

**31,000**

Texas children in foster care seek families.



Each year, **1,000** Texas children age out of foster care without any support system.



Nearly **1 in every 5** Amarillo area children lives in poverty.



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Buckner in Amarillo serves vulnerable children and families by:

- **Protecting** children through foster care and adoption.
- **Empowering** single-parent families through Family Pathways, which provides families a safe place to live so parents can achieve their educational goals.
- **Creating** support systems for children aging out of foster care through the FYi Center.

**Buckner Children and Family Services**  
806-373-1474

**Buckner Family Pathways**  
806-373-3422

**Buckner FYi Center**  
806-383-5488

**Volunteer information**  
[buckner.org/volunteer](http://buckner.org/volunteer)



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# You shine hope.

for children and families in Amarillo



# A heart for children and families

You are faith, hope and love in action.

You are filled with passion to help the helpless, defend the defenseless and love the unloved.

You are a need met, a prayer answered and a life redeemed.

**You give hope.**



# Be a Family

# Volunteer

# Host a shoe drive

# Give financially

Nothing shines hope like opening your family to a child in need.

Buckner provides the training and resources needed to become a family to a child for a season through foster care or a forever family through adoption. Children in these programs are most often referred through the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services due to experiencing abuse, neglect or abandonment.

For more information, visit [buckner.org](http://buckner.org) or call 1-855-264-8783.



As a Buckner volunteer, your unique skills and abilities can meet the needs of vulnerable children, fragile families and single parents in your community. Join the movement that has transformed lives since 1879 through hands-on ministry.

Your involvement could change a life. Here's a sampling of how your involvement could do just that:



Encourage and support **Buckner foster and adoptive families** along their journeys. Provide child care during trainings and

meetings, help with clerical work in the office and serve as a network of help for families serving children.



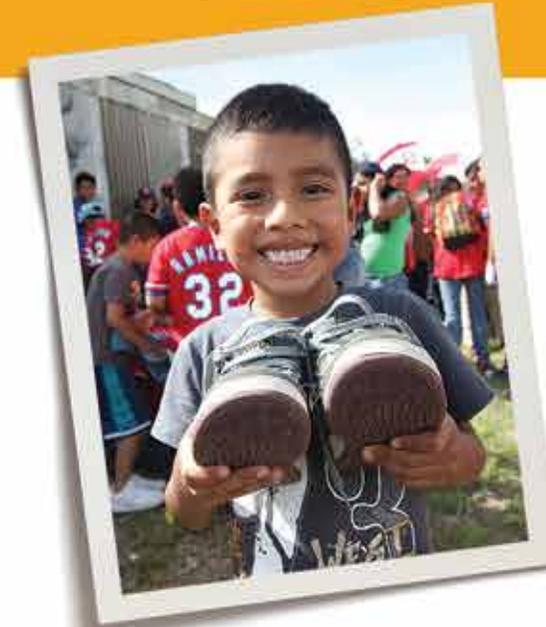
Strengthen and encourage single-parent families involved in **Buckner Family Pathways**, a program that provides families a

safe place to live so parents can achieve their educational goals.



Provide a support system for children through **Buckner foster care** and the **Buckner FYi Center** for young people who have aged out of the system.

Learn how you can change a life at [buckner.org/volunteer](http://buckner.org/volunteer).



You may not often think about the shoes on your feet, but the gift of a pair of footwear through Buckner Shoes for Orphan Souls® can help a child get a significant step in life. Shoes:



**Provide health** by protecting children from disease and infection.



**Empower a child** to go to school. Schools around the world require children to wear shoes.



**Shine hope** into a child's life. A pair of shoes demonstrates a person's worth and shares God's love.

Open up an opportunity for transformative ministry. Receiving shoes often is the first engagement point between families and Buckner. It provides a chance for families to learn more about services through Buckner.

For more information about how you can host a shoe drive, visit [buckner.org/shoes](http://buckner.org/shoes).

You see the needs around you, you want to transform lives and, in doing so, change the world.

Every day, we bring cause-driven people together to do just that.

You are critical to transforming lives through Buckner programs. Together, we can offer help and hope in three significant ways: Strengthening families through Buckner Family Hope Centers, sustaining single mothers and their children through Buckner Family Pathways, and protecting children through Buckner Foster Care and Adoption programs.

For more information about how you can shine hope into the lives of vulnerable children and families, contact Buckner Gift Officer Denise Thetford at 806-795-7151 or [dthetford@buckner.org](mailto:dthetford@buckner.org).

