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ROUND ROCK-Jason's eyes were wide with anticipation as he sat on the edge of the sofa at Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock, listening to instructions from his house mom. The entire cottage was going on a shopping spree, and he was to get \$80 to spend on whatever clothes he wanted.



A resident of Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock shows off one of his finds during a donor-sponsored shopping spree this fall.

This was a special day made possible by special people.

What Jason, whose real name is not used for security, didn't know until just before leaving was the money, given to each child on campus for clothes shopping, was made possible by churches in Bell Baptist Association. Six individuals, 10 churches and two Sunday School classes contributed more than \$6,000.

Churches within the association have been sponsoring an annual project for the children's home for the past six years. Centered around its annual meeting, the project is meant to inspire pastors and church members to “do something special,” according to Richard Mangum, director of missions.

In years past, the association has collected school supplies, jeans and even food for the ministry.

“We have always had a strong relationship and communication between the churches and the children's home,” he said. “And, many times, staff will bring children to churches in the area to participate in a special event. Our churches have definitely been thanked.”

in the BGCT, the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and around the world.