



## 2018 IMPACT REPORT 5 YEAR ANNIVERSARY



OUR VISION IS TO SEE EVERY SCHOOL IN GREATER HOUSTON WITH A COMMITTED CHURCH PARTNER

### WILL *you* HELP US MAKE THIS A REALITY?

- Start a church-school partnership
- Volunteer with Loving Houston
- Introduce us to church leaders and church networks
- Give financially
- Pray for Loving Houston, and for children's lives to be transformed through the faithful service of churches across Greater Houston



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# OUR HISTORY

## 1990s

Under the leadership of Loving Houston Advisor Jim Herrington, Mission Houston convened pastors from across Greater Houston into local prayer groups and developed an overview and analysis of Greater Houston neighborhoods (The Houston Profile Project)

## 2006

Loving Houston advisor and Luis Palau Association President Kevin Palau brought CityFest to Houston, introducing the CityServe model of uniting church, business, and civic leaders for the benefit of the city

## 2013

In collaboration with Mayor Annise Parker, Loving Houston Board Member Tom Billings and retired Staff Member Michael Kraxberger led the Union Baptist Association in deploying 2,000 volunteers from 75 local churches to renovate homes, complete beautification projects, and distribute basic resources in neighborhoods across Houston

**ADVANCING COMMUNITY  
TRANSFORMATION  
BY HELPING CHURCHES  
SERVE LOCAL SCHOOLS**



## December 2013

Loving Houston Founding Investor David Weekley convened leaders from these three streams to work together to help churches to love Houston. With additional funding from the Robert and Janice McNair Foundation, Loving Houston, Inc. became an official nonprofit organization led by Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church Pastor Emeritus Dave Peterson and chose to focus on loving local schools thanks to counsel from Dr. Stephen Klineberg of the Rice University Kinder Institute.

## 2014

Loving Houston reached out to organizations and churches across Greater Houston and beyond to build 1) a database of resources for churches serving schools, and 2) a curriculum of best practices for developing strong church-school partnerships

## 2015

**First** Loving Houston Learning Community with church and school leaders, hosted by the BakerRipley Leonel Castillo Community Center

**First** Loving Houston workshop, hosted by the Episcopal Diocese of Texas

Loving Houston cast the net wide to all of Greater Houston and helped establish 8 new church-school partnerships



## 2016

Loving Houston narrowed the focus to 6 priority school districts and helped establish 17 new church-school partnerships



## 2017

Momentum slowed as a result of Hurricane Harvey, but praise God that Loving Houston still helped to establish 15 new church-school partnerships! During this time, Loving Houston became a temporary conduit of donations, distributing supplies to churches to support families in their partner schools who were affected by the hurricane



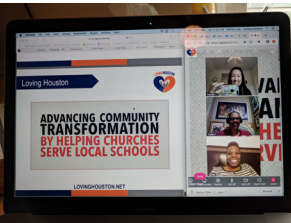
"Because Loving Houston helped focus our strategy before the partnership began, we were able to have a successful school supply drive that built trust with Westwood. Then when Harvey hit, the school reached out to us and we were able to open as a food pantry for Harvey survivors in our neighborhood...The prep-work was valuable because when Harvey came, we were ready to put action to our words."  
**Nathan Wang, West Houston Chinese Church**

## 2018

Loving Houston deepened efforts in 2 of the 6 priority school districts (thanks to a grant from The George Foundation!) and helped establish 20 new church-school partnerships

**First** Loving Houston online workshop

**60th** Church-School Partnership began!



At Loving Houston's Five Year Anniversary Celebration, December 20th, 2018, was officially declared by Mayor Sylvester Turner as **Loving Houston Day**

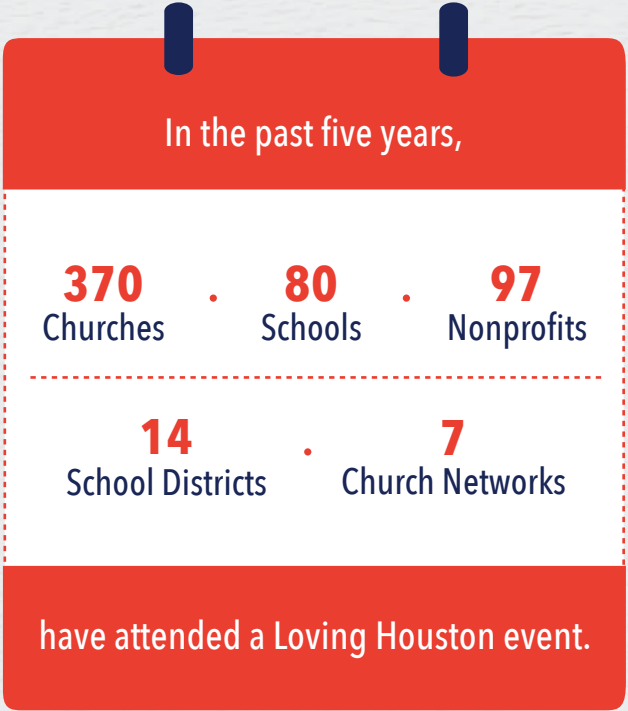




# Celebrating five years



Loving Houston equips churches to build long-term relationships with local schools, and gathers leaders of existing church-school partnerships to share ideas and best practices to love our schools better.



The most transformative part of every church-school partnership is the development of *meaningful relationships*.

## CURRENTLY IN GREATER HOUSTON SCHOOLS, CHURCHES PROVIDE...

- 1078 weekly volunteers
- 677 monthly volunteers
- 2183 annual volunteers
- 92 mentoring programs
- 48 literacy programs
- 18 parent empowerment programs
- 104 teacher support programs

## LOVING HOUSTON HELPED FORM 63 OF THESE CHURCH-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS, PROVIDING...

- 187 new weekly volunteers
- 182 new monthly volunteers
- 895 new annual volunteers
- 28 new mentoring programs
- 16 new literacy programs
- 5 new parent empowerment programs
- 47 new teacher support programs

which equals...

23,000+ volunteer hours  
valued at over \$580,000!

5,000+ volunteer hours  
valued at over \$120,000!

2018  
year in review

141 CHURCHES  
ATTENDED A LOVING  
HOUSTON EVENT

20 SCHOOLS  
WERE CONNECTED  
WITH A NEW  
CHURCH PARTNER

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“[Loving Houston has] systems and structures that put you in a position to be successful. It’s hard being in schools all the time just being confronted with so much going on, but that’s why we’re in rooms like this so that we’d be stirred up for the good works...I appreciate the way Loving Houston does that: comes alongside and encourages in a way that Jesus does so that we can go out and love people the way we’re called to do.”

Richard Lazarou, Willowridge High School Head Football Coach

## LOVING HOUSTON...

Made workshop curriculum accessible online



Was featured in the Houston Chronicle & Sweetwater Style Magazine 89.3 KSBJ & KHCB Radio Amistad



Started a Church-School Partnership Council with leaders from school districts and local churches across Greater Houston

Translated workshop curriculum into Spanish

español



Added 5 new Advisors and 5 new Board Members

With the help of The George Foundation:



Hired a part-time District Coordinator to work specifically with churches and schools in Lamar Consolidated ISD



Allocated staff time to develop and deepen church-school partnerships in Fort Bend ISD in collaboration with the district and Children at Risk

As we deepen relationships with schools, school districts, churches, church networks, and nonprofits across Greater Houston, we are turning the church-school partnership flywheel **together** with a unified message about churches partnering with schools for the good of our children and our communities.

Together, we are emphasizing the importance of:

- ▶ Committing to **relationships** versus one-time projects
- ▶ Working on the **school’s goals** for the well-being and academic success of the students
- ▶ Ensuring that we are **moving the needle for our kids** through our volunteer activities



# LOVING HOUSTON HAS HELPED START 63 NEW CHURCH-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

## ALDINE ISD

SCHOOL: Spence Elementary  
CHURCH: Cathedral of Faith - The Church of New Beginnings

## ALIEF ISD

SCHOOLS: Cummings Elementary, Youens Elementary  
CHURCH: Bissonnet Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Liestman Elementary  
CHURCH: Agape Community Bible Church

## BRAZOSPORT ISD

SCHOOL: Ney Elementary  
CHURCH: First Baptist Church - Lake Jackson

## CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS ISD

SCHOOLS: Adam Elementary & Milsap Elementary  
CHURCH: Cypress United Methodist Church

SCHOOL: Campbell Middle  
CHURCH: Westway Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Lamkin Elementary  
CHURCH: Cypress Community Church

SCHOOL: Windfern Alternative High - The Lighthouse  
CHURCH: Cy-Fair Christian Church

## FORT BEND ISD

SCHOOL: Christa McAuliffe Middle  
CHURCH: Fort Bend Community Church

SCHOOL: Mary Austin Holley Elementary  
CHURCH: Christ Church Sugar Land

SCHOOLS: Mission West Elementary & Oyster Creek Elementary  
CHURCH: Grand Parkway Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Quail Valley Middle  
CHURCH: Heritage Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Stephen F. Austin High  
CHURCH: The Link Church

SCHOOL: Willowridge High  
CHURCH: Second Baptist Church of Houston - South

## HOUSTON ISD

SCHOOL: Atherton Elementary  
CHURCH: Lakewood Church

SCHOOL: Attucks Middle  
CHURCH: Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Bastian Elementary  
CHURCH: City of Refuge Presbyterian Church

SCHOOL: Blackshear Elementary  
CHURCH: The Church at UH

SCHOOL: Briargrove Elementary  
CHURCH: Sojourn Galleria Church

SCHOOL: Codwell Elementary  
CHURCH: Gateway Community Church of Houston

SCHOOL: Dogan Elementary  
CHURCH: New Mount Calvary Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Elmore Elementary  
CHURCH: Good Shepherd Missionary Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Freeman Elementary  
CHURCH: Principe de Paz

SCHOOL: Liberty High  
CHURCH: St. Philip Presbyterian Church

SCHOOL: Looscan Elementary  
CHURCH: Greater Grace Trinity Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Navarro Middle  
CHURCH: Missio Dei Anglican Church

SCHOOL: Osborne Elementary  
CHURCH: Progressive Missionary Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Shearn Elementary  
CHURCH: West University Baptist Church

SCHOOL: Tanglewood Middle  
CHURCH: Westminster United Methodist Church

SCHOOL: Woodson School  
CHURCH: Gateway Community Church of Houston

## HUMBLE ISD

SCHOOL: Foster Elementary  
CHURCH: Kingwood United Methodist Church

SCHOOLS: Humble High, Quest Early College High  
CHURCH: Light of the World Christian Fellowship

SCHOOL: Lakeland Elementary  
CHURCH: First Assembly of God - Humble

SCHOOL: Oaks Elementary  
CHURCH: Lamb of God Lutheran Church - Humble

SCHOOL: Park Lakes Elementary  
CHURCH: Way of Life Bible Fellowship

## KATY ISD

SCHOOL: James and Sharon Tays Junior High  
CHURCH: Living Stones Church

## KLEIN ISD

SCHOOL: Bernshausen Elementary  
CHURCH: Anointed Faith Community Church

SCHOOL: Klein Forest High  
CHURCH: Kinsmen Lutheran Church

SCHOOL: Lemm Elementary  
CHURCH: Resurrection Lutheran Church

SCHOOL: Roth Elementary  
CHURCH: Northside Christian Church

## LAMAR CONSOLIDATED ISD

SCHOOL: Beasley Elementary  
CHURCHES: First Baptist Church - Beasley, Kendleton Church of God in Christ

SCHOOL: Briscoe J High  
CHURCH: Christ's Church Foster Creek

SCHOOL: Henry Wertheimer Middle  
CHURCH: Water's Edge Community Church

SCHOOL: JJ Wessendorff Middle  
CHURCH: First Baptist Church - Richmond

SCHOOL: Smith Elementary  
CHURCH: St. John's UMC - Richmond

SCHOOL: Stephen F Austin Elementary  
CHURCH: Wellspring Church International

SCHOOL: TL Pink Elementary  
CHURCH: Cornerstone Community Bible Church

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## NEW CANEY ISD

SCHOOLS: New Caney Elementary, Valley Ranch Elementary  
CHURCH: Dayspring Church

## SPRING ISD

SCHOOL: Salyers Elementary  
CHURCH: Holy Comforter Episcopal Church

## SPRING BRANCH ISD

SCHOOL: Cedar Brook Elementary  
CHURCH: Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church

SCHOOL: Northbrook Middle  
CHURCH: Sojourn Spring Branch Church

SCHOOL: Pine Shadows Elementary  
CHURCH: Houston's First Baptist Church - The Loop Campus

SCHOOL: Westwood Elementary  
CHURCH: West Houston Chinese Church

SCHOOL: Woodview Elementary  
CHURCH: St. Francis Episcopal Church

## TOMBALL ISD

SCHOOLS: Decker Prairie Elementary, Wildwood Elementary  
CHURCH: Graceview Baptist Church - Tomball

🚩 : New 2018 Partnership

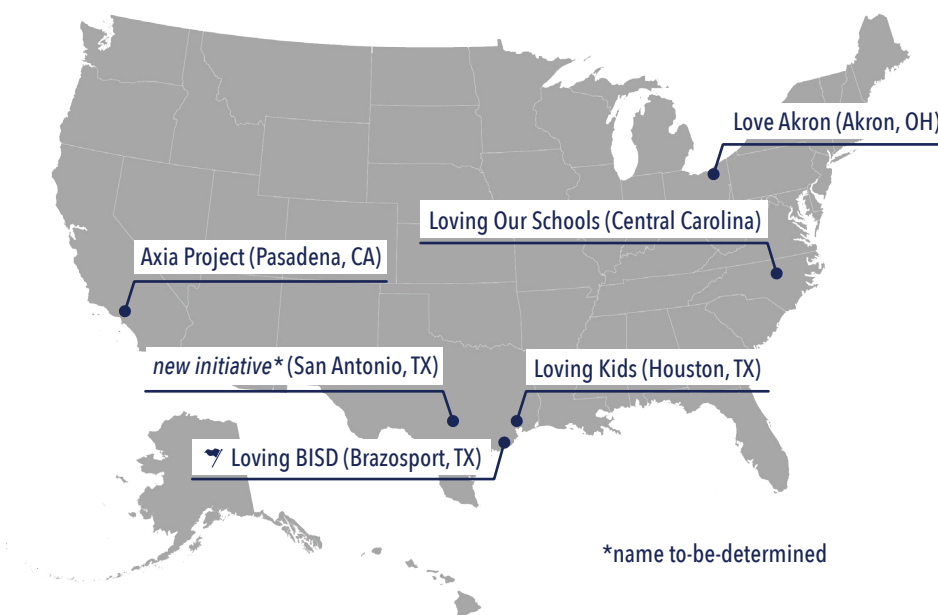
There is still  
more work to  
be done!

227  
schools with  
a confirmed  
church partner

1243  
schools without  
a confirmed  
church partner

3500  
churches in  
Greater Houston

In addition, Loving Houston helped start Loving BISD and helped advise similar organizations across the country that are equipping churches to serve local schools.



"Our church had been longing to serve in a school, but didn't know how to start, and thought it would be a difficult process. Since attending a Loving Houston Workshop, I realized that this was a lot easier than I thought. Loving Houston gave us the proper tools to work with, the right questions to ask, and additional resources within the school to seek out to start a partnership."

Pastor Parris Patrick  
Agape Community Bible Church

"Love is action. It's not just a feeling, not just a thought, not just good wishes. It is action. And it just inspires me to see the work [Loving Houston is] doing: bringing people out of their seats - out of their pews - to schools to love the children, to love the staff, to love their parents... by serving them."

Dr. Charles Dupre  
Fort Bend ISD Superintendent

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