



ADVANCING COMMUNITY
TRANSFORMATION IN
GREATER HOUSTON BY
HELPING CHURCHES
SERVE LOCAL SCHOOLS

IMPACT REPORT 2020



THE CHALLENGE

2020 was very difficult for local schools:

- Teachers had to overhaul their curriculum for virtual learning
- Campuses scrambled daily to fill in for quarantined teachers
- Virtual learners faced technological gaps and barriers
- Financial struggles affected students' basic needs
- Thousands of students never registered for classes

2020 was also challenging for churches for similar reasons!

Praise God that despite all of these challenges, churches are continuing to care for teachers, students, and staff in Jesus' name. This support is needed now more than ever before!

THE HIGHLIGHTS

17 NEW CHURCH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS IN 2020
...despite the pandemic!

Loving Houston's Church School Partnerships:

2017	2018	2019-2020*
29 PARTNERSHIPS	63 PARTNERSHIPS	126 PARTNERSHIPS
3,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS	5,000 VOLUNTEER HOURS	22,555 VOLUNTEER HOURS
		<i>Valued at \$613,496!</i>

Loving Houston also helps existing church school partnerships to deepen their relationships for maximum positive impact in our schools and communities:

2017	2018	2019-2020*
759 CHURCH VOLUNTEERS	3,938 CHURCH VOLUNTEERS	8,518 CHURCH VOLUNTEERS
16,000 HOURS	23,000 HOURS	81,430 HOURS
		<i>Valued at \$2.2 million!</i>

*NOTE: LOVING HOUSTON NOW TRACKS DATA BY SCHOOL YEAR VERSUS CALENDAR YEAR

BRITTANI DAVIS BECAME OUR FIRST DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS!



In this role, Brittani oversees all of our District Coordinators, leads our 101 Workshops and Church School Partnership Leaders Gatherings, and deepens relationships with church networks, denominations, and like-minded nonprofits. She has been an answered prayer!

Our 2020 Loving Houston Team:



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**WE PRAISE GOD FOR HIS GUIDANCE & FOR HIS
PROVISION AMIDST A CHALLENGING YEAR!**



CHURCH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHTS

CHURCH/SCHOOL: CITYRISE CHURCH/MISSOURI MIDDLE SCHOOL
DISTRICT: FORT BEND ISD
ACTIVITIES: HEALTH SUPPORT, AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, DONATIONS

In early 2020, Missouri City Middle School reached out to Loving Houston to ask for a multicultural church partner. At the same time, Spanish-speaking CityRise Church members had been praying to connect to schools near the church. A church member provided Pastor Mark Edworthy with Loving Houston's contact information, and the rest is history! CityRise Church has connected Missouri City Middle School with free flu vaccines, donated supplies and resources, and facilitated after-school enrichment programs and basketball programs. This partnership is truly impacting the entire community in Jesus' name!



CHURCHES/SCHOOL: BETHANY CHRISTIAN CHURCH/ST. LUKE'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH/THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE/LAMAR HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT: HOUSTON ISD
ACTIVITIES: TEACHER SUPPORT AND APPRECIATION, PRAYER SUPPORT, EMERGENCY SERVICES, POST-GRADUATE SUPPORT, COUNSELING, CHRISTIAN MINISTRY, INTERNET ACCESS

In 2020, these three churches committed to a holistic partnership with Lamar High School. They started by delivering handwritten messages of encouragement to every teacher and administrator. They hosted prayer walks (that students have joined!) and assisted families with emergency services. They will also be offering resume and interview support, Young Life programs, counseling from a local counseling center, and Internet access at their churches so that students can do their schoolwork. This multi-church school partnership is a beautiful example of Kingdom-minded collective impact!

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

"Which mountain would you like me to stand on to sing the praises of Katy First United Methodist Church? We couldn't have found a better fit if we handled the search ourselves; thanks to Loving Houston and the Lord above!"

—CLARICE DUMONT, LINDSEY ELEMENTARY

"I love networking with other church school partnership leaders at Loving Houston events, sharing what we've learned, and gaining new ideas. It's reassuring to know we are not unique in our challenges!"

—CHERRI TAYLOR, COPPERFIELD CHURCH

"The training from Loving Houston is so helpful and has already shaped our approach to the new partnership."

—PASTOR JAIME JIMENEZ,
CHRIST THE KING
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**MORE THAN 100
SCHOOLS HAVE
ASKED AND ARE
WAITING FOR A
CHURCH PARTNER!**

**Get
Involved**

Would you pray boldly with us that every single one of these schools will have a church partner by the end of 2021? Also, help us to spread the word of this need and opportunity!

Learn how to start a church school partnership, volunteer with Loving Houston, or invest financially in the work of church school partnerships by visiting:

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