

FAMILY UPREACH, INC.

NewLife

BEHAVIOR MINISTRIES

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Since 1984: Reconciling persons  
to God, families and society

## “DAY OF GIVING” - NOVEMBER 9TH

Our 2021 “Day of Giving” begins at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and ends at 11:59 p.m. This is the most exciting twenty-four-hour period of the year! Donations will be “matched” by twenty-seven matching funders up to \$21,800. There are 56 local charities that have been invited to participate this year. We are thankful to the Coastal Bend Community Foundation (CBFF) for being the administrator of this event and including us for the seventh year. The CBCF is also manages the Endowment Fund for Family Upreach, Inc. They do an outstanding job. They have our interest at heart, and we have confidence in their knowledge and experience.

We are listing the total received on the “Day of Giving” over the last years below . . .

2015 - \$46,745.70	2018 - \$71,070.43
2016 - \$49,409.92	2019 - \$80,899.14
2017 - \$67,978.61	2020 - \$62,525.82

So, when our friends give \$21,800, it will be matched, equaling **\$43,600**. However, as you can see, we will receive every penny given above that amount, too. We keep shooting to break the **\$100,000 barrier** and need your help to do it. All giving is done electronically through the “Day of Giving” website using credit cards which allows donors to earn “points” or *miles*.

Our **FIRST** objective is to have many of our faithful supporters make their gifts **IN ADVANCE**. In other words, preschedule your gift by going to the “Day of Giving” website and follow the prompts for “Early Giving.” The “Early Giving” option is available November 1-8. Still, the transaction will not be processed until 12:01 a.m., November 9<sup>th</sup>. We usually open our office doors about 8:30 a.m. and as soon as we can, we will be checking the responses. We will be thrilled to see an amount **OVER** \$21,800! Then, we can go ahead, sit down, relax, eat a donut, and enjoy a cup of fresh coffee. In fact, you are invited to join us and watch the total **grow** throughout the day and evening.

Another helpful step taken last year for the first time is getting help from individuals and businesses to sponsor personal campaigns to benefit NLBM. This means *your* friends will be encouraged to contribute to “your” campaign due to the fact that they know YOU and want to give to a cause you love and support. We only had a few individuals help in 2020 and **no** businesses. This year, we would love to see this more. The CBCF website explains “how” to set your campaign up. The most powerful step you can take is to **PRAY** for us. This is God’s work. He will provide. He owns the cattle of 1000 hills and will bless us according to His will. But *God wants us to ask*. We “have not” because we “ask” not.

### IN LOVING MEMORY • IN HONOR OF

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

**Received from:**

M/M Buck Griffith  
M/M Bill Hunt  
M/M Randy Rabeck  
M/M Buck Griffith

**In loving memory of:**

James E. Curry  
James E. Curry  
Gaylord Sturgess  
Gaylord Sturgess



Trustees serving Family Upreach, Inc.: James L. Burrus, Don & Linda Crofton, Lyndah Drum, Buck Griffith, Eric Jackson, Dave Olson, Barbara Tubbs, Craig Tucker, Gary Wyder

## DALE UNDERWOOD TO ASSEMBLE SINGING GROUP

One of the benefits of having Dr. Dale Underwood with us is being blessed with his musical talents! His wife, Karlene, is also an extremely gifted musician.

Many will remember Dale as the lead singer in a popular gospel quartet known as the **Sounds of Glory**. Not only did he sing – he *wrote* many songs.

Dale is now gathering a group of men and women who will assist us in weekend seminars such as those utilizing the “Meanest Man in Texas” movie. The movie will attract folks to watch the show and hear Dr. Don Umphrey speak in Q & A follow-up sessions. These events will bolster existing local programs and uncover new souls interested in Bible studies after the seminar.

In the **Sounds of Glory** photo, Dale is the youngster on the far right in case you ever need to pick him out of a line-up.



### NUECES COUNTY JAIL

Gary Thompson retired September 30th after serving over 20 years as a Bible teacher in Nueces County Jail (see overhead view of the downtown facility) after a hard bout with Covid-19. He also took care of all Spanish lessons. Buck Griffith and Frank Maxey are now teaching the Tuesday sessions in NCJ. Raquel Rivera will take care of the Spanish students. There is also a separate facility (McKenzie Annex) on NPID where John Henry Pruitt taught for 20 years on Wednesdays. Hopefully, we will be able to offer classes again at that facility, too. Thank you, Gary, for your faithful service. May the Lord bless Gary & Ann Thompson.

### THE NLBM ENDOWMENT FUND

Many friends around the country are unaware of our “Endowment Fund” because: (a) It is young and relatively small (\$30,000); and (b) We have failed to say much about it. Take a few minutes to read the following comments.

The primary purpose of any “Endowment Fund” is to ensure the permanence and long-term stability of a nonprofit program. Contributions to it are tax deductible and appealing because the principal increases over time and remains secure. In many instances even the interest earned is not spent but added to the total, allowing it to grow higher and faster.

Obviously, an *endowment fund* starts at zero but builds over time. It is the object lesson of putting a tiny seed in a cup in the windowsill. The sun and timely moisture do their work. Spiritually, it is the principle of “planting and watering” the seed (God’s Word) and waiting for God to do His work. *God make things grow* (First Corinthians 3:7).

“One of these days” we hope to see our Endowment Fund grow to significantly support NLBM solely from the “interest” earned. This has worked well to help larger nonprofits such as Harding University whose endowment is valued at \$165,000,000. Abilene Christian University has one valued at \$530,000,000. And those are small compared with the Shriners (\$8.3+ billion) and the Mayo Clinic (\$8.53+ billion). But guess what all of these have in common? Yes. **They all started with \$1.00!**

Thank you for believing in Family Upreach, Inc. (NewLife Behavior Ministries) and efforts to make the world a better place for all of us. “One of these days” we will look back and ask, *Do you remember when our endowment fund was only \$30,000?*

