



BLUE SUNDAY NEWS

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might... - Ecclesiastes 9:10



Thank you for another year!

By Janet Magee Co-Founder



As I retire as director of Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention, I'm deeply grateful for the privilege of serving alongside so many dedicated individuals. By God's grace, we've brought hope and healing to countless abused children. Thank you to every volunteer, partner, and supporter for your steadfast belief in our mission. I'm confident this important work will flourish under Kristin Luckey's leadership. She is smart, dedicated, and ready to make a meaningful difference for abused children in the Rio Grande Valley and beyond.

In faith and service,
Janet Magee

Mark Your Calendar

Brown Bag Lunch

The first Wednesday of every month. Bring your lunch!

For prevention professionals and anyone who works with children.

- Networking
- Brainstorming
- Fellowshiping
- Praying

12:00 - 1:00 PM

1401 East Austin Ave, Harlingen

RSVP to (956)373-8815

Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer

Who: The faith community

What: A day to pray for the millions of victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them

Where: Churches across our nation

When: Sunday, April 27, 2025

How to pray for abused children on Blue Sunday:

- Pray they will be rescued
- Pray they are placed with caring people
- Pray their minds and bodies can heal
- Pray they find hope
- Pray for those who rescue them

To register and for free church bulletins, videos, and Happy Family handouts, visit www.bluesunday.org

Welcome to the Team!

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Kristin Luckey as the new Executive Director of Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention.

An accomplished public relations expert, Kristin brings a wealth of experience in publicity, both in print and digital media, as well as in fundraising. She excels at crafting strategic messages that resonate deeply, effectively integrating traditional and modern channels to create lasting impressions.

Beyond her professional endeavors, Kristin embraces life with enthusiasm, engaging in a diverse array of hobbies. Cooking serves as her creative outlet, where she harmonizes flavors inspired by her travels, sharing delightful culinary experiences with family and friends. The energy of concerts and sporting events fuels her spirit, where she thrives on passion and camaraderie. In quieter moments, she finds solace in the intricate art of needlework, weaving captivating narratives into her creations.

As a proud fifth-generation resident of Harlingen, Texas, she exemplifies unwavering dedication to community service through her active involvement with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and her position as the 2025 Vice Chair of the Cameron County Historical Commission. For many years, she has been a committed volunteer for Blue Sunday and has played a significant role in the Holiday Kickoff Mixer for eight successful years.

Her influence extends beyond these contributions; she is a member of the Literacy Center of Harlingen Board, serves on the Podiatric Medical Examiners Advisory Board appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, and holds the role of Vice Chair for the Harlingen Public Library Advisory Board. Additionally, she acts as the Parliamentarian for the UTRGV Collegiate PTSA and is involved with the Tip Of Texas EGA (Embroiderers Guild of America) as a Member, Webmaster, and Outreach Chair.

She is enthusiastic about the opportunity to nurture the dreams of foster children throughout the Rio Grande Valley, envisioning significant growth for the organization in the future.



But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.
-1 John 3:17-18

How can YOU Help?

We depend on donations to support our relief, prevention and awareness programs. With your support we can continue to grow our Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for Abused Children and our outreach programs to South Texas victims of abuse.

Donations for Blue Sunday may be mailed to:

Blue Sunday
PO Box 531653
Harlingen, TX 78553
We can be reached at
956-373-8815
Admin@BlueSunday.org



Scan Here to Donate Today!



Picture Perfect!



St. Albans 3rd graders visit Blue Sunday

In a heartwarming visit, St. Albans' 3rd graders journeyed to Blue Sunday, bringing with them a bounty of 61 gifts for the children of CPS. These treasured offerings are destined for young souls embarking on new investigations. In a gesture of kindness, we contributed a cherished gem from our past volunteer, Christy Pohler—a delightful children's book titled Anita Nopal: "I Love You Just The Way You Are", to enrich their children's library.



Sister's Interior

Heartfelt gratitude to Sister's Interior of South Padre Island for graciously hosting a fundraiser sale in support of Blue Sunday! While every shopping spree at Sister's is a delightful reason in itself, this occasion sparked with purpose!



Cameron County District Attorney Luis V. Saenz

We would like to extend our gratitude to Cameron County District Attorney Luis V. Saenz and his exceptional team of prosecutors for their unwavering commitment to defending and protecting the children throughout the Rio Grande Valley, as well as for their generous donation.



NeighborFest - Wesley Methodist Church

A heartfelt thank you extends to Wesley Methodist Church for graciously welcoming Blue Sunday and their CPS kinship care families into their Neighborfest, unveiling the magnificent mural gifted by an anonymous benefactor, and expressing gratitude to H-E-B Cares for their generous contributions towards the building's restoration.



Helping Here.

Holiday Fashion Show by KK's Closet at Provecho y Salud benefitting Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention! Thank you to everyone involved in the success of this amazing event!



KK's Fashion Show

Special Thank you to ALL of the amazing supporters that held events to benefit Blue Sunday this holiday season!
 The Republican Women of Cameron County, Autumn Acres MH RV Park in Brownsville & Garcia Media Services

If you would like to host an event to benefit Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Initiative or to donate please contact us at:
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THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING THE 9th ANNUAL

BLUE SUNDAY

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION GROUP

Holiday Party

BENEFITTING:



Thank you to all of the guest, gift card donors and sponsors that made the 9th annual Holiday Party a success!

The Moonrock
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Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Legacy 1994-2024

RELIEF

We assist CPS families and aging-out foster teens monthly with essentials like beds, groceries, rent, utilities, clothing, gas, car seats, and more.

CAMPS

I CAN CAMP: Prepares foster teens for college or trade school, builds trust, and provides tools to break the cycle of abuse with a focus on sobriety, education, and faith.

SEW CAMP

Teaches foster teens to sew and improve focus. Texas aims to replicate this program statewide. www.isewcare

GRADUATION CELEBRATIONS

Our annual party celebrates all foster teen graduates. Those who complete trade school or a college course in high school receive a \$500 gift for securing a trade or free college tuition.

BLUE ZOO DAY

We bring foster children together with siblings from separate homes, fostering better outcomes through sibling connections.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SEMINAR

An annual seminar for prevention professionals and South Texas churches, focusing on recognizing and preventing abuse and launching orphan care projects.

HAPPY FAMILIES MATERIALS

Free resources provided to replace fear-driven materials concerning child safety for schools, churches, and health clinics.

CHRISTMAS

We provide gifts and groceries to the poorest CPS families every Christmas.

MONTHLY BROWN BAG LUNCHEON

Brings sister agencies together for a meal, speakers, sharing needs, and prayers.

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We supply school essentials to **500+** abused children annually.

NATIONAL BLUE SUNDAY DAY of PRAYER

We ask churches to pray and offer resources to help them start their own orphan care missions.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication. Together, we are changing the trajectory of abused children's lives through education, sobriety, and faith.

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REGISTER AT WWW.BLUESUNDAY.ORG FOR THE BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

APRIL IS *Child Abuse Prevention Month*

WHAT WILL YOUR CHURCH DO?

Blue Sunday
Child Abuse Prevention Initiative

CR
Celebrate Recovery
A Christ Centered Recovery Program

ACE
OVERCOMERS

Care Portal

Pray

Join millions for the 31st Annual Blue Sunday Day of Prayer on April 27th when churches nationwide unite in prayer for child abuse victims and their rescuers. Pray they are rescued, healed, and loved. Register at Bluesunday.org for free resources. Who better to pray than your church?

Addiction

The majority of child removals stem from incidents related to drugs and alcohol. Consider initiating a Celebrate Recovery program in your church to aid adults in overcoming addictions. Visit www.celebraterecovery.com for more information. Who better than your church to set the captives free?

Cycles of Abuse

Approximately 22% of adults in the church have faced childhood trauma. Visit www.ACEOvercomers.com for a Biblical approach to support both adults and youth dealing with its effects. Who better than your church to heal hearts and restore families?

Poverty

Every foster child dreams of family reunification, but starting over can be overwhelming. www.CarePortal.org links the faith community with the needs of children in your city. Who better than your church to offer support, prayers, and an invitation to church?



Blue Sunday is not affiliated with the mentioned ministries but appreciates their impact on changing lives. Explore www.bluesunday.org for a list of prevention organizations eager to partner with churches... just like yours!
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