

A CELEBRATION OF TEXAS' FINEST:



Church School Partnerships















TO SEE EVERY
HOUSTON AREA
SCHOOL WITH A
committed, CARING
CHURCH PARTNER

THE MISSION OF LOVING HOUSTON IS TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION IN GREATER HOUSTON BY HELPING CHURCHES SERVE LOCAL SCHOOLS.

Dear Supporter,

Loving Houston is one of the most unique community-building organizations in Greater Houston. With a commitment to uniting churches and schools, we seek to advance community transformation by helping churches serve local schools. Grounded in the belief that God calls His people to be salt and light, we serve as a bridge between churches and schools so they can work together for the welfare of Houston-area children.

During the 2024–2025 school year, we launched 47 new partnerships, bringing our total to 340 since Loving Houston's inception. Alongside this growth, our team continues to support existing partnerships through coaching, prayer events, Pastor Appreciation celebrations, and district-specific Lunch and Learns. We remain in close communication with our partner districts to ensure churches understand and align with district goals for student success.

This year, Loving Houston gained citywide recognition. I had the honor of meeting Mayor John Whitmire and sharing Loving Houston's mission with his staff, speaking at the University of Houston-Downtown, being featured on KSBJ's Community Impact show, and serving as a panelist for the Union Baptist Association and Houston Responds State of the City breakfast. We also had the privilege of welcoming Houston legend Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale as our Boots & Buckles keynote speaker.

Additionally, we are especially proud to have doubled our Board, bringing in amazing leaders from various sectors to strengthen the organization and expand our impact and influence.

As you read this report, please join me in celebrating all that God is doing through His people across Greater Houston.



With gratitude, **Brittani Davis** Executive Director, FY 2024-2025



BY THE NUMBERS

ALDINE ISD, HOUSTON ISD, HUMBLE ISD, KLEIN ISD, LAMAR CISD, STAFFORD MSD

FY 2024-2025 TOTALS

372,000

STUDENTS AND STAFF SERVED

228 SCHOOLS

194 CHURCHES 340 PARTNERSHIPS

FY 2024-2025 VOLUNTEERS

134,173

10,765

\$4.6M

VOLUNTEER HOURS

OF VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER VALUE*

3,421

2,126

4,548

670

STUDENTS + FAMILIES

TEACHERS + STAFF

GOODS + SERVICES

PRAYER

*\$4.6M = 134,173 volunteer hours x \$34.79 per hour (the value of a volunteer hour as estimated by University of Maryland Do Good Institute and Independent Sector in April 2025 and is recognized by Points of Light, Non-Profit Pro, and Charity Navigator)

WHEN CHURCHES PARTNER WITH SCHOOLS, GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!



- Children's basic needs are met through donations of food, supplies, and clothing
- Students develop character-building skills and improve academically with mentors and tutors
- Teachers feel supported by classroom and workroom volunteers, appreciation meals, and prayer
- Church members are energized as they live out the Gospel in their communities
- Parents, students, and teachers see the Gospel lived out through authentic relationships

DISTRICT









Nehemiah Community Church & St. Mary's United Methodist Church

"The support from local churches has made a lasting impact at Foster Elementary, providing students with essential resources, encouragement, and a sense of community that strengthens their success."

> -Ms. Lashena Webb, Administrative Assistant Foster Elementary



TAWANA GOODWIN
DISTRICT COORDINATOR



TIERA PETERS
DISTRICT COORDINATOR



JOHN RYAN CANTU PROGRAM MANAGER (FORMER DISTRICT COORDINATOR)

Tawana Goodwin and Tiera
Peters currently serve as the
HISD District Coordinators.
John Ryan Cantu previously
served as the District
Coordinator for Houston ISD
Central area and now serves
as the Loving Houston Program
Manager. He was promoted to
lead our team of District
Coordinators in January 2025
and aids in our expansion
efforts to new districts.



LAMAR CISD



STAFFORD MSD









Smith Elementary & St. John United Methodist Church

"It is a true pleasure working with St. John. They consistently go above and beyond to support both our team members and students, especially during special events. Additionally, Mrs. Brown actively participates in campus decision-making meetings, offering valuable insights that help guide our initiatives. Their dedication and positive influence make them an indispensable part of our team."

-Troy Bethley, Smith Elementary Principal

Stafford HS & Vineyard Christian Fellowship

"Vineyard Christian Fellowship and its members have opened their arms and hearts to Stafford High School, working to extend their fellowship to our students and staff. We appreciate them so much."

-Raymond Root, Stafford HS Principal



CHRISTI DIFALCO
DISTRICT COORDINATOR



KLEIN ISD



HIGHLIGHTS



HUMBLE ISD









Dayspring Family Fellowship &

"As a result of this partnership, we have 6 church members mentoring students and are also volunteering at school events. We have adopted 5 families and we will be providing a Thanksgiving meal for these families. Being a volunteer to help these kids and their families has changed my life."

—Randy Woodard, Outreach Director, Dayspring Family Fellowship

Kohrville Elementary School

PYG Connect Church & Ogden Elementary, Magrill Early Childhood/PK/K, Teague Middle School

"The blessing to be able to connect with our local schools emphasizes the uniqueness of maintaining unity for one purpose through many avenues of collaboration within our community. Aldine not only educates but together with them, we contribute attributes of love, patience, compassion, and empathy to serve all lives through the transformative change in the name of Jesus." Romans 12:5 states, "So we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

-Adriana Reyna, PYG Connect Volunteer Coordinator



SHERI PEDDY DISTRICT COORDINATOR

As a result of Sheri's 5 years of service to Klein ISD, she has partnered nearly every school with a committed church partner.

City of Refuge Church & River Pines Elementary

"We have has been blessed to partner with River Pines Elementary & Principal Dunn. It has been our pleasure serving the staff, administration & students. We'd like to thank Loving Houston and Mrs. Tanisha Vinson for facilitating this partnership & allowing us to be a blessing to a local school. It truly takes a village."

-Pastor Antoine Geffrard, City of Refuge Church





A MESSAGE FROM RICK LESTER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

I am thrilled with our progress made in the past few years – both in quantity (adding Aldine and Tomball ISDs to our portfolio) and quality (by making a demonstrable difference in the individual lives students, teachers, and church volunteers). accomplishments are a team effort led by our dedicated staff and volunteers and sustained through our generous supporters.

With nearly 50 ISDs and 1,500 schools in the greater Houston area, our work continues. On behalf of our Board, staff, and volunteers, thank you for your generous support of Loving Houston which inspires us to mobilize our churches for this great city.



UNCH LUNCHEON

Welcome, Tomball ISD!

In 2025, Tomball ISD joined the Loving Houston family as our 7th school district! Nestled in Northwest Harris County, this rural area is seeing rapid growth. With 24 schools and nearly 25,000 students and staff, Tomball ISD invited Loving Houston to help keep their community connected through meaningful, effective Church School Partnerships.

The Loving Houston team has spent the past several months meeting with the District administrators and church leaders to prepare for our Fall Semester Program Launch.

God is good and we are thankful to report this work has been fruitful!



30 Pastors Attended Clergy Coffee" (an info session & prayer time)



6 Church Partners Trained by completing "Loving Houston 101 Workshop"



1 New CSP Launched (Decker Prairie EL & New Life Community Church)



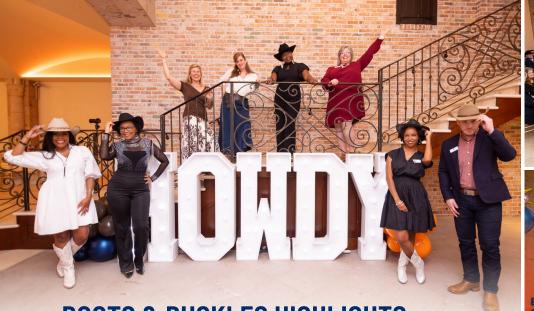
5 CSP's in Progress for 2025-2026 school year

This celebration culminated in our Tomball Launch Luncheon which, along with key business leaders, featured special guests, Mayor Lori Klein Quinn and Tomball ISD Superintendent Dr. Martha Salazar-Zamora. Also, a special thank you to Thrivent Financial, our luncheon sponsor and long-time supporter!









BOOTS & BUCKLES HIGHLIGHTS

Our annual fundraiser, themed "Boots and Buckles: A Celebration of Texas' Finest—Church School Partnerships," was co-chaired by the esteemed Dr. Jacquie Baly and Terri Wang. The event not only generated vital financial support for Loving Houston but also increased awareness of our mission and expanded our base of new donors.

Thank you to our Table Hosts!

Bethel's Family Christian Academy
Betty Gee
Campus Kids
Dr. Jacquie Baly
Dr. Priscilla Zhu
Friends of Denise Johnson and Terri Wang
Friends of Dr. Jacquie Baly
Friends of Terri Wang & Dr. Priscilla Zhu
John & Shirley Meredith
Kelly & Mike Handel
Lizzy G's Fine Gifts

One Church at Harvest Point Rick & Virginia Lester Robert & Nancy Zimmerman Sajan & Sheena Abraham Sam & Terri Wang Sanapia Community Ted Tredennick TJ Beck Union Baptist Association UTHealth









WAYS TO ENGAGE

WE WELCOME YOUR HELP IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS:



Connect us with your church



Join our prayer team

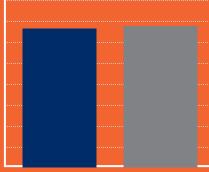


Volunteer with Loving Houston



Give financially

2024-2025 FINANCIALS



\$481,266 TOTAL INCOME

\$487,152 TOTAL EXPENDITURES

BOARD

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*Joined the Board in 2024-2025

STAFF

Brittani Davis, Executive Director
Christi DiFalco, Operations Manager
(previous District Coordinator for Fort Bend County)
John Ryan Cantu, Program Manager
(previous District Coordinator for Houston ISD Central)

DISTRICT COORDINATORS

Raul Herrera, Lamar CISD & Stafford MSD Tawana Goodwin, Houston ISD North & West Sheri Peddy, Klein ISD & Tomball ISD Tiera Peters, Houston ISD South & Central Tanisha Vinson, Aldine ISD & Humble ISD

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INVESTING IN CHILDREN TODAY LAYS THE FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR ALL OF US.

Lets love Houston together!



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