

Cast Your Vote:

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Voting Period:

Voting begins Feb 3, 2019
and ends 1 PM on Feb 10,
2019

Rules:

Voting is open to Access
attendees ONLY.

Each person may vote for
up to 3 organizations.

Each person may vote for
each organization only
once. If multiple votes are
cast for an organization
by a single person, the
vote will only count once.

Questions:

For questions, please
contact:

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ALTERNATIVE ADVENT GRANT CONTEST - VOTER'S GUIDE

Purpose

Last year (2018), we invited all of you in the Access Community to submit your favorite 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations as candidates to receive our first fruits offering from Love Builds. We now invite everyone to vote on the submissions to determine together which organizations will receive the grant money.

We have put together this Voter's Guide with input from the grant applicants to help you make an informed decision about which organizations you would like Access to support. Up to 3 \$2500 gifts will be given based on your votes.



Organizations on Ballot

Amaanah Refugee Services

Access Contact: Camille Frey



What this Organization Does:

Amaanah's mission is to revolutionize the post-resettlement industry for refugees. We specifically serve single mothers and children. Through our program for single mothers, we empower women to achieve financial stability and independence. Our education program helps promote healthy integration into the school system for elementary and middle school students.

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

Amaanah continually strikes me as an organization that is uniquely leading the refugee services field. Some of the key themes that stand out about Amaanah are: the long term commitment to client stability, the specific attention to single mothers and children, the practice of welcoming & hospitality, and the diverse community that Amaanah embodies. Amaanah teaches me more about what it looks like to love my neighbor and care for the widow and orphan.

Christ Clinic Katy

Access Contact: Denise Murray

**We've Got
You Covered!**

18 years of service to the Katy community



What this Organization Does:

Christ Clinic Katy provides primary care medical evaluations with board certified doctors or mid-level providers at minimal cost to the patient & community, including but not limited to diagnoses, on-site labs, medication/pharmacy assistance, health education, PT, mental health services, & mammograms via Project VALET.

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

Christ Katy Clinic matters to me as a volunteer during Hurricane Harvey & as a former free clinic RN in Los Angeles. I know first-hand how tirelessly clinic teams work to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people living & working in our community with very limited resources as a faith-based non-profit. Their most immediate need is for new building supplies as they were forced to move administrative offices off-site due to expanding exam room needs. Access is all too familiar with such a need & I am hopeful we can help.

Foster Care Advocacy Center

Access Contact: Stephanie Truong

FOSTER CARE ADVOCACY CENTER

help individuals navigate difficult systems and secure necessary services.

What this Organization Does:

The Foster Care Advocacy Center (FCAC) represents children and parents in child welfare proceedings and strives to take the most challenging cases. FCAC employs a multidisciplinary approach, marrying social work and law, to

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

FCAC provides an alternative to a corrupt court-appointment system. In November 2018, the Texas Tribune discovered that Harris County juvenile judges were appointing a handful of private attorneys an extraordinary amount of cases in exchange for campaign contributions. Too many cases means inadequate representation at the expense of taxpayers and, more importantly, the children and families being served. All three judges have since been voted out and the time is ripe for FCAC to disrupt the system.

InterVarsity (Gulf Coast Area)

Access Contact: Tiffany Hsiau



What this Organization Does:

InterVarsity is a national interdenominational campus ministry that aims to serve students and faculty on college campuses, seeking renewal, change, and transformation in their lives. They do this by establishing and advancing witnessing communities where students and faculty of diverse backgrounds can build life-long friendships and explore faith.

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

I am thankful for InterVarsity's impact on my life starting from when I was a college freshman during which I began to question and have discussions about identity and spirituality. Their core values of discipleship, going deep into God's Word, multiethnicity, justice, partnership, missions, and many more helped grow my understanding of the full gospel and how to purposefully integrate my faith into every area of my life. I was a student and staff with InterVarsity for 11 years and have seen lives transformed through God's work in this organization, including my own. There are still campuses in our city where there are no witnessing and missional communities, and with new vision to have presence in every corner at every campus, InterVarsity wants to see more students and faculty know God's redemption for the world.

K-9 Angels Rescue

Access Contact: Alice Sun



What this Organization Does:

K-9 Angels rescues dogs from the greater Houston animal control facilities where healthy, adoptable dogs are destroyed every day simply because they have no home, no family, to call their own. A dog selected into their rescue program remains in their care until adopted.

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

We, as well as others in our community, have been greatly blessed by dogs K-9

Angels have rescued that may have been euthanized. They pulled our dog, Batik, out of the county shelter despite having two broken legs and a venomous bite on her face. The volunteers nursed her back to health in their own homes. They also vaccinate, spay/neuter, and microchip all the dogs in their care. I believe they are caring for God's creations, and they use

donations in a fiscally responsible way since the entire organization is volunteer run.

Loving Houston

Access Contact: Elaine Hui



Helping Churches Serve Local Schools

What this Organization Does:

Loving Houston inspires and equips churches to partner with and build long-term relationships with local schools so that every child, parent, and teacher can experience Jesus' love in a tangible way. They have helped start 60 new church-school partnerships, resulting in hundreds of new volunteers now serving our schools in Jesus' name.

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

I believe strongly in the power of education and its ability to break economic barriers and cycles of poverty, which so many of our children in Houston face. I also believe God calls us, as the church, to engage in the community to create change in a loving way and in Jesus' name. Loving Houston lives out this calling by equipping the church to mentor children, support teachers, and engage with parents.

M4 Network

Access Contact: Andrew Sauer



What this Organization Does:

The M4 mission is to plant the Gospel in unreached soil globally and locally. They accomplish this through multiplication by disciples making disciples who are rooted in Christ's love. The movement is set apart by disciple-making that spreads through relational networks that encourage and enable churches to reproduce. Existing churches are mobilized to make disciples of all nations through M4 helping to equip and send their disciples. Maturing leaders and churches who are committed to the vision of No Place Left. (Romans 15:23, Matthew 24:14)

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

I don't risk my life on a daily basis. They do. The M4 Network is founded on mission, multiplication, movement, and mobilization. To me, they are all about spreading the Word, globally and locally. They are doing several things very well and it's all based on their belief in making disciples. They go where most churches won't—gangs and prisons. They are also actively involved in planting churches in Africa, mentoring and teaching the pastors.

Millennium Relief and Development Services

Access Contact: Joseph Fuller



What this Organization Does:

Millennium Relief & Development Services was formed in 1998 to support innovative international relief and development workers. MRDS teams adapt common approaches or programs in order provide a more compassionate

and intelligent response to the unique needs of communities in complex situations and/or difficult regions.

Why this Organization is Important to Me:

I have worked at the MRDS support office for over a decade. Our teams believe that quality community development (we call this “intelligent compassion”) is a vital part of realizing the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. The mentality in our support office is that we exist to serve the teams abroad as best we can: endeavoring to simplify project management and admin tasks so that they can focus on their work in the field.

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