

Texas Hope at Children at Heart Ministries

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ROUND ROCK—Children at Heart Ministries shares the hope of Christ with single mothers, troubled teens and children in crisis in Texas through Texas Baptist Children's Home, Gracewood and Miracle Farm. But the agency also is teaching those who are helped to do the same by giving to the Texas Baptist Offering for World Hunger.

When Jerry Bradley, president of Children at Heart Ministries, became aware of the Texas-shaped banks people were filling for the hunger offering, he immediately thought his agency could use them to teach clients the importance of helping others and also involve staff in the effort.

Fighting hunger in Texas is one emphasis of Texas Hope 2010, an effort by Texas Baptists to pray for the lost, care for the vulnerable and share the gospel, giving every Texan an opportunity to respond to the hope of Christ by Easter 2010.

"I was thinking that we feed and help a lot of people here, but this is just one way that a lot of people who are being helped can help others," Bradley said. "Why not have those in our living units or working on our staff help with this?"

Since much of the ministry is geared toward helping children, Bradley believes this will help children see they can help others no matter what situation they are in.

"It's just kids giving to kids," he said.

The agency is in the process of distributing 35 banks to its children's home

cottages and other ministry sites.

For more information about the Texas Hope 2010 initiative, visit www.texashope2010.com.