

31,000

Texas
children
in foster
care
seek families.



The McAllen
and Harlingen
metro areas
are home to the
highest rates
of children living in
poverty in Texas.

More than **40 percent**
of people in
the McAllen
area and
almost **30**
percent of people
who live in the
Harlingen area live
in poverty.



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Buckner in the Rio Grande Valley serves
vulnerable children and families by:

- **Protecting** children through foster care and adoption as well as through the Rio Grande Children's Home.
- **Engaging**, equipping and elevating struggling families through the Family Hope Center.
- **Empowering** churches to walk alongside vulnerable families through Buckner Missions, helping them accomplish their dreams.

Buckner Children and Family Services
956-630-6285

Buckner Family Hope Center
956-519-3100

Buckner Missions
956-583-2041

Rio Grande Children's Home
956-585-4847

Volunteer information
buckner.org/volunteer



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You shine hope.

for children and families
in the Rio Grande Valley



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

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 or call 1-855-264-8783.



Volunteer

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.



Peñitas, a community-based source of hope for vulnerable families.



You and your church can walk alongside vulnerable families through **Buckner Missions**, helping them achieve their lifelong dreams.

Learn how you can change a life at buckner.org/volunteer.

Host a shoe drive



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.

Give financially

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 Monica Skrzypinski at 956-585-4847 or mskrzypinski@buckner.org.

