

Making Life Better for Children around the World

Buckner International's Global Initiatives

As we operate in a challenging global marketplace, we seek to make life better for orphans, vulnerable children and families. To provide a real impact in the lives of those we serve, we offer a slate of services designed to meet their needs in meaningful ways.

Among our offered services are:

Family Programs. Our family programs, including foster and kinship care, and group and transitional homes, and adoption provide meaningful impact on the lives of vulnerable children by placing them in safe family environments.

- **Foster Care Services** – Temporary residential services designed to care for children in the home of an unrelated family. Some children may require special services to meet their emotional, behavioral or physical needs.
- **Kinship Care** – Foster care services designed for children in the home of a related family member.
- **General Residential Operation** – A children's home campus or group home where basic residential care is provided in a nurturing environment designed to serve children and youth with a minimum of emotional, behavioral, and physical needs.
- **Assessment Center** – Short-term residential shelter which provides care for children while conducting a full clinical assessment of physical, psychological, intellectual and behavioral health, as well as family history ensures children are placed in the foster home or residential program that best meets their needs.
- **Transitional Homes** – Housing designed to strengthen individuals or families and promote self-sufficiency. Residents are enrolled in an academic, vocational or rehabilitation program.
- **International Adoption** - Through our affiliation with Dillon International, we provide adoption services for children from China, India, South Korea, Haiti, Honduras*, Ethiopia*, Russia*, Nepal and Ghana. Our mission is to find permanent families for children. Both Buckner and Dillon provide post-adoption services to strengthen adoptive families.
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Empowerment Programs. We provide significant impact on the lives of vulnerable children and their families by promoting self-sufficiency through education and job development.

- **Scholarships** – Financial assistance for educational and related living expenses, provided to Buckner clients pursuing higher education or vocational training.
- **Schools** – Institutions providing comprehensive education to children and youth from kindergarten through 8th grade.
- **Vocational Training** – Services providing job skills and technology training, educational support, and faith-based character development training with the specific intention of equipping clients with a marketable skill to achieve self-sufficiency.

'Micro' Programs under Development.

Buckner has several empowerment initiatives under development that will affect lives in innovative ways and will engage the business community to better help the global underserved.

- **Microfinance** – Providing loans and other financial products to individuals to help them improve their standard of living.
- **Microenterprises** – Buckner-sponsored initiatives that launch specific businesses that will generate jobs for multiple communities.
- **Micro Franchising** – Buckner-sponsored initiatives that launch specific business franchises that will generate jobs for multiple communities.

Community Programs. Services that provide preventative impact on the lives of children by encouraging families to stay together. Our services include community transformation centers, counseling and after-school programs.

- **Case Management** – Offers clients an integrated and holistic approach to the coordination and provision of supportive social services available in their community. Appropriate services are designed to meet specific needs identified through an individualized service plan, which is monitored regularly for progress.

- **Community Transformation Centers** – Provide an integrated approach to the provision of multiple services to vulnerable children and families in a community setting anchored in all locations by case management.
- **Healthy Families** – Abuse-prevention program that promotes healthy families through the facilitation of education, training and social service support.
- **Nurturing Program** – Nurturing to infants, toddlers or special needs children in orphanages that meets their physical/emotional needs through activities such as holding, changing, singing, playing and feeding.
- **Counseling** – Clinical services provided at orphanages such as sensory integration, assessment and counseling services.
- **Child Development Centers** – Registered day care provided to vulnerable children that includes educational services, hygiene training, food, clothing, nutritional needs and supervised play.
- **After-School Programs** – Provides mentoring, social skills, character development, recreational activities, tutoring and supervised play with the help of staff and volunteers in a safe environment.

Aid, Support and Health Programs. One-time or short-interval services intended to provide vulnerable children and families with needed aid or supportive interaction. Includes Shoes for Orphan Souls, client assistance, humanitarian aid and health services.

- **Health Services** – Coordination and provision of or referral to basic health-related services as well as HIV/AIDS intervention program to clients in a community setting
- **Character Development** – Adults connecting with vulnerable children by providing faith-based character development, a positive influence and strong role modeling through regular contact. Includes a wide array of services to address the spiritual needs of clients, from enrichment events to ongoing follow up and continuing care
- **Client Assistance** – Provision of food, medicine, clothing, construction and other aid directly to individual children and families, in order to meet basic human needs.
- **Humanitarian Aid** – In-kind or financial distribution of resources to other entities, including nonprofits,

international NGOs and orphanages, for their use with individual clients/families. Provision of aid is coordinated through the Buckner Center for Humanitarian Aid.

- **Mission Resources** – Coordination of global mission efforts which offer opportunities to individuals, churches and other organizations to minister to children and families, such as orphanage work, construction, spiritual enrichment, shoe delivery, collection and distribution of humanitarian aid.
- **Orphan Care** – Care for children in orphanages and neighborhood environments, typically through the provision of humanitarian aid and spiritual enrichment, including nurturing visits and financial assistance and Christian programming.
- **Shoes for Orphan Souls®** – Global distribution of shoes and socks to children and families in need. Shoes and socks are donated by churches, organizations and individuals through ongoing shoe drives throughout the United States.

Help us provide home for children and families!

Because we rely on collaborations and donors to provide ministries to children around the globe, we need people like you – people who want to provide home for children. If you want to know more about providing support for any of these opportunities, call Buckner Foundation at 214-758-8050 or contact us at bucknerfoundation@buckner.org.



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