



BLUE SUNDAY

NEWS

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



St. Theresa Catholic Church
of San Benito



Wesley Methodist Church
of Harlingen

Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer

For abused children and those who rescue them

April is an important month for us at the Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Initiative. It is recognized as National Child Abuse Prevention Month and also marks our Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer for abused children and those who rescue them.

On the final Sunday of April, we invite churches around the globe to join us in a sincere prayer for children who experience abuse and for those who are committed to their rescue. This year, we were delighted to have over 200 new churches reach out to participate in this vital event!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped raise awareness and ensured our prayers were united in faith. Remember to save the date for the 2026 Blue Sunday National Day of Prayer on April 26!

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

Brunch in Blue

August 16, 2025

Stefano's Brooklyn Pizza

10 A.M.

Join us to celebrate our local Blue Sunday heroes and raise money to help us end child abuse in the RGV! There will be awards, a guest speaker and a silent auction.



Purchase your
ticket or
sponsorship
here

SPAZMATICS!

The Moon Rock

April 26, 2025

6-11 PM

MORE INFO
HERE!



Director's Corner

Where to start? The last six months have been a whirlwind filled with emotions, learning experiences, innovative ideas, and so much joy! I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the Blue Sunday angels who have consistently supported me and our mission here at Blue Sunday. I've received phone calls, emails, and even handwritten letters from our supporters across the globe, all brimming with encouragement to keep pushing forward with our mission. Thank you, each and every one of you, from the depths of my heart.

I'm thrilled to announce that we launched the season with our new Blue Sunday Advisory Board. The team members graciously accepted their roles and have become an invaluable sounding board for us at Blue Sunday. I can't wait to see how this group evolves alongside us!

This season has been packed with an abundance of activities. We began with our "I Can Camp" at Big Red's Ranch, which was my first time attending this event, and it quickly became one of my most unforgettable experiences. It was truly heartwarming to see the smiles of young foster teens as they engaged in fun games, swam, and took part in arts and crafts. I will always treasure the special moments they shared with their PALs (Preparation for Adult Living) coordinator or one of the pastors during the daily Bible lessons. The impact made by the volunteers on these young adults was extraordinary.

In April, we took part in several events across the RGV to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month. It was uplifting to witness our communities—along with law enforcement, caseworkers, teachers, parents, and children—come together to stand against child abuse.

Blue Sunday has several upcoming fundraising events, and I hope to see you all there! Your support is crucial for Blue Sunday to continue making a positive difference in the lives of these children.



Kristin Luckey - Executive Director

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

-Matthew 11:28-30 KJV

Is there any Scripture more comforting than this? Who among us is weary and burdened? Isn't that you? Aren't those the children we serve? Don't we all yearn for someone stronger and wiser to relieve our burdens? This illustrates the essence of the Christian life. If we continue to bear the weight alone, we are not living according to Christ's intentions.

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! I CAN CAMP 2025

We want to kick things off by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who made I Can Camp 2025 a reality this year!

A huge thank you goes out to:

Big Red's Ranch, Stefanos Brooklyn Pizza, St. Alban's Episcopal Church, The Harlingen TX Daughters of the King group, Foster Angels of South Texas, Faith Christian Church Harlingen, Wesley Methodist Church, Harlingen, TX, Lorie Swayze, Superior HealthPlan for Foster Care, Terry Best Dreibelbis, the BBQ Team, Christian Fellowship Church, Alex Ambriz, Frontera Quilt Guild, All of the CPS, DFPS, and PALS teams and, of course, the incredible Blue Sunday All-Star Team!

Last but certainly not least, a special shoutout to the H-E-B Cares division of H-E-B for their consistently generous donations year after year!



I Can Camp, Troop 4:13:
Where Fun, Faith, and Your Future Collide
Camp Goals:
College or trade school bound
Embracing the great outdoors
New beginnings starting now!



Sew Camp

We are thrilled to announce that Blue Sunday Sew Camp was a fantastic success! Eleven enthusiastic teens rose bright and early on both Saturday and Sunday to collaborate with some incredible volunteers. They learned how to create a variety of projects, including: Pillowcases, Rice neck warmers, Pillowcase bags & Japanese knot purses. Once the teens completed their projects, they were surprised with brand new sewing machines and all the essential accessories!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated Blue Sunday volunteers and our wonderful instructors: Claudia Mendoza, Michelle Everett, Missy Morrow, Sue Thomas, Pat Thomas, and Linda Villarreal. We also extend our gratitude to Wesley Methodist Church for graciously allowing us to use your parish hall, and to Ms. Julie for your warm hospitality!



Law Enforcement Day

Blue Sunday was privileged to take part in Law Enforcement Day at Valley Haven, an event organized by Cameron County District Attorney Luis V. Saenz! We had the chance to distribute "Stuffies," generously donated by the Harlingen Sunburst Rotary Club, to the residents. What a truly wonderful blessing!



Harlingen Junior League Annual KidFit

The Junior League KidFit 2025 was a fantastic occasion! Our "Pledge Against Child Abuse" banner is now filled with signatures!

The Annual KidFit Festival and Fun Run welcomes families from Harlingen and the entire Rio Grande Valley community. This event is free of charge. It attracts numerous families eager to engage in educational experiences, enjoy entertaining activities, and participate in an optional one-mile fun run. Participants can discover local services, explore nutrition, and find ways to lead a healthier lifestyle.



THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING BLUE SUNDAY



St. Albans Daughters of the King Donation

The Daughters of the King at St. Albans Episcopal Church in Harlingen deserve our sincerest gratitude for their generous donation of over 40 suitcases to benefit RGV foster children. We would also like to extend a special thank you to Father John Inserra for providing a blessing over the suitcases and offering prayers for their recipients.

Blue Sunday Book Club Donors

We are thrilled to introduce our Blue Ribbon Book Club! We're seeking donations of new Christian books suitable for children of all ages, which will be distributed to foster children across the RGV. If you're in search of a community or class project that positively impacts our local area, this is the perfect opportunity! Thank you to the Rhyner Family, Hannah Crews, the St. Cecilia Catholic Church Junior Catholic Daughters of America group and so many others who have donated!

Here's a link to our "Wish List" page, showcasing approved books that can be conveniently purchased through Amazon and shipped directly to Blue Sunday.



Scan here with your camera phone to go to our "Wishlist"



Rocket the Space Giraffe



Suzanne Shepard, the author of *Rocket the Space Giraffe* and *Wish Upon a Star*, recently visited to donate several copies of her books along with adorable stuffed giraffes for local children in foster care. You can buy your copy on Amazon or at the Gladys Porter Zoo, with all proceeds benefiting the Gladys Porter Zoo right here in Brownsville!

First Church of the Nazarene



Blue Sunday would like to express its sincere gratitude to the kind-hearted women of the Harlingen First Church of the Nazarene Ladies Bible Study Group. Their generous donation of thoughtful gifts is sure to bring joy to our foster teens!

On behalf of the entire organization, we want to express our deepest gratitude for your recent donations. Your support means the world to us and the communities we work with. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of those we serve, and we are immensely grateful for your commitment to our unique cause here at Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Initiative.



Wesley Methodist Church, Harlingen



Christian Fellowship Church, McAllen

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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BREAKING**NEWS**


BRUNCH
BENEFITTING
Bløe Sünday
Child Abuse Prevention Initiative

 **AUG 16** 10:00 AM

TICKET & SPONSOR INFO

WWW.BLUESUNDAY.ORG

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4201 US-BUS 83
HARLINGEN



BENEFITTING
Bløe Sünday
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The **SPAZMATICS**

OPENING BAND


APRIL 25, 2026
THE MOONROCK - HARLINGEN, TX
6 PM - 11 PM

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FRIENDS OF BLUE SUNDAY

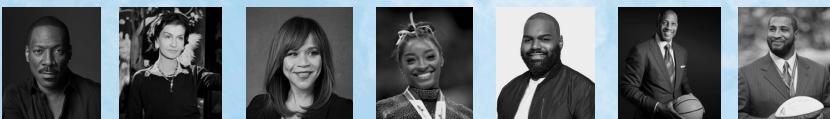
NEW PROGRAMS AT BLUE SUNDAY

THE CYCLE BREAKERS ART GALLERY

is a collaboration between Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention and a former foster youth. This exhibit celebrates celebrities who once faced these statistics, but refused to be defined by them. It's a tribute to resilience and a reminder that with en-couragement, resources, and community, foster youth can thrive. Cycle Breakers is more than an art gallery. It's life changing inspiration.

To current foster youth: Your story isn't over. Never stop believing in yourself.

To everyone else: Do you feel called to help? What could you or your faith community do to support foster youth? Visit Bluesunday.org for more information.



This program was researched, written, and curated by Jenn Conde, a former foster youth and failed adoptee who is passionate about telling the stories of individuals who overcame systemic obstacles. Her lived experience informs her dedication to advocacy, research, and storytelling that centers resilience, healing, and hope.

NEXT STEPS **Bløe Sünday**
DONATION DRIVE!

JOIN US IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OUR LOCAL FOSTER TEENS AS THEY EMBARK ON THEIR NEXT ADVENTURE INTO ADULTHOOD! WE ARE HOSTING A COLLECTION DRIVE TO GATHER ESSENTIAL ITEMS THAT WILL HELP THEM BEGIN THEIR NEW JOURNEY WITH CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT. WE KINDLY ASK FOR DONATIONS OF NEW ITEMS, INCLUDING CLEANING SUPPLIES, KITCHEN ESSENTIALS LIKE POTS, PANS, DISHES, AND UTENSILS, BATHROOM NECESSITIES SUCH AS SHOWER CURTAINS, TOWELS, AND TOILET PAPER, AS WELL AS BEDDING SETS, IDEALLY DORM-STYLE. EVERY CONTRIBUTION, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT. TOGETHER, WE CAN ENSURE THESE YOUNG ADULTS HAVE THE BASICS THEY NEED TO THRIVE IN THEIR NEW CHAPTER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DROP OFF LOCATIONS



656-373-8815 www.BlueSunday.org Admin@BlueSunday.org
Item drop-off deadline is August 23rd

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

APRIL IS

Child Abuse Prevention Month

WHAT WILL YOUR CHURCH DO?



Pray

Join millions for the 32nd Annual Blue Sunday Day of Prayer on April 26th 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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