



small steps nurturing center

Small Steps Nurturing Center News - Winter 2022

Friends of Small Steps,

Happy New Year! At Small Steps, we are kicking off 2022 with grateful hearts. This holiday season was filled with abundant blessings for our Small Steps families, including the donation of:

- Boxes of Blessing filled with non-perishable groceries and turkeys for our families at Thanksgiving;
- Family baskets filled with household items like laundry detergent, crockpots, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and other necessities;
- Christmas gifts for all Small Steps students and their siblings; and
- New winter coats and hand-knitted sweaters to keep our students warm this winter.

One parent said, "I truly don't know how to express my gratitude...Small Steps has given us so much...from family baskets to Christmas gifts and now jackets. Please give a huge thank you to whoever is making this possible!"

Thank you to our community for being the hands and feet of Jesus this holiday season. Your support of Small Steps through these contributions and your financial donations enables us to fulfill our mission in the Gulfton and Fifth Ward communities.

As we begin a new semester amidst the Omicron surge, we ask for your continued prayers for the health and safety of our staff, students, and families.

With gratitude,

Ana Schick
Executive Director



A Texas-Sized Thank You



This fall, we celebrated the **Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's** 90th anniversary with a visit from Howdy! Yeehaw! We feel tremendous gratitude for the Rodeo's significant support of our Scholarship Society again this year. We are blessed to partner with like-minded nonprofits to further educational opportunities in Houston, and we look forward to the return of one of our city's greatest events this spring!

These Shoes Were Made for Playing...



...And that's just what they are doing! **Grace Bible Church** supports Small Steps in so many impactful ways, but one of the most special is their annual shoe drive. Every student received a new pair of shoes! The day after they received them, we saw many students parading them through the halls, eager to say, "Look at my new shoes!" Thank you, GBC!

Thank you, Spindletop!



In the fall, volunteers with **Spindletop Charities** visited our Fifth Ward campus and revitalized our playground and garden for our students. They cheerfully spread mulch in the Texas heat - thank you!

Spindletop also held a Unity in Community event where volunteers assembled take-home craft kits for our students to continue learning over the holidays. We are so

Successful Fall Events for Small Steps



In November, we held our **Nurture & Nourish Luncheon** and guests were treated to an inspiring message from speaker, Caylin Moore. We are so grateful to our wonderful event chairs, Blair Loocke, Chelsea Pacey, and Lara Marie Thielhorn. With their leadership, the Luncheon raised more than \$200,000 for Small Steps.

In October, we held our **26th annual Small Steps Golf Classic**. Despite an unusually hot October day, the event was a tremendous success raising more than \$640,000 for

thankful for our partnership with Spindletop Charities!

Small Steps. A special thanks to our Title Sponsors, EnCap Investments L.P., Kirkland & Ellis, Riverbend Energy Group, and Wells Fargo for their lead gifts!

If you are interested in any of our upcoming spring events, please visit our [website](#).

Hispanic Heritage Month at Small Steps

From September 15 to October 15, Small Steps celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month! We celebrated this special time with school decorations, fun dress up days, Selena music at carpool, and class projects. We loved having the opportunity to highlight the heritage of so many of our students and staff!



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