



Favorite Charities Page

Dallas Habitat for Humanity—This great organization does more than build houses; it builds lives. Deserving families get a chance at the American dream of home ownership through community partnerships and their own “sweat equity.” Universally acclaimed as one of the most effective programs around, you can learn more about Dallas Habitat here:

www.dallas-habitat.org

La Fundicion de Cristo (Christ’s Foundry)—A United Methodist mission church in the heart of Dallas’ Bachman Lake area. “Church” is a limiting term for the activities of this organization. Really, it is a community center offering a wide variety of after-school and community building activities. They do a great job of bridging the gap between assimilation and maintaining traditional Hispanic culture. Mostly what they do is make life better for people in tough circumstances. You can get a taste for their programs here:

www.christsfoundry.org

Hope for Honduras— In 1998, Hurricane Mitch devastated the country of Honduras. Hope for Honduras works with a small community of survivors in Magote, a suburb of Tegucigalpa. After Mitch, community members had literally nothing, living in plastic lean-to’s on rocky ground. Without skills or education and with no effective government assistance, their prospects were bleak. Through the tireless efforts of Dallas transplants Ron and Shelly Jones, Hope for Honduras has built a working community where hope is again part of life. See for yourself: www.hopeforhonduras.net

Lovers Lane UMC Outreach-- My church does great things in the Dallas community. With a long history of being “on the ground floor” of effective community services, like Trinity River Mission and Promise House, this program has transformed the lives of thousands of Dallas area residents. A contribution here is a great way to spread the wealth among several deserving charities. For a more in-depth look: <http://www.llumc.org/out/out.shtml>

Shalom Bayit (Peace in the Home)—I have always admired organizations that tackle tough problems and Shalom Bayit takes on one of the toughest—domestic violence. Through innovative educational programs, Shalom Bayit works to “break the cycle” that damages far too many lives. Family security can mean many different things and a gift to this great organization means that other families might be more secure too. For more information, just go to: <http://www.shalom-bayit.com/>