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VNA ROLLS OUT THE CARPET FOR KAUFMAN CHURCH

When a six-alarm fire destroyed the Dallas headquarters of the Visiting Nurse Association in 2005, Pastor Harry Smith had no idea what an impact it would have someday on the Southside Baptist Church in Kaufman.

The Visiting Nurse Association had purchased new carpet for its headquarters, but it hadn't been installed when the fire occurred. The carpet couldn't be used in the new design of the organization's rebuilt headquarters, the Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Center for the Visiting Nurse Association, which opened in May 2008.

A tradesman who was working on the Visiting Nurse Association's new building became aware of the carpet that lay in storage and mentioned it to his pastor, Harry Smith. The timing was perfect since discussions had begun on expanding the Southside Baptist Church building to accommodate the growing attendance at the services.

When the Visiting Nurse Association received from the church a request for the carpet, four large rolls, measuring a total of 10,000 square feet, were on a trailer headed for Kaufman. "The donation of new carpet has been a blessing and will help move us forward with our expansion," says Pastor Smith. "You never know where help will come from," he adds.

The Visiting Nurse Association was also glad to be of assistance. "As a nonprofit home care and hospice provider, the Visiting Nurse Association depends on community support. We're glad to be able to give back to the community when the opportunity arises," states Robert Carpenter, the organization's president and CEO. The Visiting Nurse

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Association has had a branch office in Kaufman since 1974.



Harry Smith, pastor at the Southside Baptist Church in Kaufman, with new carpet donated by the Visiting Nurse Association that will be used for expansion of the church.

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