

Your Buckner Stories



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THE BUCKNER INTERNATIONAL 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

What's your story?

You're going to see from the stories in this Annual Report that 2017 was a great year at Buckner in terms of quality of service, the number of those we served, and the meaningful change in the lives of so many. We brought hope to thousands of lives.

We owe much of that success to the blessings of our Lord, whose love and compassion has guided this ministry since its founding in 1879. But in reflecting on how Buckner is able to do what we do, I want to be transparent: We couldn't do this type of ministry on this scale without you.

If you're reading this, you probably have a "Buckner story." You may have begun your Buckner story through one of our mission trips, forming meaningful connections with children and families you served here in the United States or in another country. Your Buckner story may have started when you felt compelled by faith to bring hope to people who often don't experience it and you volunteered to share that hope first-hand.

You may have a Buckner story to tell because someone shared their Buckner story and you saw you could fill a need in others' lives through your prayers, your talents or your resources to help make this movement grow.

And I know more than a few of you whose Buckner story started when you received help or hope through Buckner. In fact, Buckner may have changed your story forever.

As we continue to create the Buckner story together, I want to encourage you to keep adding to your Buckner story, creating new ways to tell it by volunteering, going, sharing and giving. Share it with your friends, use new ways to tell it through social media (you may want to use Buckner-related links below) and encourage them to tell their own Buckner story.

Thank you for adding your Buckner story to the larger one. It's a rich tale that's been told over three different centuries, yet it's still as fresh each day as when it began. I pray you always seek new, fresh ways to tell it.



Albert L. Reyes, President and CEO
Buckner International
Visit my blog at www.bucknerprez.com

See the expanded, online Annual Report at www.buckner.org/yourstories.





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The story of Buckner *is the story of you.*



Founded by the vision of one man, Robert Cooke Buckner, the vision of this ministry has always been to provide a place of hope for orphan children, a home where they were fed, clothed, cared for and, most importantly, loved.

Buckner shared his story with others, people like you, and soon they began to create their own Buckner story through their support. In 1879, he

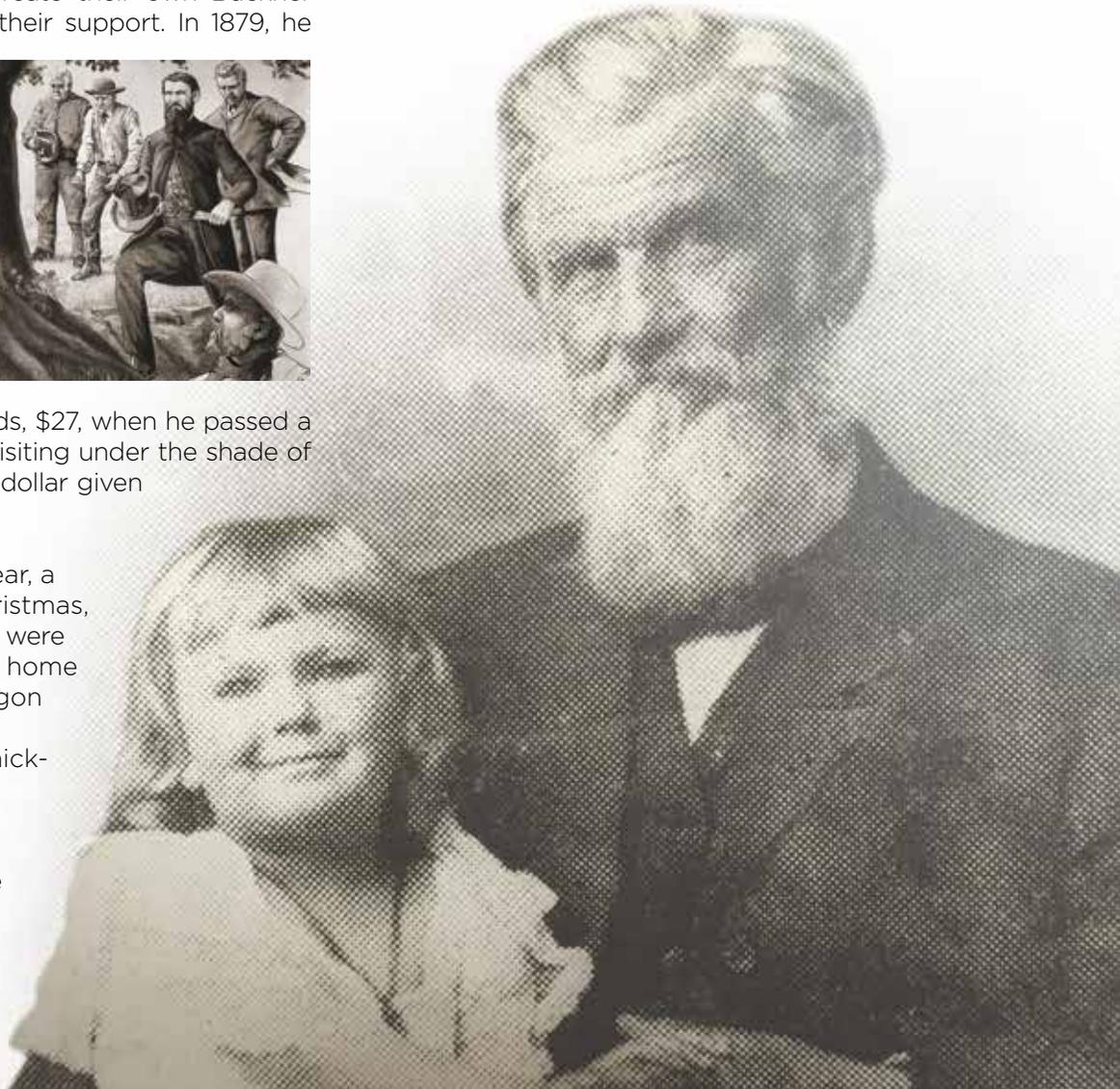
saw his vision and heard his story, eventually becoming what it is today – 139 years later – an international ministry bringing hope to tens of thousands of lives each year.

But even from those earliest days, the story of Buckner went far beyond how the organization helped people in need. It was and continues to be the story of how a community of love and



collected his first funds, \$27, when he passed a hat among a group visiting under the shade of an oak tree. The first dollar given was his very own.

By the end of that year, a few weeks before Christmas, three orphan children were brought to their new home in a horse-drawn wagon personally driven by “Father” Buckner, a nickname given to him by the children. The ministry continued to grow as more people



support – you – responded and rallied around those most in need.

Throughout our 139-year story, one theme has rung true: Buckner has never done our work alone. From the very beginning, churches and families who wanted to shine hope on children and families partnered with and supported our cause.

Today is no different. One of our brightest personality traits is that we affiliate with people compelled by their faith to shine hope: People who can see the needs and are compelled to respond to them.

Our story is your story.



Who we are.

Buckner International is a faith-based ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of orphans, vulnerable children, families and elders. Founded in 1879 in Dallas, Texas, Buckner serves people through a variety of programs designed to protect children, strengthen families and serve senior adults.

Our ministry stands alone in its diverse mix of faith, services and delivery.

- We bring hope to some of the most vulnerable children and families in the world.
- We minister through programs that meet deep needs and lead to self-sufficiency.
- We shine the light of Christ, often in the darkest places and in the darkest moments.
- We use programs that educate, support, care and empower.
- We join with volunteers, organizations and businesses to respond to people in need.
- We're driven by compassion and a call to see justice.
- We want everyone to know Christ and his message of good news.

To maximize our resources and effectiveness, we focus on four key ministries:

- **Foster Care and Adoption** – We provide families for vulnerable children in need of safety and love.
- **Family Pathways** – We help families stay together by providing single parents seeking higher education with affordable housing and support.
- **Family Hope Centers** – We offer a range of services from counseling to computer classes in communities where vulnerable children and families live.
- **Senior Living** – We enrich the lives of the aging population with a continuum of services including independent living, assisted living, nursing, dementia care and hospice.

Core values.

- We are Christ-like
- We have a servant spirit
- We are passion-driven

Ideals.

- **Mission** – Buckner International transforms the lives of vulnerable children, enriches the lives of senior adults, and builds strong families through Christ-centered values.
- **Vision** – Buckner International will become a global ministry maximizing resources and leadership to serve vulnerable children, seniors and families.
- **Values** – Buckner follows Christ-centered values ministered with professional excellence.

Your stories

Buckner Family Pathways

Marissa Breland had a dream for a better life for herself and daughter Addisyn: "I always dreamed of going to school and getting my [driver's] license. But I didn't see it happening any time soon. I'd been trying to do that for years, and it had been taking forever." But through Buckner Family Pathways, she found hope and help. Finish the story at www.buckner.org/YourStories.



In 2017, you provided the means to serve **202** single mothers and fathers, along with **271** children, through **8** Family Pathways (Amarillo, Conroe, Dallas, Houston, Longview, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland).

Your stories

Buckner Foster Care and Adoption

Bernard Perez was adopted by his foster parents, Jennifer and Mace, who continue to foster other children. Jennifer says Bernard has embraced being a part of a loving family. “We feel that this is a whole-family ministry and he is a part of that now. We’ve opened our home twice since Bernard was adopted and both times he’s been a part of that decision. He’s seeing that this is what people who love Jesus do. We do radical things for Jesus and show love for others

from hard places. It’s been a beautiful thing.” Learn more about the Perez family’s journey to foster care and adoption at www.buckner.org/YourStories.



Your gifts provided foster families the ability to care for a record **1,101** neglected, abused or abandoned children in Texas through foster care, and **153** children find forever homes through adoption.

Finish the stories and learn more by going to www.buckner.org/YourStories.

Your stories

Buckner Family Hope Centers

Amanda Martinez, 14, lives in a world where the shocking is often considered normal. She and her family live in Dallas' Bachman Lake area, where drugs, violence, prostitution and poverty are the norm. The area, just three square miles, is home to 82,000 people and has a CPS child removal rate twice that for Dallas County.

When Amanda and her parents, including her mother Marta, left, looked for help, they looked to their local Buckner Family Hope Center. Find out how Buckner responded to their needs at www.buckner.org/YourStories.



In 2017, you brought hope to **9,363** children and adults served by **5** Buckner Family Hope Centers in Texas and **111,801** more through **18** Family Hope Centers in **6** countries.

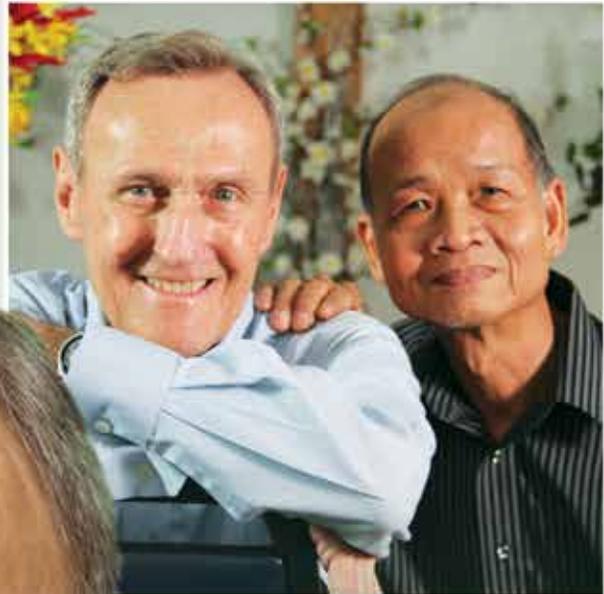


Your stories

Buckner Senior Living

John Ramsey lives with his wife Ann at Buckner Westminster Place in Longview, Texas. He's devoted his entire life to serving the Lord as a pastor and international missionary. When he learned that Cuong Manh Tran, a local pastor of a Vietnamese Baptist congregation needed a kidney transplant, he prayed for a donor. That prayer ended in the question: "Why not me?" Learn how his prayer was answered at

a donation center, with a deep friendship – and almost at death's door – at www.buckner.org/YourStories.



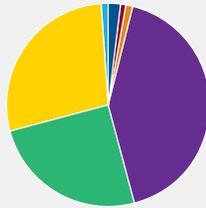
In 2017,
2,418 senior
adults in Texas
chose Buckner
for their distinctive
senior lifestyle.

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Financials

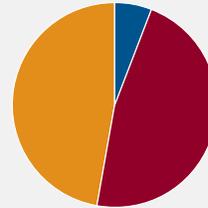
Buckner International and Subsidiaries

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2017



Assets

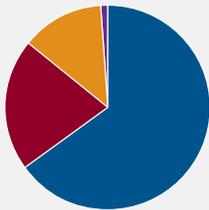
■ Cash and Investments 2% - \$21,257,000
■ Assets whose use is limited 1% - \$10,391,000
■ Receivables and Prepays 1% - \$7,680,000
■ Investments 42% - \$347,794,000
■ Revenue Bond Proceeds Held by Trustee 25% - \$206,275,000
■ Facilities Property and Equipment - Net 28% - \$235,919,000
■ Other 1% - \$7,215,000
Total \$836,531,000



Liabilities and Net Assets

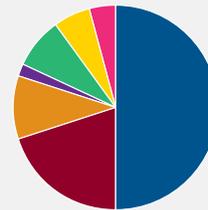
■ Other Liabilities 6% - \$47,578,000
■ Notes and Revenue Bonds Payable 47% - \$395,830,000
■ Net Assets 47% - \$393,123,000
Total \$836,531,000

Statement of Activities December 31, 2017



Revenue and Investment Income

■ Client Support and Related Income 65% - \$77,535,000
■ Investment Income 21% - \$25,276,000
■ All contributions and Bequests 13% - \$16,001,000
■ Other 1% - \$1,297,000
Total \$120,109,000



Expenses

■ Salaries and Benefits 50% - \$61,079,000
■ Supplies and Direct Expenses 20% - \$25,111,000
■ Facility Related Expenses 10% - \$12,835,000
■ Travel and Transportation 2% - \$2,544,000
■ Administration 8% - \$9,459,000
■ Depreciation 6% - \$7,994,000
■ Interest 4% - \$4,388,000
Total \$123,410,000

Weaver and Tidwell LLP audits the financial statements for Buckner International and subsidiaries. Audit reports are available upon request.

Buckner International

Leadership

Executive Leadership Team



Albert L. Reyes
President and CEO



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Thank you.

Keep adding to your Buckner story.



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