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Family Upreach, Inc.
November 2017

2017: “Day of Giving” November 14!

We are more than delighted to be included among 45 outstanding nonprofits by the Coastal Bend Community Foundation in this year’s “Day of Giving” scheduled for November 14th. This will be our third annual effort and we hope to far surpass last year’s total of just under \$50,000.

If new, you may be asking: “What IS the *Day of Giving*?”

The “Coastal Bend Day of Giving” is a 24 hour online opportunity to raise funds for nonprofits at the forefront of assisting the neediest of our neighbors.

This community give-together begins at midnight on November 14 with a minimum gift of only \$10. Fight hunger, support children, improve health, reduce homelessness – right here in the Coastal Bend.

So, you may be the first one to donate to Family Upreach, Inc. (dba: *NewLife Behavior Ministries*) at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, November 14, by going to www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org and making your contribution. The Coastal Bend Community Foundation will match up to the first \$17,000 donated to each of the nonprofits. We will receive every penny you give to *NewLife Behavior Ministries* and when it hits \$17,000, the total automatically goes to \$34,000!

Every penny OVER this amount gets added to the “final” number which almost hit \$50,000 last year.



Notice the four areas highlighted above:

- **Hunger.** We address this specifically (to the extent funds allow) with those released from jails and prisons. We also help family members while loved ones are yet incarcerated.
- **Support Children.** This is what our “Little Angels” program is about (from birth to age 12). They are innocent of crimes committed by parents. We also work with and through our local district parole office.
- **Improve health.** On a limited basis, we help ex-offenders and family members fill needed prescriptions. Getting on a healthy diet improves physical health. We refer those in need of emergency help.
- **Reduce homelessness.** In addition to limited monetary help, we produce a list of *Felon-Friendly Companies* and “Street Sheet” of agencies, many fellow nonprofits participating in the “Day of Giving.”

This is a collaborative effort. No single program or agency can do all that needs to be done. Through working together and “giving together” on this special day (November 14), ALL can be strengthened. Hopefully, donors will go on to bless other nonprofits like Hammons Education Leadership Programs (HELP), Women’s Shelter

of South Texas, Charlie's Place Recovery Center, Family Counseling Service, Metro Ministries, and Timons Ministries. These are only a few of the agencies we most often interact with to maximize effectiveness.

“Special” Thanks to Movie Helpers

Many in the Coastal Bend have looked forward to seeing the “Meanest Man in Texas” movie and thanks to a large team of enthusiastic volunteers, this became a reality on November 11 at the Harbor Playhouse. It also required the assistance of Don Umphrey, author the book and screenwriter for the Hollywood-produced film. Plus, Don contributed his time and energy to autographing volumes of the “Meanest Man in Texas” book for movie-goers. The Harbor Playhouse worked with us well in keeping costs to a minimum.



We will be able to provide a comprehensive report in our next newsletter.

The idea was not so much to financially benefit *NewLife Behavior*

Ministries as it was to create a local opportunity to see the movie before it hits the screens in 2018. And, since we have distributed thousands of the “Meanest Man” books in prisons over the years, we wanted to use this as an means to reach out to their family members (many parolees have read it) and anyone else that has read or heard about this inspiring example of God’s grace. In the back of the book, it lists our contact information for any person seeking to be helped like Clyde Thompson was helped.



Sunset’s Vision Workshop: January 24-27

Make plans now to go with us to the upcoming Vision Workshop hosted by Sunset International Bible Institute, January 24-27, 2018, in Lubbock, Texas.

This year’s theme is “Reminding Our Generation.” When we look at the world around us, it’s easy to feel that things are *out of control*. The truth is that every generation has felt this way to some degree. As time continues and new generations come of age, it is vital for us to remind one another of the *great deeds of God and of His divine power*. With a real understanding of the power of God and how He works with mankind, we find *confidence and strength* for today and the days ahead. This event is to help *remind our generation, and every generation, of the sovereignty of God and of His power to lead and deliver His people*.



Brother Jimmy Neatherlin (from Sunset Church of Christ in Carlsbad, New Mexico): “I don’t think I could recommend a more meaningful investment in the spiritual growth of your family than this” in referring to this workshop. This opportunity offers a lot for everyone – missionaries, elders, preachers, deacons, Bible School teachers, senior adults, men, women, youth, etc. Excellent classes are planned on evangelism, marriage & family enrichment, church growth, leadership, missions, and much more.

Buck Griffith & Ralph Anderson will be going to study, learn, and share with others about the “open doors” in prison ministry. We will have a display booth and join dozens of other programs related to the Lord’s work and spreading the *Great News*. If you have any interest at all, plan to join us! The registration fee is only \$50 each but we have registered as *Kings Crossing Church of Christ* and can add you – *free!* Lodging is extra and we will be making motel reservations soon so, contact us if you desire to get in on all this fun.

In Memory – In Honor

We rejoice with those that rejoice and we weep with those that weep. We appreciate gifts to *NewLife Behavior Ministries* in memory of friends and loved ones and in “living honor” of those who have brought deep meaning to our lives. We acknowledge each gift and notify those requested (when supplied full contact information). Such contributions are a way to help NLBM plus these gifts offer eternal blessings for others.

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