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URBAN OUTREACH, INC. FACT SHEET

Mission: To provide life changing programs for at-risk youth and vulnerable families in apartment complexes, schools, and camps in the greater Houston area.

Urban Outreach, Inc. (UOI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. We fulfill our mission through a range of programming targeting at-risk children and low-income apartment residents. Our holistic approach to the family touches all of its members through programs which provide activities and services that meet their educational, physical, social and spiritual needs. Our vision is to be a recognized leader in providing programs that change lives of youth and families through individual lifestyle changes resulting in stronger and healthier families.

In the early 1990's, several local churches formed what became UOI in a collaborative effort to expand their outreach to the community. What began as an ad-hoc effort among several partnering churches to reach out to local public schools and low-income apartment communities blossomed into a faith-based non-profit dedicated to strengthening and preserving families across Houston. During the 1990s, UOI began providing local families with after-school Kids Club programs. Realizing that entire families were lacking accessible support services, UOI has expanded over the years to reach into neighborhoods and apartment complexes throughout the Houston area and beyond.

Urban Outreach, Inc. serves clients in apartment complexes, schools, several community centers and summer camp. UOI is supported by a dedicated Board of Trustees, staff and program volunteers as well as churches, foundations, corporations, and individuals.

THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE

The communities we serve suffer severe poverty, crime, and many times overwhelming hopelessness. According to an annual study by the Annie E. Casey Foundation (*Kids Count*), 36% of children in Texas are living in single parent families and 29% live in families where no parent has full-time year-round employment. Twenty-five percent of residents live in poverty, nine percent of teens are not in school or not working, and in 22% of these families the household head lacks a high school diploma,

As these disturbing and often tragic statistics mount, UOI has continued to reaffirm its commitment to supporting families and giving them the skills needed to build a successful life. These are challenges we are prepared to meet.

What you can do:

- Pray for Urban Outreach, Inc. trustees, staff, volunteers, programs, and participants.
- Volunteer as ESL teacher, craft helper, computer trainer, Bible study leader, and more.
- Coordinate a food drive, clothing drive or other special event at your church.
- Support UOI with a tax-deductible financial gift. (Visit the UOI web page for details).

Site visits, donations, and inquiries are welcome.

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URBAN OUTREACH, INC. PROGRAMS

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

Urban Outreach, Inc. (UOI) served over 5,000 clients during the 2015-2016 fiscal year (ended July 31, 2016). The organization serves and strengthens Houston area families through the following programs:

Apartment Ministry Program (AMP): Through after-school programs, Bible study programs, parenting classes, financial and computer training classes, family counseling, as well as ESL and citizenship classes, UOI programs improve low-income apartment complex residents' quality of life. AMP also administers a Summer Lunch Program in our apartment complexes. In addition, the program sponsors soccer camps year round with participation levels of 175-225 youths. These ministries are located primarily in the Southwest Houston communities of Spring Branch, Aldine, Alief, and Gulfgate. More than 4,000 family members are reached by the AMP and during 2017-2018, UOI plans to serve in 30 apartment complexes, up from the 25 presently being served.

Character Development In Schools Program (CDSP): Using the highly acclaimed national curriculum *Character First*, Urban Outreach, Inc. provides teams to facilitate in-school mentoring, student advocacy, and character education during and after school hours. The character development training and counseling are provided for school children who are on the verge of being expelled, dropping out or being sent to alternative schooling due to poor grades and disciplinary problems. UOI is proud of the strong working relationship we have forged with the community schools, specifically in the Near Northside, Heights and Spring Branch area public schools. In fact, several schools request UOI to coordinate their *Character First* program. Currently in six schools, a total of over 300 students participate in the program. The UOI Strategic Plans call for increasing the school programs to ten during 2017.

"Urban Outreach has provided crucial support for our at risk student population... Their implementation of the *Character First* curriculum has provided our students with tools for successful living in the 21st Century."
-Jorge Medina, Sr., Former Principal,
Marshall Middle School

Christian Summer Camping Program (CSCP): A week-long Christian camping experience at Camp of the Hills at Marble Falls on Lake Travis is offered sharing a message of hope, love, and purpose for hundreds of young children and teens from inner-city neighborhoods. Fishing, swimming, canoeing, crafts, Bible studies, camp fires and one-on-one counseling are all part of the experience for youth ages 8-15. Only a modest deposit is required from families to secure a spot. In 2016, more than 200 inner-city youth attended the camp. More than 4,700 youth have benefited from the camping experience in the last nineteen years.

Support Programs: UOI remains committed to addressing additional needs in the Houston community and collaborating with key partners and supporters to leverage available resources to inner-city families. Food, clothing, home furnishings and computer equipment are distributed to families in need throughout Houston.

Volunteer assistance with our key partner programs is one of the many ways church groups, work groups and individuals can support UOI in addition to a financial gift. Check the UOI web page at www.urbanoutreachinc.org for current happenings and needs.

