

MDPC Mission Partners 2022

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Agape Development

agapedevelopment.org

Agape Development is a community development ministry grounded in the redemptive work of Jesus Christ in the OST/South Union neighborhood. Using various programs for neighborhood children, youth and families, Agape's mission is to address the specific brokenness of the community and transform their neighborhood by preparing Christ-following, independent, community leaders.

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse

avda-tx.org

Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse (AVDA) works to end family violence by advocating for the safety and self-determination of victims, promoting accountability for abusers, and fostering a community response to abuse.

AlphaUSA (Houston)

alphausa.org/houston

AlphaUSA (Houston) trains, equips, and encourages Christian communities to effectively utilize the Alpha Course as an evangelism tool. This discipleship program is taken to churches, homes, businesses, and, more recently, prisons and jails with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amazing Place

amazingplacehouston.org

Amazing Place, a faith-based organization, empowers lives disrupted by dementia, with the vision of ending the stigma of dementia. Their Day Program, for adults with mild to moderate dementia, enriches the lives of participants on a daily basis, while their Connections Program provides essential knowledge, tools, and support for families, caregivers, health professionals, congregations, and the community at large.

Archway Academy

archwayacademy.org

Archway Academy is a nonprofit independent school that provides a sober learning environment for high school students who are recovering from substance use disorders and mental health issues. Students are able to continue their education in an environment that encourages their recovery process and promotes spiritual growth.

Be An Angel

beanangel.org

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.

Bo's Place

bosplace.org

Bo's Place exists to enhance the lives of those who

have experienced the death of a loved one. They offer grief support groups for children, families, and adults, special programming for support group participants, and bereavement-specific workshops for professionals supporting the bereaved.

Boys and Girls Country

boysandgirlscountry.org

Boys and Girls Country provides a Christian home for children from families in crisis and ensures their care, welfare, safety, and security. In doing so, they work with each child toward building healthy relationships, acquiring responsibilities, and setting realistic short- and long-term goals. Spiritual formation, family life, education, physical and mental health, and preparation for life beyond high school make up their core services.

Bridges to Life

bridgestolife.org

Bridges To Life connects communities to prisons to reduce the recidivism rate (particularly that of violent crimes), reduce the number of crime victims, and enhance public safety. Their spiritual mission is to minister to victims and offenders to show them the transforming power of God's love and forgiveness.

Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine

buckner.org/houston

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.

Camp Aranzazu

camparanzazu.org

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.

Camp Blessing

campblessing.org

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.

Camp For All

campforall.org

Camp For All, located in Burton, Texas, is a Christian summer camp ministry designed for children and young adults with special needs (physical/de-

velopmental/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.

CanCare of Houston

cancare.org

CanCare provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Trained volunteers who have experienced the physical, emotional, and spiritual turmoil caused by a cancer diagnosis, support the treatment and recovery of others.

CarePartners

carepartnerstexas.org

CarePartners provide support, education, resources and respite to family caregivers and quality care to those individuals living with memory loss, Alzheimer's or Dementia and other challenges of aging. They provide no cost support and respite to caregivers through the Gathering Place, Second Family, Common Ground and caregiver educational events.

Casa de Esperanza

casahope.org

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.

Casa el Buen Samaritano

casaelbuen.org

Casa El Buen Samaritano shares the love of Jesus Christ while providing whole-person (body, soul, and spirit) healthcare to low-income and uninsured families in more than 110 zip codes in the Greater Houston area. Volunteer nurses, doctors and dentists treat patients for a number of general health issues.

Child Advocates

childadvocates.org

Child Advocates mobilizes court appointed volunteers to break the vicious cycle of child abuse. They speak up for abused children who are lost in the system and guide them into safe environments where they can thrive.

Child Builders

childbuilders.org

ChildBuilders promotes mental health and prevents abuse by empowering children, parents, and teachers with assertiveness skills, emotional control, empathy, resilience, and the ability to resolve conflict non-violently. Programs involve training and building a community that protects children from bullying, Internet dangers, abuse, neglect, and relationship violence.

Cho-Yeh Camp & Conference Center

cho-yeh.org

Cho-Yeh is a premier Christian summer camp and retreat center near Livingston. It is a place where Je-

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sus Christ transforms lives through meaningful relationships and outdoor adventures.

Christian Community Service Center - Martha's Way

ccshouston.org

Martha's Way is a vocational training program offered by Christian Community Service Center that helps low-income men and women increase their earning potential through education and hands-on training. Programming helps those who face employment barriers to find gainful work in residential housekeeping and caregiving.

Cornerstone Family Ministries

cfmhouston.org

Cornerstone Family Ministries is a faith-based organization in Spring Branch that empowers at-risk students and their families to discover their God-given purpose and calling. Programming encompasses ministry, education, and social entrepreneurship.

Demand Disruption

demanddisruption.org

Demand Disruption fights the demand for sex trafficking by eliminating buyer motivation and reducing access to the exploited. They address this elimination through systematic programming through the Church Body Project which offers presentations and workshops about defending the home, loving people who are struggling with an unwanted sexual behavior, and by connecting the issue of pornography use to its effect on Human Trafficking. Demand Disruption also confronts the demand for sex trafficking through the Law Enforcement Intervention Partnership (L.E.I.P.), the Sex-Buyer's Transformation and Restoration (S.T.A.R.) program, and shutting down illicit massage business by working with cities to change ordinances.

East Spring Branch Food Pantry

eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com

East Spring Branch Food Pantry is a pantry serving residents in the Spring Branch area with fresh and shelf stable food. Nutrition classes are offered monthly for those wanting to learn a better way to feed their family. ESBFP is led and run solely by volunteers.

Easter Seals - Adults with Disabilities Program

eastersealshouston.org

Adult Programs of Easter Seals Houston offer recreation that promotes physical, mental, and spiritual health to adults with disabilities through bi-weekly meetings, field trips, education, self-advocacy, skills training, and touch-based technology training. For many clients, this is their only opportunity for socializing and provides respite for the adult participants' caregivers.

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services

echos-houston.org

Epiphany Community Health Outreach Services (ECHOS) connects people in need with health, so-

cial, and educational resources. Collaborating with over 30 organizations, ECHOS offers benefits application assistance and education for Medicaid, CHIP, Harris Health System, and SNAP benefits; health screenings; a food pantry; and more for families in Houston.

Faithful Fathering

faithfulfathering.org

Faithful Fathering encourages and equips dads to be faithful fathers who prioritize physical presence, are engaged emotionally, and lead spiritually by example. Programming helps to engage dads in raising a Godly generation that reinvigorates the Church on the fathering front.

Family Point Resources

familypointresources.com

FamilyPoint 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.

Fellowship in Discipleship (FinD)

finddiscipleship.org

Fellowship in Discipleship (FinD) is a fellowship of Christian men who challenge each other daily to believe the incredible news that God actually knows us, loves us and wants to transform us into spiritual maturity. FinD calls men into foundational groups of similar stage and interests to establish the enduring bonds of authentic Christian brotherhood. New groups are formed regularly for fellowship meetings in Houston.

Fuente Food Pantry

pantry.mdpc.org

MDPC's Fuente Food Pantry provides an important food resource to those in need. Volunteers serve approximately 400+ families every Saturday with bagged groceries, produce, and bread. This pantry is considered one of the more generous giving pantries in the Houston area.

Fuller Theological Seminary

fuller.edu/texas

Fuller's Houston campus was founded to bring the rich programs of Fuller Theological Seminary to Texas. Scholarships to seminarians help ensure these future leaders in the Body of Christ may complete their seminary education without the burden of significant debt.

Galveston Urban Ministries

galvestonurbanministries.org

Galveston Urban Ministries (GUM) is a Christian community development ministry transforming the North Broadway neighborhood in Galveston. They focus on teaching kids how to read, helping adult neighbors prepare to enter the work force, educating work groups from all over Texas and sharing the abundant love of Jesus!

Generation One

generationone.net

Generation One in Houston's Third Ward works to address the educational, emotional, and spiritual development of children and families who experience generational poverty, high stress, and unstable homes. Programs include a year-round preschool for children ages 3-5; tuition-free after-school and summer program for youth K-8th grade; and programs to support families, including parenting classes, counseling, and case management. Generation One is developing an evidence-based framework of high-quality early childhood development that can be replicated in other low-income communities.

Gracewood

gracewood.org

Gracewood is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. Their Family Assistance Program helps relieve extreme financial burdens for single mothers in residence while they work to meet critical employment and/or education and training goals that will permanently stabilize their families.

His Grace Foundation

hisgracefoundation.org

His Grace Foundation provides physical, emotional, and financial support to children receiving bone marrow transplants at Texas Children's Hospital, as well as critical support to patients' families during the 100-day post-transplant phase.

Home Encouragement

homeencouragement.org

Home Encouragement strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. They offer dinner dates for married couples, premarital training classes, as well as relationship coaching, marriage retreats, and other enrichment programs.

Hope and Healing Center

hopeandhealingcenter.org

Hope and Healing Center, an outreach ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, is a comprehensive, faith-based mental health resource for Greater Houston. Through the models of education, training, clinical services, and research, they provide treatment that is free of charge.

Hope for Youth

hopeforyouth.org

Hope for Youth builds and maintains long-term Christian mentoring relationships with at-risk urban youth from shelters, inner-city neighborhoods, and housing projects around Houston. Offerings include large-group outreach, small-group discipleship, camps, retreats, and summer programs.

Houston Achievement Place

hapkids.org

Houston Achievement Place's Project CLASS (Children Learning Appropriate Social Skills) helps children who are disadvantaged, underserved, and from low-income families find success at school, home, and in the community. Social skills curriculum targets children's behavior and learning readiness and is implemented in many Spring Branch ISD schools.

Houston Food Bank

houstonfoodbank.org

In 2021, the HFB provided 207 million nutritious meals through 1,800 community partners including pantries, schools, multi-service centers, and more. They provided 8.5 million meals to kids and teens with programs that address childhood hunger. The HFB is a strategic partner to MDPC through an extension of services to the East Spring Branch Food Pantry, Kids' Meals, ECHOS, Fuente Food Pantry, SBISD's Backpack Buddy program, and the Food for Change program that produced the Eagle pantry at Houston Community College Spring Branch campus.

Houston International Seafarers Ministry

houstonseafarers.com

Houston International Seafarer chaplains minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock in the Ports of Houston, Barbours Cut, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bayport. Chaplains minister to the seafarers at these centers and through ship visits.

Interfaith Ministries of Houston - Meals on Wheel

imgh.org

The Interfaith Ministries' Meals on Wheels program provides fully prepared meals and other assistance to at-risk seniors in Harris, Galveston, and surrounding counties each weekday. They provide nutrition and assistance to ensure seniors remain healthy and independent.

JoyRide Center

joyridecenter.org

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.

Kids' Meals

kidsmealsinc.org

Kids' Meals works to end childhood hunger by delivering free, healthy meals, year-round to the doorsteps of Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. Additionally, they connect families to more than 50 vital community organizations and resources to help break the cycle of poverty.

Knitting for Missions

Contact Sue Phipps sbhipps@comcast.net to get involved.

Knitting for Missions is a group of dedicated women who meet weekly at MDPC to knit items for global and local outreach partners. Knitted dolls for pediatric patients in Guatemala, distributed by Faith in Practice, sweaters for Small Steps Nurturing Center, hats and cowls for seafarers, hats for men at Open Door Mission, and caps and scarves for Houston's homeless and hurting women are just a few items created with loving hands and prayer. Also, prayer shawls are created and distributed through Caring

Ministries.

LIFE Houston

lifehouston.org

Local Infant Formula for Emergencies (LIFE Houston) operates Houston's only food bank for babies. Their Food for Babies program gives emergency infant formula to families with babies up to 1 year of age, and fills the gap left with federal programming, to ensure that cost is not a barrier for families with limited income.

Loving Houston

lovinghouston.net

Loving Houston is advancing community transformation throughout Greater Houston by helping churches serve local schools. They inspire and equip churches to build long-term relationships with local schools so that every child, parent, and teacher can experience Jesus' love in a tangible way.

Magnificat Houses

mhouston.org

Magnificat House is a safe and welcoming faith-based community offering alternatives to life on the streets for men and women in Houston. They have 15 neighborhood homes, an emergency shelter for women, a soup kitchen, vocational training, and a Clubhouse day program for those with a mental health diagnosis.

Med Center Apartments - InSpirit Patient Housing

inspirithousing.org

InSpirit Patient Housing, a coalition of Houston churches, provides comfortable, affordable apartments to people traveling to the Texas Medical Center for medical treatment. The apartments are leased and furnished by Houston-area churches, including MDPC, and made available to patients, and their family or friends traveling with them, at a very low cost. MDPC currently oversees seven fully furnished apartments that provide a home-away-from-home where volunteers greet new tenants, help them move in, check on and pray with them during their stay.

Memorial Assistance Ministries

mamhouston.org

Memorial Assistance Ministries (MAM) offers emergency help for rental assistance and other crisis situations, as well as educational programs such as ESL, employment services, citizenship, counseling, and application assistance for public benefits. MAM Resale is a thrift store benefiting the mission of MAM and is open Monday-Saturday. MAM is integral to establishing healthy, supportive communities in north and west Houston.

Mentoring - IMPACT at Spring Woods Middle School

Contact Stewart Kepper at sjkepperjr@gmail.com or Susan Weinert at swienert@sbcglobal.net for more information.

IMPACT is a mentoring ministry at Spring Woods Middle School in Spring Branch ISD. MDPC mem-

bers volunteer for a one-year commitment to visit a student weekly at school during the lunch period, but often end up staying connected with their students for years to come. IMPACT leaders also host special teacher appreciation events during the year to encourage teachers and staff.

Mission Centers of Houston

missioncenters.org

Mission Centers of Houston provides for the physical and spiritual needs of people living in the Magnolia Park and Near Northside communities, with work focusing on the eradication of the effects of multi-generational poverty and homelessness. Through ongoing relationships, age-graded programs, and mission partnerships they change lives with the love, mercy, and grace of Jesus Christ.

Mission Greenspoint

missiongreenspoint.com

Known by neighbors as the "helping place", Mission Greenspoint, provides outreach services for low-income individuals and families in the Aldine/Greenspoint area. Programs include a food pantry, clothes closet, pregnancy assistance center, ESL classes, and Biblical counseling for individuals and families.

Mission of Yahweh

missionofyahweh.org

Mission of Yahweh (MOY) is a faith-based shelter that empowers, enriches, and restores the lives of women and children experiencing homelessness and provides outreach services to low-income communities. MOY is the only emergency (up to 90 days) and transitional shelter (up to two years) for women and children in the greater Houston area offering a unique continuum of services.

Newspring

newspringcenter.org

NewSpring is a faith-based, community non-profit serving Houston students and their families through the tools of art and business mentoring to encourage, uplift and inspire historically under-served individuals to achieve a better life. Offerings include the Visual Arts program, the College Launch Program, the Student Art Auction, and Business Edge.

Open Door Mission

opendoorhouston.org

Open Door Mission is a faith and evidence-based recovery and rehabilitation facility dedicated to transforming the lives of men who are severely addicted, destitute, homeless, and disabled in our community. They work to repair lives and families, thus interrupting the cycle of abuse, poverty, and violence.

Outreach Center of West Houston

oc-wh.org

Outreach Center of West Houston is a low to no-cost facility for local non-profit organizations. It serves a vital role in the community by providing an affordable home and gathering space to partners that provide life-changing and life-saving programs in West Houston. Current MDPC partners implementing programming here include Family Point Resources

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and Young Life Westside.

Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

parentprojectmd.org

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.

Passages for Women

passagesforwomen.com

Passages offers a safe and therapeutic environment to address the needs of all women diagnosed with substance abuse and co-occurring disorders. This residential treatment program meets the spiritual and physical needs of women in recovery. Services include individual counseling, group therapy, and weekly aftercare groups for women no longer living in residence.

Piney Point Elementary - Panther Pals Program

Contact Judy Hart judyhart@gmail.com for more information.

MDPC partners with the children and staff at Piney Point Elementary School through daily programs that include reading with second graders, teacher projects, staff appreciation events, outreach workdays at the school, field trips, classroom help, and more.

Prayers of the People

popministry.org

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.

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly

moranch.org

Presbyterian Mo-Ranch Assembly is a conference and retreat center, located on 500 acres along the Guadalupe River, related by covenant to the Synod of the Sun of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Since 1949, Mo-Ranch has served as a sacred and transformative place for those who retreat to the Hill Country for worship, fellowship, relaxation, and renewal.

Prison Entrepreneurship Program

pep.org

Prison Entrepreneurship Program (PEP) is a pioneer to innovative programs that connect the nation's top executives, entrepreneurs, and MBA students with convicted felons. Their entrepreneurship boot camp and re-entry programs are proven solutions for preventing recidivism, maximizing self-sufficiency, and transforming broken lives.

RaiseUp Families

raiseupfamilies.org

RaiseUp Families provides extensive case management to strengthen families and ensure childhood learning. Their 9-month HandUp Program supports a continuous, uninterrupted school year for children by stabilizing families in housing. Additional supports include, job-readiness and training, case management services, supportive counseling, and self-sufficiency plan development.

REACH Unlimited

reachunlimited.org

REACH Unlimited provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment, they foster growth and independence, so every individual has the opportunity to be all they were created to be.

Rebuilding Together Houston

rebuildinghouston.org

Rebuilding Together is Houston's largest community outreach organization working to preserve affordable homeownership and revitalize neighborhoods. They provide home repair services at no cost to low-income homeowners in need, such as the elderly, those with disabilities, veterans, and victims of natural disasters.

Salvation Army Shelter - Houston Food Program

salvationarmyhouston.org

The Salvation Army is an evangelical Christian ministry that operates shelters and transitional housing facilities, community care centers, disaster services, and programs for veterans. Facilities include The Family Residence (shelter for families, young adults, single women, and trafficking victims) and the Center of Hope (emergency shelter/recovery program for single men).

Santa Maria Hostel

santamariahostel.org

Santa Maria Hostel is one of Texas' largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance use disorder treatment centers for women, and one of a very few to offer a full continuum of services for women who are pregnant or parenting. They partner with more than 130 community-based organizations to provide a full spectrum of care and support to women in recovery.

Scripture Awakening

scriptureawakening.com

Scripture Awakening provides resources to equip people to read, study, and live God's Word, that they might be awakened to its transformative power for their lives, communities, and the world. One such resource is The Bible in 90 Days.

SEARCH - House of Tiny Treasures

searchhomeless.org

The House of Tiny Treasures is a preschool for SEARCH Homeless Services that serves children

ages 2 to 5, whose families are homeless or living in deep poverty. They offer full-day, year-round programs for families. While the children are being cared for, parents are able to focus on learning the skills necessary for creating a stable, self-sufficient life for their family.

Small Steps Nurturing Center

ssnc.org

Small Steps Nurturing Center is an exemplary early childhood program that fosters the social, emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of children from low-income families in a nurturing Christian environment. From locations in Houston's Fifth Ward (Jensen) and Sharpstown/Gulfton areas, they provide high-quality education, transportation, nutritious meals, and social and emotional therapy to economically at-risk children.

Spring Branch Community Health Center

sbchc.net

Spring Branch Community Health Center provides high quality, comprehensive health services for low-income, uninsured, and medically underserved patients in West Houston. Services include behavioral health, dentistry, family medicine, laboratory, pediatric services, prenatal and postpartum care, telemedicine, women's health, and housing support.

SpringSpirit

springspirit.org

SpringSpirit provides safe pathways for underserved youth to realize life opportunities through sports, education, and mentoring programs based on Christian principles. They offer a variety of recreational and competitive sport opportunities, reading intervention, and large and small-group Bible teaching.

Star of Hope Mission

sohmission.org

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered community dedicated to meeting the needs of men, women, and their children who are experiencing homelessness. In addition to housing, food and clothing, positive life changes are encouraged through structured programs that focus on spiritual growth, education, career/workforce development, life management, counseling, computer training, mental and physical health, and recovery from substance abuse. Operations include a men's facility near downtown Houston and, for women and children, the Cornerstone Community on Reed Road.

Steiger International

steiger.org

Steiger is a rapidly growing, worldwide mission organization called to reach and disciple the Global Youth Culture for Jesus. One of MDPC's new strategic partners, Steiger is raising up a missionary team in Houston, with opportunities for our volunteers to train and serve with them to reach young adults in our city and share the gospel.

Stoney Creek Ranch

stoneycreekranch.org

Stoney Creek Ranch is a Christian camp in New

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Ulm, Texas, dedicated to serving urban youth. It serves young people in ways that allow them to come to know Christ and 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.

Street Grace

streetgrace.org

Street Grace is a faith-based organization that utilizes evidence-based demand-reduction strategies to eradicate the commercial sexual exploitation of children through prevention/protection, policy, and pursuit. It collaborates with faith, business, and community leaders providing a comprehensive path to end minor sex trafficking in Atlanta, Houston, and throughout the United States.

The Beacon

beaconhomeless.org

The Beacon serves Houston's homeless community through daily services, civil legal aid, counseling and mentoring and access to housing. They provide essential and next-step services with programming including The Day Center, Brigid's Hope, Beacon Law, COMPASS, and The Way Home.

The Forge for Families

forgeforfamilies.org

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.

The Gathering of Men

houstongathering.org

The Gathering of Men brings disciples to maturity in Jesus Christ through outreach and service. Formats for gathering include small groups and large outreach breakfasts.

The Get Together

thegettogether.org

The Get Together is an open network of businesspeople who collaboratively use their business expertise,

resources and networks to meet significant needs of local, Christ-centered nonprofits...all over lunch.

The Landing

thelanding.org

The Landing serves survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Offerings include the Outreach Program, where survivors are met on the street, in court or online; the Drop In Center, where survivors access basic needs including food, clothing and a resting room; and the Youth Advocacy Program, which provides 24/7 and crisis support for trafficked children and youth.

The Rose

therose.org

The Rose saves lives through quality breast health services, advocacy, and access to care for all, regardless of a patient's ability to pay. The Rose offers same-day diagnosis, on-site physicians dedicated to breast health care, advanced digital technology, and collaboration with the best medical organizations in Texas.

The Source

thesource.org

The Source for Women is a Christian non-profit that supports, cares for, and equips women by providing high-quality, whole-person health services including pregnancy tests, ultrasounds, counseling, educational classes, spiritual mentoring, and prayer. All services are confidential and cost-free.

Tutoring - HUG program at Housman Elementary

Contact *Laura Bushong lrbushong@att.net* for more information.

HUG volunteers provide one-on-one tutorial help to at-risk second grade students at Housman Elementary School in Spring Branch ISD. Volunteers also help teachers and staff, host appreciation events, and provide additional support for families in need.

Urban Outreach

urbanoutreachinc.org

Urban Outreach is a Christian apartment ministry with onsite locations at apartments in Spring Branch, Aldine, Alief, Gulfton, Eastside, and Northside neighborhoods. They offer programs that address spiritual, physical, and social needs to help strength-

en and preserve inner-city families. Offerings include Christian Summer Camping, Character Development in Schools, and area-wide Summer Soccer Camps.

Vita Living

vitaliving.org

Vita Living offers life-long services and support for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They have residential programming at 18 group homes; a day program that allows residents to engage in educational and social activities; and case management services including educational plans, lifelong homes, valuable therapies, and adaptive aids.

WorkFaith

workfaith.org

WorkFaith provides faith-based training and coaching for anyone who desires long-term employment. Their Christ-centered values, paired with a highly structured program, help students increase their value and the confidence necessary for a successful transition back into the workforce.

Yellowstone Academy

yellowstoneacademy.org

Yellowstone Academy offers an academically rigorous, Christian education to children living in Houston's Third Ward. Academic excellence, spiritual growth and student support including social services, meals and transportation help students achieve their highest potential and fulfill their intended purpose.

Young Life of Greater Houston

houstonregion.younglife.org

Operating on middle and high school campuses, Young Life introduces adolescents to Jesus Christ and helps them grow in their faith. Young Life's Urban Program has expanded to include chapters that minister specifically to unwed mothers, college students and students and young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Developing Future Leaders (DFL) initiative is a comprehensive two-year leadership training program designed to recruit, train, and deploy qualified Latino and African American Young Life staff throughout Greater Houston.

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Missionary Partner: Chris and Jaime

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: Couple Serving in United Arab Emirates

These MDPC field partners support a community of maturing believers from a Muslim background living in the Arabian Gulf. Many of these believers are rejected by their families as they are considered infidels and are also rejected by many churches in the region due to fear or security concerns. This couple shepherds Christ-centered, biblically based, multiplying churches in the Gulf region and equips these believers to be a light in their diverse vocations. Pray

for the growing underground church in this area and for the believers to hold fast to the Truth amidst persecution.

Missionary Partner: Dan McNerney

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. His ministry includes teaching, preaching, and mobilizing local churches on the principles of frontier

mission. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, gathering Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus.

Missionary Partner: Family Serving in SE Asia

MDPC Field Partner Dr. M and his family show God's compassion to the unreached by meeting physical needs through dental health. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in Southeast Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world.

Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns

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: Kim Zovak

MDPC Field Partners Rev. Dave and Rev. Kim equip high-level Kingdom leaders to multiply movements of the gospel and mobilize the church for mission in less reached and less resourced parts of the world (particularly in Asia). Through their strategic mentoring, training, and coaching, they help missionaries and national leaders develop their personal and professional capacities to serve God, and to intentionally multiply themselves by developing more leaders to do the same.

Missionary Partner: Kristin Huffman

frontierfellowship.com

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kristin Huffman serves with Frontier Fellowship, engaging in ministry to reach the unreached. She is working to mobilize churches in San Antonio and Houston (and anywhere else she is called to go), encouraging people to care about the unreached and plan ways to reach them. She is investigating a possible partnership with Mongolia, particularly with training people to reach out to the unreached in nearby countries. Kristin continues to have a passion for teaching others to engage in mission nearby and far away.

Missionary Partner: Kristin Jones

MDPC Field Partner Kristin Jones builds relationships for the Kingdom and shares the Gospel within the Bangladeshi community in New York City. After 10 years living overseas in the Bengal region, she is fluent in Bengali and understands the culture. This allows her the opportunity to impact Bangladeshis' lives as they adjust to America and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Missionary Partner: The Adair Family

theantiochpartners.org

Rev. Andrew and Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to 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 groups throughout the world.

Missionary Partner: The Hall Family

send.org/north

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.

Missionary Partner: The Johnson Family

ywambudapest.org

MDPC Field Partners Steve and Barbara Johnson serve in Budapest, Hungary, through Youth With a Mission. The Johnsons operate a coffee house that serves as an evangelism center, reaching out to the Budapest community with music and conversation that sparks spiritual discussion. They also lead a discipleship training school and have formed a mercy ministries team that shares the love of Jesus with people that are homeless and refugee families.

Missionary Partner: The Trevino Family

The Trevino family has recently been called to disciple young adults in the Pacific Northwest after temporarily stepping out of overseas ministry due to Covid. The PNW

is known for being a spiritually dark region, where most young people are unchurched, and struggle with drugs and depression. God is using the Trevino family to raise up active worshipers and preachers of the Good News; the Kingdom of God is at hand in the PNW!

Missionary Partner: Urgessa Biru

frontierfellowship.com/our-partners-projects/

MDPC Field Partner Urgessa works and serves in Ethiopia as the founder of Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (LOHME). The vision of LOHME is to bring the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and in North America. LOHME carries out their mission through building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

African Enterprise

africanenterprise.org

African Enterprise (AE) is a global partnership that focuses on proclaiming the Gospel to the residents of Africa's major cities, making a special effort to reach the continent's leaders, since Godly governance can result in major transformations of whole countries. AE has played a pivotal role in Africa for the past 60 years by bringing peace and reconciliation during conflict, introducing hundreds of thousands of people to church, training pastors, and providing vulnerable people with new life opportunities through apprenticeship programs.

Berea Bible Institute

This small Bible college began as one family's dream to educate young leaders in Scripture and prepare future ministers to serve God in areas of great need in Mexico. Students are ingrained with a love for serving and for teaching their communities to reach out in service to their neighbors. Each year, graduates are sent into remote parts of Mexico where they lead churches and teach the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo

etsc.org

Almost all the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt have graduated from the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo (ETSC). The most exciting aspect of the seminary is how it equips students to witness to the Gospel of Jesus in and beyond Egypt amid political and cultural transitions, especially throughout the Middle East and Arabic-speaking world. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for ETSC's leadership and the students as they share the love of Jesus.

Faith in Practice

faithinpractice.org

Faith In Practice works to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of people living in poverty in Guatemala through short-term surgical, medical, and dental mission trips and health-related education programs. The doctors, nurses, and dentists who volunteer on these missions are called by God to demonstrate the love and compassion that is an outward sign of God's presence among us.

Faith Ministry

faithministry.org

Faith Ministry aims to meet the basic physical needs of families living in poverty on the Mexican border, and in doing so, it shares the love of Jesus Christ. Through home construction, a medical clinic, food programs, child sponsorship, and skills training programs, it cares for the community and makes Christ's Name known.

Far East Broadcasting Company

febc.org

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) seeks to make Jesus known among the world's least reached people by sharing the Good News through various media. It broadcasts in more than 100 languages in 49 countries. For over 70 years, FEBC has been focusing on meeting the spiritual needs of its listeners and inspiring them to follow Jesus Christ.

Free Wheelchair Mission

freewheelchairmission.org

Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM) takes wheelchairs to developing nations around the world where people with disabilities do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that lives would be transformed with each chair given as God meets needs in tangible ways.

Frontier Fellowship

frontierfellowship.com

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.

Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia

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Led by MDPC field worker Urgessa, Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia is bringing the Good News of God's love to the Arsi Oromo people, both in Ethiopia and North America. Its mission is carried out through a holistic approach, focusing on literacy, building village schools, church planting, Bible translation into local dialects, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.

Living Water International

water.cc

Living Water International exists to demonstrate the love of God by helping communities acquire desperately needed clean water, and experience "living water"—the gospel of Jesus Christ—which alone satisfies the deepest thirst. Mission teams work in impoverished communities to provide a water well and hygiene education, and to share the love of Christ.

Lulwanda Children's Home

ugandaorphans.org

Grace International Children's Foundation addresses the urgent needs of children who have been abandoned or left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic by providing a loving home for them at Lulwanda Children's Home (LCH). MDPC teams have served at LCH where over 125 children receive holistic care including housing, meals, health care, and

education all within a loving Christian environment. The on-site Lulwanda Primary School provides education to the children at LCH, as well as children in the community.

Nueva Vida

nuevavidaguatemala.org

Nueva Vida is a multifaceted ministry serving children affected by disabilities and their families through comprehensive therapy services, grade school education, and intentional community outreach and collaboration in Santa Maria de Jesus, Guatemala. These children of God are rarely accepted in the public school and public square, but can find a loving home at Nueva Vida, sharing hope, sharing Christ, and supporting each child to achieve their God-given potential.

Pars Theological Center

parstheology.com

Iran is hosting one of the fastest growing churches in the world today. With this comes a critical need for training faithful and effective leaders who would shepherd the Iranian church into maturity in Christ and act as agents of change in all the spheres of culture and society across the Persian-speaking world. PARS Theological Center is a London-based ministry that provides theological education, leadership development, and broad support to the underground Iranian church.

Renewing Our Minds

forumlr.org/ROM.html

Renewing Our Minds seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region by studying the teachings of Jesus. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.

The Antioch Partners

theantiochpartners.org

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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.

The Micah Project

micahprojecthonduras.org

The Micah Project ministers to young men and boys who have spent anguished childhoods in impoverished homes or on the streets of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The "Micah boys" are provided a loving home and learn to become Christian leaders through discipleship, education, and service to others. The Micah Project supports these young men as they learn to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)"

The Outreach Foundation

theoutreachfoundation.org

The Outreach Foundation is an independent Presbyterian global mission organization that connects congregations and people in the United States with church partners around the world in Christ-centered evangelistic mission. It seeks to build the capacity of the global church to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ by sending missionaries, building relationships, expanding mission support, and equipping its global partners.

Youth With a Mission Budapest

ywambudapest.org

Youth With a Mission serves through evangelism, mercy ministries, and leadership and discipleship training. MDPC field partners Steve and Barbara Johnson created a coffee house that serves as an evangelism outreach tool—a place where music and good coffee help spark spiritual discussions. MDPC members always are welcome to visit when traveling through Budapest.