



April 2017

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.” - Matthew 16:24 (NASB)

MINISTRY NEEDS

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

Primary Needs:

- **Sponsor for Impact Family Fun Day** - on April 29th. Approximately 60 people. (ex: hot dogs, burgers, chips, juice, & piñata, candy for piñata, ketchup, mustard, fresh fruits)
Need confirmed by April 17th.
- **2-3 Tier Bookshelves** - for our Afterschool program
- **20 Professional Portfolios** - (Needed by May 22th) for job training as well as Empower to Employ graduates



- **20 Handheld Mirrors** - for teen girl lock-in craft project (Needed by May 15th)
- **1 Cold Water Dispenser**



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A complete list of ministry needs can be found at www.gettogethernw.org

- **1 Rug** - for the case manager's waiting area 8'X11'
- **1 Kids Rug** - for the children's play area in case manager's office 12'X9'



Volunteer Opportunities:

- **We always in need of volunteers!**

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 event tickets so the single parent families may enjoy an outing with their children.
- **Furniture** - i.e., Lamps are a big need for the apartments and interior decorations for program participants.

Professional Expertise/Consultations:

- **Beauticians, Make-Up Artists, and Massage Therapists** - We would like to provide a makeover/spa event for Family Pathways graduates sometime in May. Graduation is scheduled for May 14, 2017. We are hoping to find professionals who provide beauty services and who would like to donate those services for an hour or two.
- **Car Maintenance and Repairs** - Routine oil changes, tire rotation, filter changes, spark plugs, brakes, etc. may help prolong life of high-mileage vehicles most clients drive.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Children's Activities Volunteer**- Spend time with children while parents attend Group Sessions. Activities may include a VBS style of learning, teaching character development, or teach swimming lesson. The hours regarding activities are evenings between 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm and the day of the week is flexible.
- **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:

- **1-2 Large Coolers** - We plan to use them to hold dairy and salad products in the front of our pantry during pantry hours only. The best size would be something like this:
<https://www.igloocoolers.com/00044363-quick-and-cool-150-white>



*** Note: Gwen has a connection at Igloo (my brother works there) and can get the coolers in the company store with a good discount. A donation to cover that cost would work great!!

- **Small, Under the Sink Water Heater** - something like this: We currently have no hot water and would like to install a small, under the sink water heater to solve our problem.
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00L1JBLIO?psc=1>



- **Gallon-Size Freezer Strength ZipLoc Bags** - We currently have three outreach teams who distribute over 80 street bags every week. We pack and use a LOT!! This is an ongoing need for at least 400 empty bags every month.

Professional Expertise/Consultations:

- **Water Heater Installation** – someone to install the water heater.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Front Pantry Volunteer** - This person interacts with clients, updates the database, and assists as needed. Three hours per week.

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

Primary Needs:

- **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.
- **Walmart Gift Cards**- This gift cards will help us prepare for our upcoming summer program.
- **Paper Goods** - Paper Plates, Plastic Cups, Paper towels and toilet paper.
- **4 Uline Hands Free 35 Gal Trash Cans**

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
- **Construction Materials** - for pergola for our prayer garden and a lawn equipment storage building – a list of necessary materials can be provided
- **5 Simple Alarm Clocks** – battery operated

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.** Please call **ASAP** to reserve your place - space is limited! 936-291-6196
- **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)
- **Used Van** – that seats 7 for ministry use
- **Vacuum Cleaner** – (used or new) to use in house

Professional Expertise:

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

Engagements:

- **Upcoming Benefit Concert** - on April 23 at 4:00 pm at Kingwood United Methodist Church.

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

Primary Needs:

- **Art Supplies** - acrylic paints, brushes, canvases to be used in expressive art therapy for our clients.
- **Books for the Library** - our ladies like to read and we encourage them to do so in their free time. Books that are encouraging, uplifting, Christian, or otherwise family friendly would be a great addition to our library.

Professional Expertise/Consultations:

- **Printing** - We are beginning to plan our annual benefit and will be starting to print things like sponsorship packets, Save-the-Date mailers, etc. If there is anyone who can help provide reduced cost or pro bono printing it would be greatly appreciated!

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

Primary Needs:

- **Digital Video Camera** – (able to shoot **HD**) to be used for marketing Shield Bearer Counseling Center in order to bring counseling to more individuals in need.



- **Office Furniture** - (New or Slightly Used) – picture provided
 - **Conference Room Tables** - 10 Group Training Room Tables (\$2400 for support groups, workshops, and meetings)
 - **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.
- **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:

- **Mother Daughter Strong** - Saturday, April 29, 2017 2:30-4:30PM Some Like It Hot Yoga & Fitness | 1403 Barker Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX 77433 Moms and daughters (ages 10 and up) are invited to a unique afternoon of fitness and connection! Celebrate the bond between moms and daughters, see your beauty through God's eyes, and work together to build strength emotionally, mentally, spiritually, and physically! The cost is \$20 for Mother/Daughter Pair. RSVP: events@shieldbearer.org.
- **Community Breakfast** - Tuesday, May 2, 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. Discover the story behind the Shield Bearer name and hear what God is doing through us to serve those who would otherwise be turned away. Find how you can join in Shield Bearer's mission. RSVP: events@shieldbearer.org or 281-894-7222.
- **Texas Marriage & Family Training Days** - May 4 in Midland, May 18 in Dallas, June 8 in Brownsville, June 15 in San Antonio,. 4 CEU's available for Texas LPC and LMFT from Shield Bearer Counseling Centers. This training is designed to help strengthen marriages and families to impact future generations. Register at www.EsteemMarriage.org/events

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:

- **Baby Wipes and Diapers** - in sizes newborn, 3, 4 and 5 (we have lots of 1s and 2s). 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.
- **General Office Supplies:** including 2 hole punch (used for charts) and tape refills
- **Shelf** - for the boutique. From Lowes \$100



- **Clear Storage Bins With Lids** - to organize and store our donations for the boutique. We store out of season items until time to bring them out as well as storing items that we put in newborn gift bags as they are needed. Walmart online lists for \$45 for a case of 6.



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:

- **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.

A complete list of ministry needs can be found at www.gettogethernw.org

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISES

Aldine Family Hope Center

- Prayers for our students getting ready for college.

Buckner Children and Family Services

- On-going prayer for the families we serve. Please continue to have our families in prayer, especially our children. The need for positive male role models is of utmost importance.

Cy-Fair Helping Hands

- Prayers for our two clients who are working through their issues and will potentially be successful in coming off the street and living a good life. Prayers for two or three more who may be ready to transition.
- Prayers for staff. Our all-volunteer staff is at times overwhelmed. Prayers for respite and peace.

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 on April 12th.
- 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.
- Thankful for God's continued provision for Oaks of Righteousness ministry.

Redeemed Ministries

- We have new client in the house, please pray for her adjustment into her new setting and for healing to take place in her life.
- Please pray for staff who will be traveling this month for training.

Shield Bearer Counseling Centers

- 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.
- Pray for teens and young adults who cut on themselves as a way to deal with the emotional pain of their circumstances (abuse, being bullied, rejection, neglect). Pray that God will use our team of counselors to help them heal!
- Pray for one of our wheel-chair bound counselors who is in desperate need for a new van with accommodations.
- Pray for people who are contemplating ending their life. Pray that they will make a call and that God will use us to bring hope in their hopelessness.
- Pray for churches to step forward and join us in the local mission work God has us up to.

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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2016-2017 Partner Ministries

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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2016-2017 Partner Ministries

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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