission Road.**