

The Buckner Family Pathways

program is designed to help single parents strengthen their families and reduce barriers to self-sufficiency such as lack of education and life skills.



Buckner Family Pathways

is a focus ministry of Buckner International, an international, faith-based ministry dedicated to transforming the lives of orphans, vulnerable children, families and elders in the United States and around the world. Founded in 1879 in Dallas, Texas, today 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 strengthening programs and retirement services for the elderly. Buckner also provides humanitarian aid and crisis relief to poverty-stricken families in the United States and worldwide.

You can help families in crisis!

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 strength and hope to families in crisis through Family Pathways.

For more information about how you can shine hope into the lives of vulnerable children and families, go to: buckner.org



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Hope shines here.®



Protecting and Equipping families

Buckner Family Pathways



Buckner Family Pathways was an answer to Krystal's prayer

When Krystal sneaks into her children's room to wake them for school, she doesn't enter on her tip toes – she dances.

"We have a lot of dance parties," Krystal said. "We start pretty much every day with music that gets the blood flowing and we dance."

With the music on, her children jump out of bed, and they start their day – together, happy, dancing.

Coming to Buckner Family Pathways was an answer to prayer, "a prayer I didn't even know I needed to pray," Krystal said. Krystal is no stranger to difficult times. When she first came to Family Pathways two years ago, she was desperate. Her children were 2 and 3 years old when her husband just left them with nothing.

Krystal evaluated her budget and realized she had enough money to rent a home or eat meals. There wasn't enough to do both.

"I remember crying out to God, 'I just need you to provide because I don't know how this is going to work.' Family Pathways was it. This was an answer to prayer."

The support Krystal receives through the child care assistance, resources and counseling at Family Pathways has helped her pursue a degree in applied behavioral science. Once she graduates, she is planning to pursue a master's degree.

The counselor at Family Pathways also helped diagnose her son, Jaxon, with autism. Krystal noticed Jaxon was always snapping his fingers, but she, like his teachers at school, thought it was just something he did, nothing to worry about.

The counselor at Family Pathways suggested he see a psychologist. Family Pathways made all the arrangements – from the referral to the payment. Now that he has resources and aid, he is improving at school and at home.

There have been storms in Krystal's life – she is also a thyroid cancer survivor and a domestic violence survivor – but she only sees the blessings.

At Family Pathways, Krystal found a home, redemption and hope.



How Buckner Family Pathways Works



EDUCATION. With the stability of a safe place to live, families can focus on improving themselves and gaining a step toward a better future. Through the peace of mind with housing, many parents take the opportunity to fulfill their goals of higher education and more.



EQUIPPED. Single parents have the opportunity to receive housing, child care assistance and more. We also offer tools such as: parenting skills enhancement, money management, spiritual enrichment and more.



COMMUNITY. Families don't have to walk alone. Buckner Family Coaches are there to walk alongside throughout the journey – offering training, skills and encouraging advice when needed.



Family Pathways is available in these Texas cities:

- Amarillo
- Dallas
- Houston
- Longview
- Lubbock
- Lufkin
- Midland