



March 2017

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.” ~ Ephesians 6:10 (NASB)

MINISTRY NEEDS

Aldine Family Hope Cener – Dedicated to providing services that help strengthen vulnerable children & families in Aldine.

Primary Needs:

- **30 Professional Portfolios** - (Needed by March 20th) for job training as well as Empower to Employ graduates



- **25 Sporting Event Tickets/Rodeo** - for teen incentives
- **Lunch Sponsor** - for 150 children for our soccer camp to be held on **March 25th**. (ex: sandwiches, chips, fruit, & drink) **Need confirmed by March 20th**.
- **20 Coffee Tumblers/Water Bottles** - (nice quality) for Teen Empower 2 Employ graduation gifts



- **Driver Side Step Board** - for our Ford facility van



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- **Black and Clear Plastic Hangers** - for the Resale shop
- **Black Fountain Cold and Hot Water Cooler** - with filter included (\$349.99 at Lowes)



Professional Expertise:

- **3 Bilingual Professionals** - to assist in mock interviews on **March 21st 9am-2pm**

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Volunteers** - to come as often as needed to assist high school seniors in college application process. Contact Teen Instructors for information: Chandra Dean- 281-987-8700

Buckner Children & Family Services – *Dedicated to providing services that help strengthen vulnerable children & single parent families in Conroe.*

Primary Needs:

- **Washer and Dryer** - we have a family in need
- **Event Tickets** - requesting rodeo or any event tickets so the single parent may enjoy an outing with their children.
- **Furniture** - dining table chairs, dressers, chest of drawers, bunkbeds, and interior decorations for program participants.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Easter Egg Hunt Host** - Buckner Family Pathways Houston is seeking an agency/church to host an Easter Egg hunt.
- **Strong Men** - to pick up donation of a sofa for a participant (Conroe).
- **Childcare** - spend time with children while parents attend Group Sessions. Activities may include coloring, playing games, watching videos, reading, etc. This would be Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.
- **Birthday Club Hosts** - Houston Family Pathways is seeking a group that is willing to host a birthday club. This group would provide a birthday in a bag for the children in the program. The concept is for a group to provide birthday cake and a gift to each child on their birthday. It could be a cake mix and frosting so the mom could bake the cake along with a gift.

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Cy-Fair Helping Hands – Dedicated to serving the homeless, sheltered homeless, and others in need in the Cy-Fair area regardless of age, race, religion or marital status.

Primary Needs:

- **4 Rolling Shelf Units** - These will be used in our pantry for overflow supplies. Our Houston Food Bank inspection is March 27. We need the shelves by March 21.



- **Signs** - for the fence at our community Garden and a commemorative sign recognizing our “seed” money donor.
- **Marquis Sign** - for over our space (one that lights up).
- **Gardening Supplies** - Wheelbarrow, potting bench, garden gloves, and garden hand tools for our community garden! We want to have the tools available for the groups who adopt beds to use. Needed by April 1 – Picture below is of a potting bench (with sink preferred)



- **Groups to Adopt Beds in the Garden** - On March 11, all beds will be planted. We still have 10 that have not been adopted. Those will be planted as well and we need groups to volunteer to tend them weekly. These are awesome 4X8 foot raised beds with irrigation.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Front Desk Volunteers** - preferably bilingual Spanish/English. Especially on Monday mornings from 9:30am to 12:30pm.

Engagements:

- We would love for anyone who would like to see what we do to come and visit! Anyone who would like to experience street outreach is welcome to schedule a time to ride along.

Home Place of Texas – Dedicated to providing meaningful life experiences, socialization, education, employment and spiritual training to adults with disabilities.

Primary Needs:

- **Portable PA System** – Will be used every day during the day program activities such as choir, daily devotionals, and big group activities.
- **Markers and Colored Pencils**
- **Home Depot/Lowe's Gift Cards** - We are always needing things to improve our building. These gift cards will definitely help with the cost of building maintenance.
- **Paper Goods** - Paper Plates, Plastic Cups, Paper towels and toilet paper.

Professional Expertise/Consultations:

- **Career Training** - We are in need of professionals who are willing to teach our participants on various skills and/or careers in the community (i.e. internet safety, pilot/flight attendant, phone safety, art teachers).

Hospitality House – Dedicated to serving the physical and spiritual needs of prison families by providing temporary lodging and food.

Primary Needs:

- **Big Items for Raffle and Prizes for Ladies Tea Fundraiser April 29th** – Examples: Hotel/Resort get-a-ways; Family Events (Circus, SplashTown, Schilterbahn, etc); Concerts; Jewelry; Designer Purses; Spa Day - **Need items by April 11th** at GTNW Mtg. or ASAP before our event!
- **Restaurant Gift Cards** - for prizes at our fundraiser – Salt Grass, Outback, Olive Garden, Red Lobster, etc...
- **Blow Dryers** – need 10 for our 8 bathrooms for the families to use – any size or color
- **Standing Paper Towel Holders** – (need 8) for our extra toilet paper in the bathroom stalls

Professional Expertise

- **Grant Writer** – need someone with grant writing skills to research available grants, write and file the appropriate paperwork.

Engagements:

- **Ladies Tea – April 29th from 2-4pm - Everyone is invited – cost is \$25 a person**
- **Facility Tour** - We always welcome visitors and love to give tours of our 17 bedroom facility and especially our new Children's Activity Building – 9am-5pm on weekdays and weekends by appointment due to Director's travel schedule.

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Oaks of Righteousness – *Dedicated to breaking the cycle of addiction and homelessness by offering support and shelter for female ex-offenders who desire to make positive life changes and become productive members of society.*

Primary Needs:

- **Sectional Sofa** - to seat 6 residents (used in good condition)
- **Apartment** - to rent for graduate with a felony record (within the next 6 months)
- **Van** - to replace the van used for ministry

Professional Expertise:

- **Car Repairman** - to work on the van used to transport residents (struts needed now)

Redeemed Ministries - *provides a safe house for domestic adult women sex trafficking victims in Texas and helps survivors with various support services.*

Primary Needs:

- **8 Weighted Blankets** - either full sized (36X60) or lap sized is fine. We have clients in the house that suffer from from severe PTSD and anxiety and one who has nightmares/flashbacks. The weight helps to soothe anxiety and slow breathing, allowing the user to calm more quickly. 12-15 lbs would be ideal. While we eventually like 1 for every bed in the house (8), having 2-3 would be a great start.
- **Event/Outing Gift Cards** - We take the ladies in our program on a fun outing every Saturday and could use gift cards to places for outings. Bowling, movies, restaurants, nail salons, fun stores, etc.

Professional Expertise/Consultations:

- **Product Labeling Referral** - Looking for product labeling as we begin our social enterprise. We have the information on labeling requirements for the products, we just need a source for getting labels printed for cosmetic/beauty products.

Engagements:

- We are planning to test market our social enterprise products (organic, fair trade beauty) by the end of March/beginning of April and would appreciate a few venues to sell them in. We have one lined up but would like at least 4-5.

Shield Bearer Counseling Centers – *Dedicated to strengthening relationships, building healthy families, strong communities and healing hurting hearts in Houston.*

Primary Needs:

- **New Laptop** - (any manufacturer) to assist with updating counseling sessions for our clients.
- **Digital Video Camera** – (12 pixels or greater) to be used for marketing Shield Bearer Counseling Center in order to bring counseling to more individuals in need.
- **Shelving Unit** - (6ft by 12 ft by 2-3ft) for our Storage Room to help maintain our organization system.
- **Office Furniture** - (New or Slightly Used) – picture provided
 - **Conference Room Tables** - 10 Group Training Room Tables (\$2400 for support groups, workshops, and meetings)
 - **30 Stackable Chairs** - (\$75 each for support groups, workshops, extra seating in therapy rooms, events, and more)
 - **4 Side Tables** - (\$150 each for Therapy rooms used during therapy sessions)
 - **Counter Height Table** - (\$350 for the copy station)
 - **4 Lobby (Guest) Chairs** - (\$125 each for the Waiting Room Area to create a welcoming and relaxing space for clients)
 - **2 Sets of 2 Matching Chairs** - (\$200 each for administrative offices for staff, volunteers, and visitors)
 - **Narrow Office Desk** - (\$400 for Clinical Coordinator's Office and administrative duties)
 - **4 Break Room Dining Chairs** - (\$100 each for counselors and staff as they break from therapy sessions)
 - **5 pieces of Artwork** - (\$75 each colorful botanicals and simple abstracts for the therapy rooms to create a comfortable, relaxed, and welcoming atmosphere for clients)
 - **2 sets of 2 Pillows** - (\$30 per set in light blue, green, red, pale pink, and light green for therapy rooms to replace the worn out old pillows).



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Professional Expertise/Consultations:

- **Handyman** – Do you have the basic handyman abilities? Would you be willing to be on a call list with other Handymen as needs arise?

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Administrative Help** – If you know excel, word, and basics of power point, we need your help. A few hours weekly onsite, or from home, can make a huge difference.
- **5K Family Fun Run and Walk Volunteers** - Our 2nd Annual 5K is March 25, 2017 at Northside Christian Church in Spring, TX. We need help with marketing, sponsorships, vendors, volunteering at the event, and more.
- **Shield Bearer Representatives** - We are looking for supporters who are already attending networking groups to also share Shield Bearer information with the group. Rotary, Chamber, and other Professional Group Representatives would be given brochures, event information, and other marketing items each month to share with their groups.
- **Shield Bearer Soldiers** - We are looking for 2017 Soldiers Program commitments. Soldiers are ambassadors for Shield Bearer and advance our message on social media and through inviting their network to our monthly breakfasts. This position does not take much time and makes a huge impact!

Engagements:

- **2017 Family Fun Run & 5K** - Saturday March 25, 2017 7-11AM Northside Christian Church 20250 Kuykendahl Spring, TX Volunteer or run in this chipped 5K Trail Run or 1 Mile Family Fun walk (Strollers Welcome). Activities for the kids include Music, face painting, kite flying, games, prizes, etc. Learn how to get involved Running for Hearts at ShieldBearer.org/5K or email events@shieldbearer.org.
- **Community Breakfast** - Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:00-10:00AM Shield Bearer 12340 Jones Rd Ste 290, Houston, TX The free monthly community breakfast is a great way for potential volunteers, employees or supporters to come learn more about this ministry. Find how you can join in Shield Bearer's mission. RSVP: events@shieldbearer.org or 281-894-7222.

Tomball Pregnancy Center – *Dedicated to providing resources to those facing unplanned or crisis pregnancy, such as adoption services, prenatal care, attorney's, free pregnancy testing, and more.*

Primary Needs:

Many times our office supplies are what we need most so we can thank our donors, mail letters, copy resources for the clients etc. here are some of the things we could use right now:

- Baby wipes are our top need at this time. We allow clients to “purchase” them with their “mommy money” they earn taking classes with us. We have a limit to how many packages they can purchase, but we still run out. Because they purchase them for mommy money and we have a limit... please no bulk packaging.

Professional Expertise

- **Sonographer**-- one of our sonographers is having to leave and we would like to have someone who can come in once a week for 4 -5 hours. Someone with experience in obstetric sonography and who is a confident leader. The person would have to be a Christian who is in agreement with the policies of the center.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Work Day** – we would like to schedule a workday with some men to help us with a small project in our boutique.
- **Bilingual Translator or Consultant** - Bilingual individuals who can volunteer time during the day to come in once a week for 4-5 hours and either translate or train to become a consultant and see clients one-on-one.
- **Volunteer Consultant** - who is available from 3-8 on Monday evenings to train to see clients one-on-one.

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

Aldine Family Hope Center

- Prayers for continued transformation of families at our center.

Buckner Children and Family Services

- On-going prayer for the families we serve.

Cy-Fair Helping Hands

- Prayers for two of our friends on the street who are considering coming in. Prayer that the right place is found for them and they remain open to the idea.
- Prayers for our all volunteer staff. For respite and peace. Everyone works very hard and puts in a lot of hours. Please pray that no one experiences burnout.

Home Place of Texas

- Ask God to provide us with wisdom to make Home Place of Texas even more excellent and what we need for growth and our future building.

Hospitality House

- Pray for the family members coming in for the upcoming executions.
- Pray for the ladies (HH guests) attending our Bible studies three times a month that their faith will deepen and those who are seeking Him will come to know Him in a very real way.
- Pray for the families/guests hearts and minds to open to the gospel and the love of Christ.

Oaks of Righteousness

- New Residents choosing to change their lifestyle and become the women that God intends them to be.
- God to provide sustaining funds for Christian counseling throughout the 9-12 month program.
- New volunteers to teach classes this fall.
- Thankful for God's continued provision for Oaks of Righteousness ministry.

Redeemed Ministries

- One of our clients has a seizure disorder and as she works through her trauma in counseling and therapy, she has starting having small seizures again despite her medication. Please be in prayer that she find peace and comfort and that as we get her in to a neurologist, a more effective medication be found.
- A client chose to accept Christ and be baptized over the weekend and we praise the Lord for her entry into his glorious Kingdom!

Shield Bearer Counseling Centers

- Pray for Shield Bearer to be the beacon of Christian ethics in the liberal profession of counseling. Pray that counselors have courage to be Christ to those who come in for counseling. Pray that God will use us to bring light into the darkest, broken places of people's souls.
- Pray for people who have children with developmental disorders, autism, mental illness, etc. Pray for their incredible peace and patience, understanding and grace, courage and strength, and energy!
- Pray for people who are struggling in their marriages. Pray that they will move toward each other instead of away or against each other. Pray for their children and those around them that love them. Pray that they will get Christian help.
- Pray for us as we plan the annual 5K and Family Fun Run. Pray that God will bring the sponsors and the volunteers to make this year's event a great healthy connecting time for families and children.
- Pray for Shield Bearer's 40 for 40 Matching Campaign. Pray that God will bless Shield Bearer to get every dollar offered to be matched.

Tomball Pregnancy Center

- Answered prayer... director coming soon! She is house hunting so please pray for a smooth move.
- The families at our center need prayer. Some are together, others are single and on their own. Some are struggling financially or working hard to go to school, work and raise their family. Many are still deciding IF and HOW they can have this baby even while friends and family tell them they shouldn't. Pray for these little ones but also pray for their moms and dads as they make some of the most influential decisions of their lives.

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Aldine Family Hope Center

WEBSITE: www.buckner.org

PHONE: 281.449.4828

ADDRESS: 4700 Aldine Mail Rt., Houston, Texas 77039

CONTACT: Shawna Roy, Director

EMAIL: saroy@buckner.org

Aldine Family Hope Center focuses on improving the lives of underprivileged youth and their families through a holistic approach of vocational, social, recreational, educational, and spiritual programs in the Houston/Aldine area. Our goal is to serve as a "one stop shop" model that centers around case management, client assistance, adult education, family counseling, youth programs and much more!

Buckner Children & Family Services

WEBSITE: www.buckner.org

PHONE: 409.791.0192

ADDRESS: 407 Ave F, Conroe, TX 77301

CONTACT: Laura May, Program Director

EMAIL: lmay@buckner.org

Buckner Children and Family Services transforms the lives of vulnerable children and builds strong families through Christ-centered values. Buckner is dedicated to providing services that help strengthen vulnerable children and families in Houston and surrounding areas. A wide variety of services are offered to children, families and single parents. Programs include: Family Place and Foster Care & Adoption.

Cy-Fair Helping Hands

WEBSITE: www.cyfairhelpinghands.org

PHONE: 281.858.1222

ADDRESS: 7710 Cherry Park DR Ste S, Houston, TX 77095

CONTACT: Gwen Franke, Executive Director

EMAIL: gwenf@cyfairhelpinghands.com

Cy-Fair Helping Hands is an organization founded and managed by caring volunteers serving the homeless in the Cypress-Fairbanks Area. With an all-volunteer staff, Cy-Fair Helping Hands works to help the homeless become self-sufficient by building relationships and a path out of homelessness.

Home Place of Texas

WEBSITE: www.hpotx.org

PHONE: 281-257-1004

ADDRESS: 5701 Louetta Road, Ste 400, Spring, TX 77379

CONTACT: June Jones, Executive Director

EMAIL: jjones@hpotx.org

Home Place of Texas is a non-denominational Christian community for adults with disabilities. This Christ-centered community allows individuals to build relationships with God and others through worship, work, education, and recreation. Our mission is to teach adults with disabilities that God loves them and has a plan for them. Our programs include quality activities such as weekly Bible studies, residential living, a day program and recreational activities.

Hospitality House

WEBSITE: www.thehospitalityhouse.org

PHONE: 936-291-6196

ADDRESS: 912 10th Street, Huntsville, TX 77320

CONTACT: Debra McCammon, Executive Director

EMAIL: director@thehospitalityhouse.org

The purpose of the Hospitality House ministry is to promote the public welfare and alleviate the hardships of the disadvantaged by ministering to the physical and religious needs of families of prisoners incarcerated in the Texas penal system. The House was built by volunteers to meet the needs of the increasing number of families arriving in Huntsville without funds for lodging and food. It was the first overnight lodging ministry of its kind in Texas. Currently, Hospitality House is open 7 days a week in order to accommodate the various family visitations, releases, and execution schedules of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice system. As a whole, Hospitality House offers a warm, friendly, and peaceful environment where families can relax and rest while visiting their loved ones. These families are the "other victims" of crimes.

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Oaks of Righteousness

WEBSITE: www.oaksoftexas.org

PHONE: 832-444-0739

ADDRESS: 208 S. Avenue G, Humble, Texas 77338

CONTACT: Beth Whittier, Executive Director

EMAIL: bwhittier@kingwoodcable.com

Oaks of Righteousness is a faith based residential nonprofit facility that offers support for female ex-offenders who desire to make positive life changes and become productive members of society. This ministry was formed in 2012 after many years of teaching and mentoring women in the Texas prison system. There is a shared belief among us that living in a safe, faith-based house is necessary for ex-offenders to fully reintegrate into society and become the women that God created them to be. The Oaks of Righteousness was established as a way to break the cycle of addiction and homelessness, offering hope for a better future.

Redeemed Ministries

WEBSITE: www.redeemedministries.com

PHONE: 832-392-8880

ADDRESS: 330 Rayford Road, Suite 390 Spring, TX 77386

CONTACT: Desirie Dougall, Operations Director

EMAIL: desirie.dougall@redeemedministries.com

Redeemed Ministries' focus population is Domestic Adult Women Sex Trafficking Victims. They have operated a 4 bed safe house since October 2010 and have provided services to over 70 survivors. They are 1 of 2 known safe houses for adult survivors in Texas and helps survivors of adult domestic sex trafficking by: Offering a safe environment for holistic healing; Using a structured schedule to address chaos caused by trauma; Utilizing third-party trauma trained counselors for care; Utilizing curriculum designed for addressing physical, emotional, relational and spiritual healing; Developing individualized care for healthy reintegration to independent living; and Engaging the church and community to be a part of the healing process.

Shield Bearer Counseling Centers

WEBSITE: www.shieldbearer.org

PHONE: 281-894-7222

ADDRESS: 12345 Jones Road, Ste 285, Houston, TX 77070

CONTACT: Roy Wooten, Executive Director

EMAIL: rwooten@shieldbearer.org

Shield-Bearer is a unique nonprofit founded in the movement to improve the health of relationships within families, organizations and communities. Shield-Bearer's community and church based programs and services have reached into 12 Texas counties. Shield-Bearer not only provides excellent and ethical services and programs, but healthy relationships, strong marriages, healthy families and strong communities through community advocacy and social marketing.

Tomball Pregnancy Center

WEBSITE: www.tomballpregnancy.com

PHONE: (832)559-7817

ADDRESS: 990 Village Square DR Ste Q, Tomball, TX 77375

CONTACT: Crystal Tidball, Director of Client Services

EMAIL: ctidball@tomballpregnancy.com

Tomball Pregnancy Center works with the Greater Tomball Community to meet the needs of their clients. They provide resources for adoption, doctors, hospitals, lawyers, schooling and employment. They offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasound services, clothing, baby care needs, information and more.

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