

Outreach Ministries
Funding Recommendations
April 2022

Children, Families and Housing

Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine

2021 Funding: \$15,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Designation of Funds: Aldine Location Operations

The Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine is a child-centered, family-focused place where families go to find hope, support and empowerment to reach their fullest God-given potential. The key to the Family Hope Center's success is found in combining effective programs and passionate people to help families that are experiencing poverty, family issues and a lack of services. www.buckner.org/houston

Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos

2021 Funding: \$10,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

Designation of Funds: Operating funds (food & household expenses for one year for three homes in the Casa de Esperanza neighborhood)

Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos strives to break the cycle of child abuse and neglect for at-risk infants, children and their families by providing comprehensive residential and family support programs that transform people and communities. www.casahope.org

Family Point Resources

2021 Funding: \$30,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

Family Point Resources engages the West Houston community in supportive relationships that meet needs, build hope, and transform lives. Programs include a community library, after-school educational enrichment, art, theater and dance classes, and a full schedule of summer activities and camps. www.familypointresources.com

The Forge for Families

2021 Funding: \$30,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000

The Forge for Families fosters a fun, Christ-centered environment through strategic investment and collaboration, to help families in Houston's Third Ward grow educationally, economically, and spiritually. Programs include after school enrichment, mentoring, summer day camp, athletic discipleship, family life and parent enrichment nights. www.forgeforfamilies.org

Discipleship and Education

Camp Aranzazu

2021 Funding: \$18,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$18,000

Designation of funds: Underwrite the cost of camping programs for Houston area partners.

Camp Aranzazu (pronounced Ah ran' zah zoo), located on Copano Bay near Rockport, is dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults with special needs and chronic illnesses by providing unique camping, environmental education, and retreat experiences. camparanzazu.org

Camp for All

2021 Funding: \$10,000

2022 Funding Recommendations: \$10,000

Designation of Funds: Camper Scholarships

Camp For All, located in Burton, Texas, is a Christian summer camp ministry designed for children and young adults with special needs (physical/developmental/intellectual disabilities) to experience a week-long residential, barrier-free camp while surrounding them with love, acceptance, and fun. The facility works in partnership with 65 non-profits to enrich the lives of campers and their families.

Camp Blessing

2021 Funding: \$25,000 + \$7,500 + \$12,500 Over & Above + \$1,330.31 Mission Market

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Designation of Funds: To be used for a new water well to fill the lake, a wheelchair accessible dock or camper scholarships

Camp Blessing, located in Brenham, makes the childhood experience of camp available to campers whose challenges prevent their participation elsewhere. They are a Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance and fun to children and young adults with special needs and their siblings. camblessing.org

Camp Cho-Yeh

2021 Funding: \$50,000

2022 Funding: \$50,000

Designation of Funds: Camper Scholarships

Cho-Yeh is a premier Christian summer camp and retreat center near Livingston. They are a place where Jesus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.

Stoney Creek Ranch

2021 Funding: \$25,000 + \$7,500 + \$14,000 Over & Above + \$310 (2020 Mission Market)

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Designation of Funds: Camper Scholarships

Stoney Creek Ranch is a Christian Camp, located in New Ulm, dedicated to serving urban youth. They serve young people in ways that will allow them to come to know Christ, His role in their lives and to develop an authentic personal relationship with Him. They work with organizations that target urban youth, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation through a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors. stoneycreekranch.org

Health and Special Needs

Be An Angel

2021 Funding: \$25,000 (plus \$10,000 O&A)

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 (Hearing Aids Houston)

Be An Angel improves the quality of life for children with multiple disabilities and/or profound deafness by providing needed adaptive equipment and select services. They strive to use all available means to create a world where every child with a disability can experience improvement in their personal quality of life.

<https://beanangel.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/beanangelfund/>

<https://www.instagram.com/beanangelfund/>

Joy Ride

2021 Funding: \$18,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$18,000

JoyRide helps people with different abilities find more joy in life through equine-assisted activities and therapies along with functional/life skills education. Programming includes hippotherapy, therapeutic riding and a Day Habilitation Program. <https://www.joyridecenter.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/joyridecenter>

https://www.instagram.com/joyride_center/ https://www.instagram.com/joyride_center/

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

2021 Funding: \$10,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000 (Designation S Texas Family Camp Weekend)

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy serves the Duchenne community in the U.S. and around the world. They are committed to finding a long-term treatment and cure for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy through research funding, advocacy efforts, raising awareness, and annual conferences for parents, families, and medical professionals. Connect South Texas Family Camp brings local families with Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophies together for a weekend of connection and fun at Camp for All. <https://www.parentprojectmd.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/parentprojectmd> <https://www.instagram.com/parentprojectmd/>

Prayers of the People

2021 Funding: \$8,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Houston operations)

Established in 1974 from MDPC, POP provides spiritual care and prayer for all faith traditions in the midst of crisis, disease and suffering. Over 135 Lay Chaplains visit patients in over 60 hospitals and healthcare settings across Houston and around the world.

https://www.instagram.com/prayersofthepeople_pop/ <https://popministry.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Prayers.of.the.People.Chaplaincy>

Spring Branch and Hunger

East Spring Branch Food Pantry

2021 Funding: \$2,000 + \$1,520 Mission Market = \$3,520

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$4,000

Families with urgent needs in selected Spring Branch zip codes are provided food, which is distributed 4 days/week, at a monthly food fair and at a special Thanksgiving event. Clients make their own choices among food categories and can attend monthly nutrition classes. Food is also provided to eligible families through Adult Protective Services. All staff serve without salary.

<https://eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com/>

Gracewood

2021 Funding: \$20,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000

Transitional housing and supportive services are provided to single-mother families who have experienced trauma and family instability. After one year, families can move to a next step program in which mothers advance their career, pay off any debt and build savings. The "AfterCare" program provides departing families with additional services, as needed <https://www.gracewood.org/Site/>

NewSpring

2021 Funding: \$25,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

Through Visual Arts classes (elementary to high school students), Flight 25 (eighth grade and high school students), College Launch, and Business Edge programs (adult owners of emerging businesses), clients are mentored as they prepare to become contributing and successful members of their community.

<https://www.newspringcenter.org/>

Urban Outreach Incorporated

2022 Funding: \$40,000 + \$10,500 Over and Above = \$50,500

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$40,000

Low-income families in apartment communities are offered a daily after school program for children, family enrichment programs, and expanded education programs, all which are available onsite. Youth can attend Christian summer camp for a week at a subsidized rate. Urban Outreach benefits from significant in-kind donations from apartment owners. <http://urbanoutreachinc.org/>

Global

The Antioch Partners

2021 Funding: \$35,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000

The Antioch Partners (TAP) was launched in 2007 by MDPC members and field partners, Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair, to equip and send cross-cultural servants into the world who demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the

formation of worshipping communities among the unreached and least reached people of the world.
theantiochpartners.org

Frontier Fellowship

2021 Funding: \$25,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

God is at work in the world in unprecedented ways, and Frontier Fellowship (FF) is privileged to help churches join in what He is doing. FF works with congregations and individuals to help them understand God's passion for unreached peoples, what God is doing in the world, and how they can be involved. FF's goal is to see every ethnic group have its own church, reflecting its own cultural characteristics.
frontierfellowship.com

Global Missionaries

Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns

Funding made out to: Common Ground Consultants, Designated: Burns

2021 Funding: \$10,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

MDPC Field Partner Jeff Burns has a call on his life to reach North American Muslims with the love of Jesus Christ. He and his family live near Wilmington, North Carolina, where Jeff teaches Christians ways to reach out in friendship to Muslims in peaceful, respectful witness. He has trained Presbyterian Church members in the U.S. and around the world.

Missionary Partner: Chris and Jaime

Funding made out to: Frontiers, Designated: Missionary #004554

2021 Funding: \$10,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000

MDPC Field Partners Chris and Jaime have lived in the Middle East for 10 years where their goal is to mobilize disciple-making movements within the communities that they live and work. Pray for Chris, Jaime, their three children, and their team to be strengthened by God as they seek opportunities to share their faith in Jesus while building relationships with their neighbors, co-workers, and those placed in their path.

Missionary Partner: The Hall Family

2021 Funding: \$15,000

2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

MDPC Field Partners Steven and Natalie Hall live in Texas, where they support their ministry in Alaska and the Northern Territory. Working through SEND North, the Hall family focuses on the unreached people of the 60-70 parallel, who deal with elevated depression, alcoholism, and suicide rates. The Hall's ministry spreads the light of Jesus into dark places to bring hope and healing.

Legacy Giving Report:

Legacy Giving approved expenses:

In **February**, the committee reviewed and approved a speakers series expense for Dr. Michael Licona to speak at MDPC on April 28. Dr. Licona is a preeminent scholar on the historical resurrection and speaks and debates all over the world. **The cost is \$2,500 plus travel.**

In **April**, the committee reviewed and approved new computers for employees. Four employees will have new Mac computers to replace computers that were close to end of life. This expense was **\$10,000**. Additionally, our current computer replacement plan calls to replace computers every five years. The committee reviewed and approved purchasing 25 new computers (20 employee replacement computers and five for new hires). This expense was **\$25,000**.

Legacy Sunday is scheduled for May 15. Dave Peterson will be preaching. Sue and Joe Warren will be featured in a video sharing why they trusted MDPC, why they picked the general fund, which Legacy project has been most meaningful to them and hopefully that the process was easy. We will have information in the bulletin that shares the purpose of Legacy Giving, an update on what we've done and an invitation to join. We will make sure to highlight that legacy giving is above and beyond pledging.