

LOCAL OUTREACH

VISION TEAM LANE REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2023

LANE OVERVIEW

The Local Outreach of United City Church allows us to tangibly live out the obedient and joyful pursuit of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20 ESV) by reaching the “least of these,” those in a variety of situations. We currently do this through our partnership with local institutions or organizations, “our Jerusalem”: various correctional facilities, Cross-Net Prison Ministry, Lifeline Pregnancy Center, Oaks of Righteousness, Houston Welcomes Refugees, Mission Centers of Houston, Family Promise of Lake Houston, and more. Our faithful members participate in UC Serve Days and 1 Day Houston, an evangelistic event combined with service elements throughout the city, allowing UC to serve as a central location to help facilitate service projects in the NE Houston region.

LANE HIGHLIGHTS

- Some of the many local ministries financially supported with \$61,000 given in 2022:
 - \$10,000 to Oaks of Righteousness
 - \$11,000 to Family Promise of Lake Houston
 - \$5,000 each to Less than the Least and Jubilee Prison Ministry
 - \$20,000 to Care Net
 - \$10,000 to Elijah Rising
- Hosted a monthly Spanish service at Ramsey averaging 100 inmates
- Baptized 195 inmates this year
- Taught new believer curriculum (Starting Point) to 15 women at Plane State and 10-12 men at Lynchner.
- Taught Breaking Free bible study at Plane State with an average of 80 participants weekly
- Sent serve team to Plane State with Jubilee Prison Ministry to lead 55 inmates for a weekend of evangelism and discipleship
- Hosted a prison ministry volunteer training at UC with 23 in attendance
- Led a 3-day crusade at Stiles Unit in Beaumont with roughly 250 in attendance and 30+ serve team
- Donated more than 200 hygiene items, sent 43 Study Bibles and responded to over 200 prayer requests via mail in English and Spanish to prisoners.

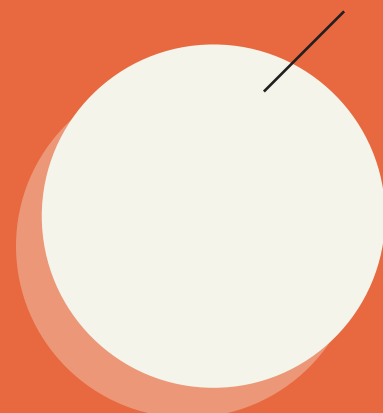
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VISION GAP
\$2,400,000

VISION
\$2,400,000

FUNDED
\$0

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What is PandoApp?

Pando is a revolutionary new app that makes it possible for people to engage with their faith and improve their mental health in a whole new way. Our **FREE** app delivers some of the best faith-based messages, devotionals, podcasts, and other leadership content directly into the hands of people all over the country, both inside and outside prison.

PANDO APP

- This year there were 60 million views of Christian content through the Pando App where inmates have an opportunity to accept Christ.
- More than 200,000 men and women have given their lives to Christ due to Pando App

Pando is the first Christian App available to prison inmates. It offers a personalized and convenient way to experience Jesus. Filtering churches by state, it offers inmates access to a digital Bible, weekend messages, worship videos, leadership videos, and more.

United City Church would commit to be a “plus tier” partner, making UC more prominent on the app to inmates



- \$50,000 a year (plus tier) uploads 10-14 videos per month of UC content, reaching thousands of inmates across the United States, with 2 main features spots on the app's home screen
- The goal of the app is to be on all 800,000 inmate tablets across the US
- That investment makes sure the content is free to all inmates (covers app implementation, operation, and maintenance costs)
- Because this content is free, many inmates who don't attend chapel are streaming the content..
- With over 305,000 tablets in circulation, we will see close to 200,000 views a day.

ESTIMATED COST

\$150,000 (3-YEAR COMMITMENT)

ESPAÑOL OUTREACH

UC Español officially launched in January 2023 and has already seen tremendous growth.

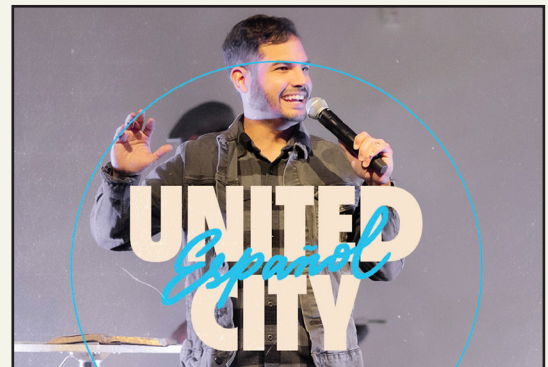
WINS TO DATE:

- 30 salvations
- 15 baptisms
- 134 first-time guest cards filled out
- Average attendance of 114 people each week
- Family Day saw 170 people in attendance
- August 27th – first service in the main worship center with 210 in attendance
- 58 people have completed Growth Track



CURRENT NEEDS FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- Spanish Community Concert: \$20,000
- Mass Mailer (15-mile radius): \$20,000
- Español Outreach
 - Back to School Bash: \$20,000
 - Movie Night 3x/year: \$10,000
 - Family Day: \$10,000
 - Special Night of Worship 2x/year with guest artist: \$20,000



ESTIMATED COST

\$100,000

PREGNANCY CENTER – CARE NET EXPANSION

In the last decade, there have been over 700,000 recorded abortions in the State of Texas and almost 4,000,000 births. Historically, Harris County has ranked number one in our state for its abortion rate, where 1 in 5 children were aborted each year.

Care Net's mission is to demonstrate the love of Christ to those facing a pregnancy decision through the provision of emotional, physical, educational, and spiritual support while upholding the sanctity of life.

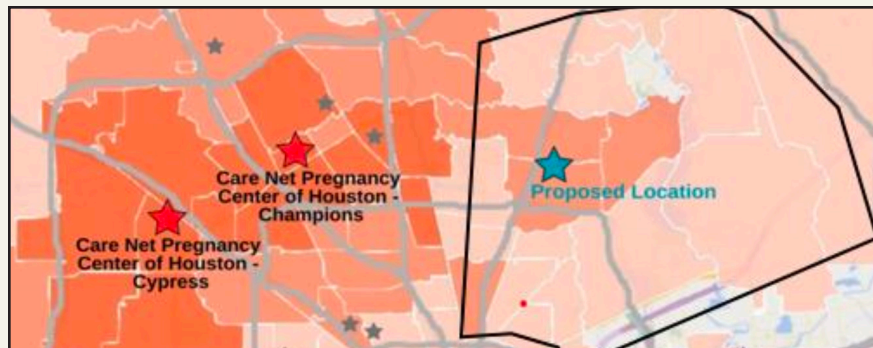
Care Net Pregnancy Center provides pregnancy testing, ultrasound imaging and peer counseling to women (and men) faced with a pregnancy decision. Medical procedures are performed by licensed registered nurses who are overseen by a practicing OB/GYN. Additional components include:



- **Life Enrichment Program:** Classes offered by community specialists and through streaming technology in the areas of pregnancy and parenting, spiritual growth, and life skills.
- **Referrals & Follow-Up:** Providing connections to 150 fully vetted community partners.
- **Post-Abortion Ministry:** Bible Studies and support groups offering healing and hope to women who have experienced a past abortion.

WINS TO DATE:

- Served over 35,000 clients since 1991.
- 4,500 ultrasounds provided in the last 5 years; over 90% choose LIFE!
- Recorded over 700 professions of faith in the last decade.



CURRENT NEED:

Care Net Pregnancy Center of Houston’s two locations in Champions and Cypress have been serving the north and northwest areas of Houston for over 30 years. However the estimated 174,000 women of child-bearing age in northeast Houston lack ready access to free life-affirming early pregnancy care and support.

To meet this need Care Net proposes to open a third pregnancy center in Humble, Texas to serve communities between I-45 and US 59/69 and those located east of US 59/69 sweeping east and south down to I-10 east.

Care Net is seeking to connect with United City to collectively, with other organizations, invest \$2 million to purchase a near-move-in ready 8,000 SF facility on 1.4 acres located on Will Clayton Parkway near US 59. United City would like to offer a lead gift of \$100,000 to support their efforts.

ESTIMATED GIFT	\$100,000
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PRIORITY 2

MINISTRY CENTER

A Ministry Center will serve as the outreach ministry center of United City Church.

The mission of the Ministry Center is to reach people with the love of Christ by meeting both physical and spiritual needs. We believe no one is too lost or broken for God to heal.

United City Church would like the opportunity to purchase land or an initial building for a fully operational Ministry Center, providing families in Humble and the surrounding areas with the physical and spiritual support they need. The Ministry Center will include the launching of new ministries to help the lost and the least. Additionally, we will provide support through officing and resources to current partners (Less Than the Least, Oaks of Righteousness, Family Promise).

ESTIMATED INITIAL COST

\$2,000,000



ELIJAH RISING

Sex trafficking is a wide-spread injustice, but Elijah Rising is committed to offering solutions that make a lasting impact directly in the Houston area. United City Church is partnering with Elijah Rising in their efforts to resource communities with awareness and training to identify trafficking and mobilize individuals to respond in practical ways to disrupt the commercial sex industry.

DID YOU KNOW

- There are an estimated 313,000 victims of human trafficking in Texas
- Approximately 79,000 of the victims are minors
- An estimated 14,539 victims of human trafficking are in Houston in 2019 alone
- Since its inception, Elijah Rising has reached, on average, more than 700 human trafficking victims each year through direct outreach.

Elijah Rising is committed to being present with people in the places they are being sold to provide resources, aid, and assistance if they choose to exit their situation through their long-term recovery programs. Additionally, they provide long-term trauma-informed residential care to women who have overcome sexual exploitation, helping them through the journey of restoration. Through financial support and serving opportunities, United City Church knows we are better together when it comes to raising an outcry for justice against human trafficking.

ESTIMATED GIFT

\$50,000