

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

NewLife

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to God, families and society

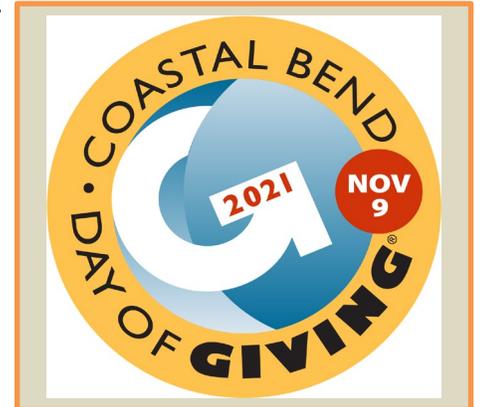
RESULTS... **“DAY OF GIVING”**

Thank you for your generous support on our “Day of Giving”, November 9, 2021. We *especially* thank those who made the extra effort to schedule your gifts **early**. We were able to be assured of meeting the \$21,800 “match” through this means. This gave us a soothing feeling early that Tuesday morning. If Family Upreach is invited to participate in 2022, we plan to use this strategy again.

The main question everyone was asking on November 10th was: “How did we do?” The absolute truth is that we are still unable to provide a specific dollar figure. The Coastal Bend Community Foundation (the host of the event) encourages us not to announce an “exact” figure. We CAN give a general number of just **over \$90,000!** This is our best result since NLBM became a participating six years ago.

“Why are we unable to be more specific in the total amount received?” Here are a few good reasons. First, there is a “fee” charged for each online gift and the fee varies depending on the credit card used by donors: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, etc. Second, there is the possibility of “glitches” when electronics are used. Third, human errors cannot be escaped. Fourth, gifts may have been made (or not made) accurately to Family Upreach, Inc. (dba, NewLife Behavior Ministries). For instance, a few may have mistakenly donated to Family Counseling Services or New Life Refuge and thought they were giving to us. Fifth, while the equipment acts instantly, the “follow-up” is painstaking and slower.

One thing is certain . . . **we did not reach our goal of \$100,000.** We rejoice that we were “closer” than ever before. This leads us to believe that “next year” we will break that \$100,000 ceiling. As usual, we are still receiving contributions from folks who “forgot” on November 9th. However, we still need to generate a lot more donors. We learn something “new” every year that helps us do better the *next* time. So, we are excited and encouraged as we head into 2022.



IN LOVING MEMORY • IN HONOR OF

Family Upreach expresses gratitude to those that choose to remember loved ones and honor those they love and respect by donating to this good work.

Such remembrances make it possible for men and women to be taught and encouraged to transform destructive behaviors into positive behaviors. Thank you for your support,

Received from:

M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Donald Crofton
M/M Pat Watson
M/M Buck Griffith
M/M Jerry Bradford
M/M Donald Crofton
M/M Buck Griffith



In loving memory of:

Bobby Robinson
Bobby Robinson
Kenneth Watson
Evelyn Thrailkill Lough
Capt. Spring Raines
Bobby Doggett
Bobby Doggett

“DR. DALE UNDERWOOD IS A TURKEY” (COOKER)

In a recent visit to the District Parole Office to deliver cards for “Little Angels”, Dale Underwood tried to make a good impression as he met the parole supervisor, Melinda Hernandez. We discussed how to be more supportive of our local parole officers. We supply information packets for orientation meetings with new parolees. We were the first members of the *Community Partnership Council* (CPC) in Corpus Christi. We occasionally provided meals, cookies, ice cream, etc., during **Appreciation Week** for parole officers. In turn, we established relationships with other agencies and programs in the Coastal Bend that are beneficial in improving what can be done to assist parolees and prevent recidivism. And, the parole office helps spread the news about *Winners Circle* and **C**hristians **A**gainst **S**ubstance **A**buse (CASA) meetings throughout South Texas.



So, Dale asked if the parole office would be closed Thanksgiving Day. Ms. Hernandez said they would close but the officers would be sharing a “special” meal earlier. Being the nice, friendly guy that he is, Dale bragged on his turkey cooking talent and offered to supply one. Dale made the mistake of asking how many officers work there. Ms. Hernandez estimated the number to be about 45-50. Before walking out, Dale had committed to supply TWO turkeys (which he graciously cooked and delivered). The parole officers were happy and well-fed. On Thanksgiving Day, Dale and Karlene enjoyed some really good grilled-cheese sandwiches with dill pickles and potato chips! *Just kidding.*



DREAM BIG. SET GOALS. TAKE ACTION!

God has already been in action opening doors in 2022, and we intend to walk through them. TDCJ – Texas Department of Criminal Justice – *Chaplaincy Division* – has invited us to write a proposal that will utilize our prison ministry staff, volunteers, and NewLife Behavior curriculum to instruct the TDCJ staff and offenders in small groups. This “pilot” program (likely to begin sometime in January and continue throughout 2022) is expected to eventually spread to prisons across Texas. Texas state prisons are divided into six regions with Regional Chaplains and individual *unit* chaplains. Region I is in the Huntsville area where the state’s administrative headquarters is located. This “Life-Coach” program will get “kicked off” in Region I. “This is a big effort requiring time, travel, and manpower,” says Dr. Dale Underwood, board member of Family Upreach, Inc. (dba: *NewLife Behavior Ministries*). “We will seek to coordinate with prison ministries throughout the State of Texas, which will enhance the overall outreach of the gospel. We will be working together to impact the entire State of Texas prison system.”

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CHECK IT OUT . . .

We are always updating our website. You should take time to check it out periodically. It is easy for friends and supporters to take the website for granted and fail to become familiar with what it has to offer. Being aware of this information can help you help others.

www.nlbm.org

For instance, a friend called looking for a way to help newcomers understand which courses in the NewLife Behavior curriculum might best meet their personal needs. Sometimes people wanted us to send them a “sample” of the entire course but that is not feasible. Our caller was referred to the “courses” section on the website. It details all fifteen NLB courses, including the names of each unit and the titles for all thirteen lessons in each course. This provides enquirers with a great deal of information. Too many make the mistake of “judging the book by its cover” or based on the “course name” only.

However, this caller also requested a “one sentence” description that summarized the content of each of the fifteen courses. Those descriptions have now been added immediately following the name of each course. We would recommend that the section be printed out for you to share more easily with others.

If interested, individuals can ask to enroll as a student in the “Enroll” section and we will send them the course requested. Family members or friends frequently enroll together – one incarcerated while the other is in the free-world. The Children’s Course is available, too.

Most courses are available in English and Spanish.

