

SHINING HOPE DALLAS

THE CAMPAIGN FOR  BUCKNER.



About Shining Hope Dallas

Shining Hope Dallas is a fundraising campaign to expand Buckner International's mission to **strengthen Dallas families** through the creation of a new Buckner Family Hope Center in the Bachman Lake community. The campaign seeks \$14 million to support construction and the partial endowment of the proposed Buckner Family Hope Center at Bachman Lake.

The 20,000-sq-ft Buckner Family Hope Center will serve as a hub for help, hope and spiritual development for a community in need. It will be located on approximately three acres at the corner of Lombardy Avenue and Geraldine Drive.

The Case for the Campaign

- Dallas has the **highest child poverty rate** among U.S. cities with a population greater than 1 million; **40 percent** of Dallas' children live **below the poverty line**.
- The Bachman Lake community is located in the 75220 Zip code, and the population of a 3-mile radius is **82,000**.
- The neighborhood population is **93 percent** Hispanic.
- It has five elementary schools with approximately **4,000 total students**.
- **93 percent** of school children are economically disadvantaged.
- The neighborhood is home to the **most children ages 0-5 years** in Dallas.
- The area has a teen pregnancy rate **three-times the national average**.
- The area has a CPS removal rate **twice** that of the Dallas County average.



The Ministry of the Buckner Family Hope Center

Buckner Family Hope Centers “**equip children and strengthen families for life.**” They are child-centered, family-focused places where families go to find hope, support, and empowerment in their community to reach their fullest God-given potential. The Buckner Family Hope Center at Bachman Lake will **engage** families by meeting *their immediate needs of clothing, hygiene and food products; providing legal and medical clinics; and hosting community events.* The Hope Center will **equip** families to identify and develop their skills and talents to close education gaps and succeed in the workforce. Services will include parent education, adult education (GED, ESL and literacy), financial empowerment and child and youth development (an after-school program, a Youth Academy and summer programs). It also will **elevate** families through family coaching, spiritual enrichment and counseling. Buckner “Family Coaches” will *partner with selected families to assess strengths and opportunities, establish goals and create and implement action plans.*

The Impact of Shining Hope Dallas

As a result of the Buckner Family Hope Center, families will be **stabilized, strengthened, empowered and serving others.**

- 5,200 people will receive services annually.
- 100 families will complete family coaching annually.
- 650 volunteers will serve annually.

About Buckner International

Buckner is one of Dallas’ oldest and most trusted charities. Founded in 1879, Buckner is an international, faith-based ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of orphans, vulnerable children, families, and senior adults in the United States and around the world. Buckner serves in 13 Texas communities and seven countries. In 2016, Buckner impacted nearly 300,000 lives through Buckner Children and Family Services. We operate 22 Buckner Family Hope Centers in seven countries. In the U.S., five Hope Centers served 960 individuals through family coaching in 2016. Thousands more were served through humanitarian aid and assistance. Buckner serves people through a variety of programs designed to **protect children and build strong families.** These programs include foster care and adoption, family transition programs, community-based family preservation programs and retirement services. Buckner also provides humanitarian aid and crisis relief to poverty-stricken families in the United States and worldwide.

