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Methodist Justice Ministry is honored to be awarded a [Healthy Kids, Healthy Families®](#) (HKHF) grant by [Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas](#) (BCBSTX) to help provide on going services including counseling and helping ensure a stable home environment to our MJM families.

The HKHF funding will support BCBSTX's commitment to community-based organizations supporting children and families who have been impacted by the health, economic, and social implications of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Launched in 2011, HKHF started as a three-year project designed to improve the health and wellness of at least one million children through community investments. The program was extended as BCBSTX's ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of the children and families across Texas.

Rev. Brooks Harrington, Legal Director at MJM, stated "The ongoing services that MJM offers through our Safe Home Program is paramount in helping break the generational cycle of abuse and that children and go on to live a life of independence and stability for themselves and their children. The HKHF funding will allow us to provide valuable resources that will prevent women and children returning to their abuser due to financial hardships. We are truly grateful for their support."

"This year's grant process was especially important given the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Sheena Payne, BCBSTX's director of Community Investments. "So, we are happy to award these grants that will support and nurture meaningful and transformational projects across Texas. Strategically, it is also important that we continue to aid community-based organizations that are directly supporting children and families who have been impacted by the health, economic, and social implications of this pandemic."

The HKHF program – which centers on nutrition, physical activity, disease prevention and management and supporting safe environments – has awarded \$14 million in funding and impacted the lives of close to three-million children and their families in Texas.

The mission of the **Methodist Justice Ministry** is to provide light and hope to families who have experienced neglect and domestic violence by providing free legal representation and ongoing support to ensure that the children are with a caring and protective caregiver and the women can lead a life without the fear of violence and abuse. To learn more, go to <http://methodistjusticeministry.org>