

Buckner Family Hope Centers

are child-centered, family-focused places where families go to find hope, support and empowerment in their community. Together, we help families reach their God-given potential.



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are 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 Hope Centers.

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.®



Empowering families

Buckner Family Hope Centers



'This is our time' to succeed

How a Family Hope Center changed the Sanchez family

Tilia was volunteering at her daughter's school when she learned about the launch of a Buckner Family Hope Center in the area to strengthen families. The center would offer job skills, parenting, Bible studies and entrepreneurial classes.

Tilia was intrigued. Maybe she'd check it out. Then her world imploded: She was diagnosed with a kidney disease that had taken the lives of her mother and grandmother. She reacted with despair.

But her friends made her go to a life skills class at the new Family Hope Center. The class was full of energy and encouragement. She enjoyed it and wanted more. Buckner staff invested in her, helping her look for the positive aspects of her life. They prayed for and with her. They gave her a Bible.

Tilia's spirit was returning. Despite her medical situation, she pushed forward for herself and her family. When she began taking a class to learn how to start a business, she knew she found what she and her husband, Ricardo, were missing.

The couple had talked about starting a company for years. Ricardo has been part of home construction

teams for years. He is an expert in the field and wanted to start his own business with his wife, but they never quite knew how.

The family was buoyed in the efforts by knowing Buckner staff believed in them. They started their own company, and as a result the family is strong and is enjoying the new home they recently purchased.

"We needed somebody to believe in us," Tilia said. "We needed somebody to push us. When I went to that class, they told me what I needed to hear. I came home and told my husband, 'This is our time.'"



How the Buckner Family Hope Center works



ENGAGE FAMILIES. We offer a variety of first-response aid to meet emergency needs through collaborations with community partners. These

services include medical clinics, discreet legal advice on family issues, sports activities, back-to-school fairs and block parties.



ELEVATE FAMILIES. In addition to family counseling and spiritual enrichment, we offer family coaching for families interested in developing and working toward long-term goals.



EQUIP FAMILIES. We lead educational and life skills classes for adults that might include GED readiness, English as a Second Language, literacy, financial empowerment, job or technical

skills training, financial literacy, family issues resolution and communication and parent education.



Family Coaches work with families over 12-24 months to assess strengths and opportunities of each family member as well as the family as a whole, and will facilitate the development of goals and coach the family to create an action plan.