

## Mission Grant Spotlight

**Houston Coalition for Life (HCL)** was a grateful first-time recipient of an LWML Texas District grant in 2022. Funds enabled the purchase of Christian devotionals — *Dear Mother*, *Christmas Story*, and *Redeeming Mama* — as well as 200 Bibles to be given to the women in crisis pregnancies served by HCL.



Founded with the mission of ending abortion in Houston peacefully and prayerfully, HCL operates five Blue Blossom pregnancy centers, including four mobile crisis units: Big Blue, Baby Blue, Little One, and Little Two, and the main office. All offer free pregnancy tests, free ultrasounds, and free Christian counseling to abortion-vulnerable women.

The majority of women served through the pregnancy centers are underserved and do not have a network of support, which includes the lack of a church family. They consider abortion because they are oftentimes pressured by the father of the baby, their family or friends; or feel like they have no other choice. However, once moms are introduced to their baby via a free ultrasound, 93% will choose life.

The team at HCL provides individualized counseling and each mom is invited to free Curriculum of Life classes provided through the Maternal Assistance Program. One of HCL's clients who had been struggling and received a devotional and a Bible said: "Nobody has ever been so nice to me," and "the Bible means so much to me. I started to read it and I know that God put you into my life and I am so grateful."

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