

BORDER AREA MISSION MINISTRIES

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BAMM Organizational List for Servant Event Opportunities

1). Border Association for Refugees from Central America (BARCA)

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BARCA works directly with some of the colonias in Hidalgo County where they have established contacts who tell Ms. Krueger what needs they have. Colonias are substandard subdivisions usually on the outskirts of our cities. Service opportunities include working alongside local youth and adults, learning and sharing, and community outreach services. Your group may decide on an activity to be coordinated with Ms. Krueger.

2). Rio Grande Habitat for Humanity

412 Ash Avenue
McAllen, TX 78501
McAllen office phone: 956-686-7455; fax: 956-631-3595
habitatrgv.com; info@habit-rgv.org

RGHFH partners with low-income families to help build simple, decent homes. Homeowner families are chosen according to their need, their ability to pay a no-profit, no-interest mortgage, and their willingness to work in partnership with Habitat to build their home and often the homes of others as well. This non-profit effort continues all year long. High school age groups and older are welcome. Supervision is necessary. Tasks range from very basic, and can be assigned to individuals or teams with abilities in particular areas. Volunteers are also needed in the warehouse.

3). Amara Hospice

505 West Owassa
Edinburg, TX 78539
Phone: 956-283-1550
Website: www.amarahospice.com

Amara Hospice's 18 Suite Inpatient Facility is the Rio Grande Valley's first-ever inpatient facility dedicated to hospice care for terminal stages of illnesses. As one of the most advanced facilities in South Texas, our patients and their families will find a peaceful environment where our Amara team of specially-trained healthcare providers can provide the palliative care, nourishment and love that our hospice patients deserve in a peaceful, comforting setting created for hospice care. A variety of service work is needed, such as maintenance cleaning, painting, yard care, etc.

4). Children's Haven International

400 E. Minnesota Road
Pharr, TX 78577
Phone: 956-787-7378
childrenshaven.org

Children's Haven is in Reynosa, Mexico. Service work from rebuilding to outreach programs is available, both in Pharr and in Reynosa. They have 7 houses. Volunteers are also needed in their thrift store to sort a variety of materials from food to clothes that have been donated. They can always use a helping hand.

5). Juntos Servimos/Together We Serve

Mailing address: P. O. Box 802535
Dallas, TX 75380
Physical address: Ebenezer Christian Church
205 W. First St., Los Fresnos
Contact Person: Larry Cox, Southwestern Good Samaritan Ministries
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E-mail: larry@juntoservimos.org
Website: www.juntoservimos.org

This organization works on the southeast side of Matamoros, Mexico in various ministries, from medical service to feeding people at the Refuge kitchen, to building small homes, beds, tables, etc., for the community. Many kinds of servant opportunities are available here, and they need your help. Larry will listen to your group needs and abilities to arrange an event where all benefit. You will be asked to contribute toward needed materials.

6). Mujeres Unidas/Women Together

511 N. Cynthia
McAllen, Tx 78501
Phone: 956-630-4878; fax: 956-687-4715
mujeresunidas.org

A shelter and supportive services for battered women and their children, they offer various programs, like transitional housing, counseling sessions, legal advocacy at their Family Violence Justice Center. Frida's Thrift Store accepts donations of clothing, house wares, furniture and children's items. They also have a wish list of needs that your group may want to help them with.

7). Puentes de Cristo/Bridges of Christ

P.O. Box 1499
130 Datil Street
Hidalgo, TX 78557
Phone: 956-843-7277; fax: 956-843-7279
puentesdecristo.org

Presbyterian USA programs service the people of the Reynosa, Mexico, area in preventative health, self-development of people projects, new church development, and mission

participation programs. Year round service work is available for high school and adult groups.

9). Rio Grande Children's Home

3980 N. Bentsen Palm Drive

Mission, TX 78574

Phone: 956-585-4847

Contact person: Rogelio Salazar, Buckner Border Ministries

Phone: 956-583-2041

buckner.org/our-work/rio-grande-valley

The Children's Home takes children from birth to 17 years old, referred by various churches, civic organizations and individuals that have been affected by neglect, abuse or abandonment. They need help in painting, cleaning, reorganizing, yard/landscaping work, and some specialty work like electrical repair. Groups who are willing to work with the children in activities for them and/or vacation bible school are welcome. High school age and older, please.

10). Rio Grande Food Bank

Physical: 724 North Cage Blvd., Pharr, Texas

Mailing address: P.O. Box 6251, McAllen, TX 78502

Phone: 956-682-8101; Fax: 956-682-7921

Contact: Omar I. Rodriguez, Manager of Communications & Advocacy

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foodbankrgv.com

RGFB is a distribution center serving over 180 agencies throughout the Valley, such as in church pantries, homeless shelters and soup kitchens. 17,901 different people receive assistance from the agencies in any given week. 53.7% of the households who come here include at least one employed adult, but the annual income level is very low, with most of the help going to young (6-17 years) or old (65 or older) people. How can you help? With food drives and donations, and volunteer service working with food or cleaning, sorting and packing and serving food. Mature young people are welcome.

11). Proyecto Azteca

Corner of Cesar Chavez & Business 83, San Juan, TX 78589

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The cornerstone of Proyecto Azteca is its Self-Help New Construction Program, through this program, low income families from Hidalgo County colonias are brought together to build their own homes under the supervision of experienced construction trainers. The "tanda" or group will work together from 8 to 10 weeks until everybody's homes are completed. The house is designed for mass production at extremely low price. Proyecto Azteca's house

model includes all the basic features of a standard unit and meets all standard construction codes. Over the years, Proyecto Azteca has gradually increased its production rate and its present construction capacity goal is 50 families per year. Today Proyecto Azteca is a nationally recognized, community-directed, self-help housing organization that has financed and trained more than 600 families in the construction and first time ownership of their own homes in over 150 Hidalgo County colonias.