



Upbring[®]
Faith in Every Future

LIFTING UP GOD'S CHILDREN

God counts every strand of hair on a child's head and every freckle sprinkled across a sun-kissed nose. In His heart, no child is a mistake. Tragically, not everyone believes this truth.

Tens of thousands of children are treated as objects instead of treasures. Upbring is a faith-based nonprofit working to break the cycle of child abuse by empowering children, families and communities.

The Hands and Feet of Jesus

Upbring understands the unique needs of the communities served by the Northern Texas-Northern Louisiana Synod because we serve here, too. With children's and community services strategically located across North Texas, as well as disaster response services in Louisiana, we are humbled to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus to those in need.

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2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Upbring's research shows that child abuse and neglect often extend beyond the four walls of a home and into the fiber of our communities, the result of financial difficulties, failing health, marriage turmoil and other stressors. Upbring delivers services that address the spectrum of each child's and family's needs.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

- **Foster In Texas (FIT):** 1,913 children welcomed into loving foster homes through 14 FIT offices across Texas
- **Adoption:** 172 children connected with forever families (42 through domestic and international adoption, 130 through foster-to-adopt)
- **Residential treatment centers:** 357 brave girls given a safe place to heal through the power of spiritual care, education and state-of-the-art therapy
- **Unaccompanied immigrant minors:** 1,349 brave, unaccompanied child refugees given food, shelter, spiritual care, therapy and educational services
- **BeREAL:** 30 young adults transitioned from foster care to independent living
- **Upbring Education Services:** 2,323 children given a safe, inclusive place to grow inside and outside the classroom in Upbring Head Start Preschool and Trinity Charter Schools

COMMUNITY SERVICES - LUBBOCK

- **Neighborhood House:** 15,410 Lubbock-area residents provided emergency assistance for food vouchers, hygiene products, prescriptions, utility assistance and other necessities
- **Health for Friends Clinic:** 6,031 visits to our free clinics

DISASTER RESPONSE

- Approximately 2,305 people assisted with short – and long-term needs in the aftermath of disasters
- 756 volunteers coordinated
- 39,792 volunteer hours served