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## Our Mission

- Unite
- Serve
- Transform

# History & Background

## Dallas

20 years ago

Mike Fechner and Velma Mitchell

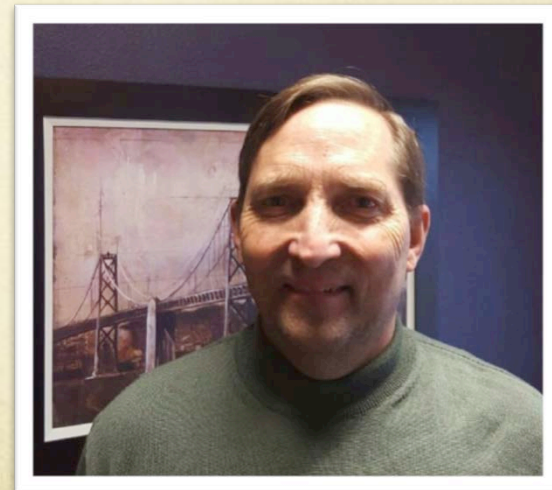
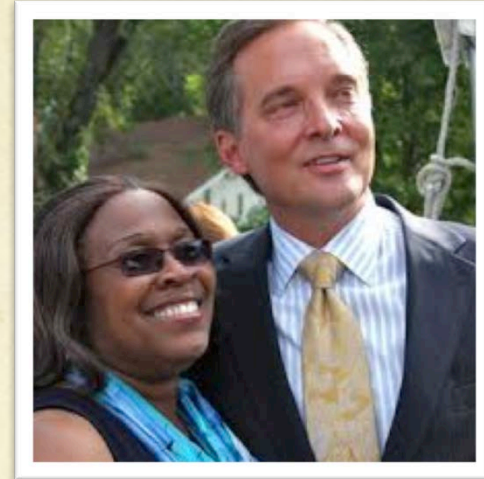
Education, Medical, Spiritual, Economic



## San Antonio

10 years ago

Community Bible Church  
Mel, Ruben, Sandra Fechner





### Needs of Community

Sam Houston graduating rate 20% below state level

74.7% of children below federal poverty level  
\$7482 per capita income (\$21,418 for all SA)

53% of adults have not graduated from High School  
69% of children not "kindergarten-ready."

Homes have virtually no academic resources  
Very little help from family

# Children's Program Goals

- Establish healthy long-term relationships
- Children helped to reach potential
- Develop character traits of a good employee, a good citizen



# Children's Program Activities

## School Year

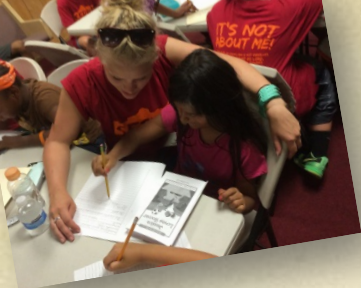
**Homework**—4 days per week 1.5 hours  
Computers, Supervised Crafts and Games  
Snacks

## Summer

**Reading**—Book and report = \$1.00  
Computers, Outdoors, Crafts, etc.  
Snacks

## Special Events

School supplies and backpacks, Christmas gifts for children, Thanksgiving meals, Mother's Day, Father's Day, etc.



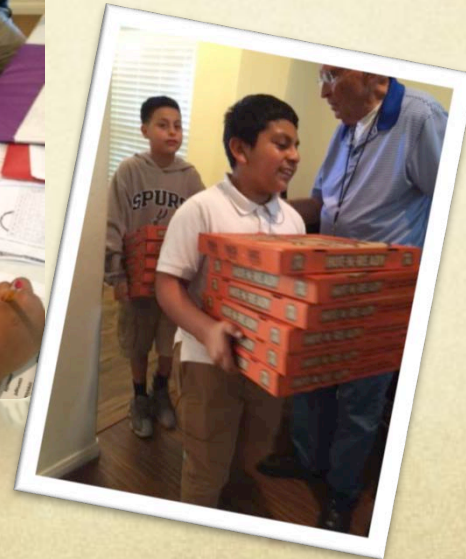
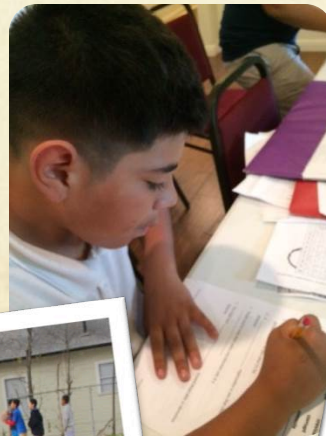
# Family Engagement

- Weekly women's meetings
- Monthly community meetings
- Activities with moms and daughters



# Outcomes

- Long term relationships with children and parents
- New facilities fitted to children's work
- 45 – 50 children in wholesome, activities
- 260 sessions, 390 hours of help for students
- At least 200 hours of formal support for parents
- Students successfully transition to next school level
- Parents encouraged to help children in school
- Students developing fruitful academic behaviors





# Some of Our Partners

## Churches

Community Bible Church  
Living Waters  
Alamo City Christian Fellowship  
Calvary Baptist  
Everyday Christian Fellowship  
Liberty View Church of Christ  
Heights Community Church  
Castle Hills School  
Prestonwood Baptist, Plano  
Fortress Church  
Harvest Church  
Redeemer Presbyterian  
Northeast Bible Church  
Crosspoint Fellowship Church  
Country Church

## Businesses

La Hacienda de los Barrios  
Security One  
Texas Capital Bank  
United Central Control  
Beldon Roofing  
Lee Landscapes  
Ross Electric  
Dorazio Enterprises  
South Texas Alarm Association  
Parker and Sons Plumbing

## Ministries

Children's Hunger Fund  
Daily Bread  
United Way  
Urban Strategies  
Blue Print  
SA Heals

## Government

SAHA  
City San Antonio  
Neighborhood Association

## Education

Booker T. Washington Elementary  
Wheatley Middle School



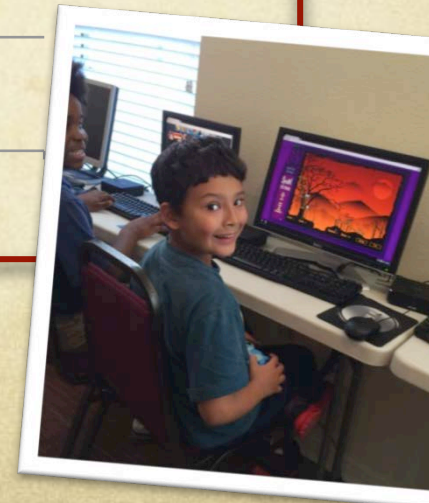
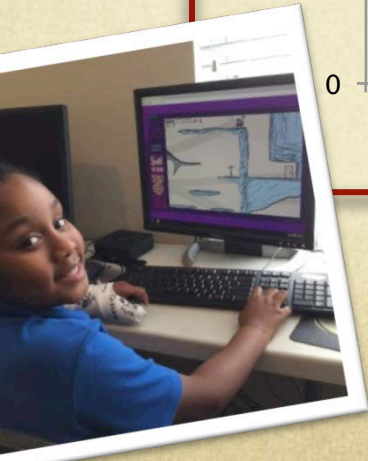
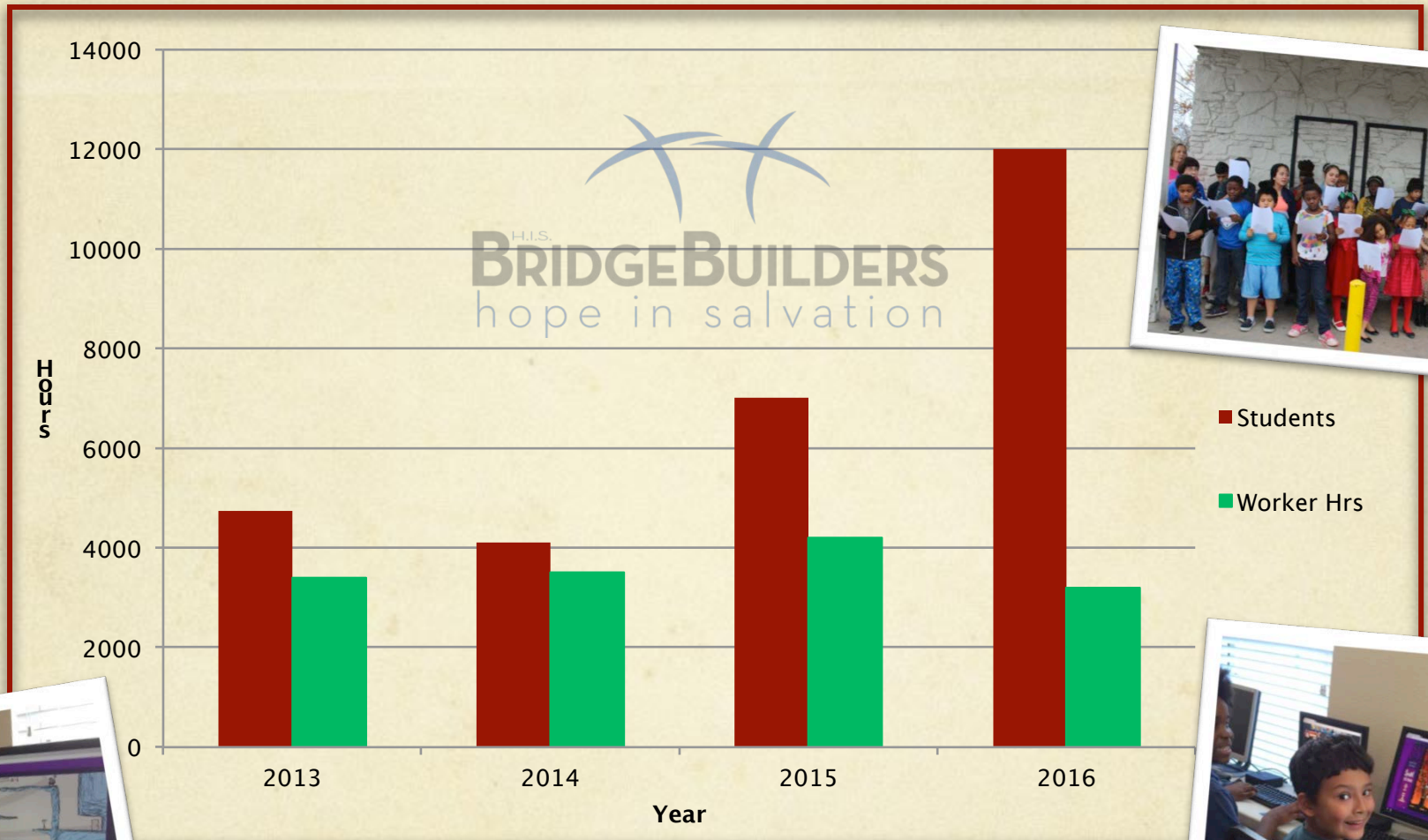
# Impact on Community

## Ten Years from 2006–2016

- 50,416 Residents Served
- 41,000+ volunteer hours
- \$250,000+ annual value to neighborhood
- 2015—First year to serve 10,000 residents
- Improved STAAR test results for neighborhood schools



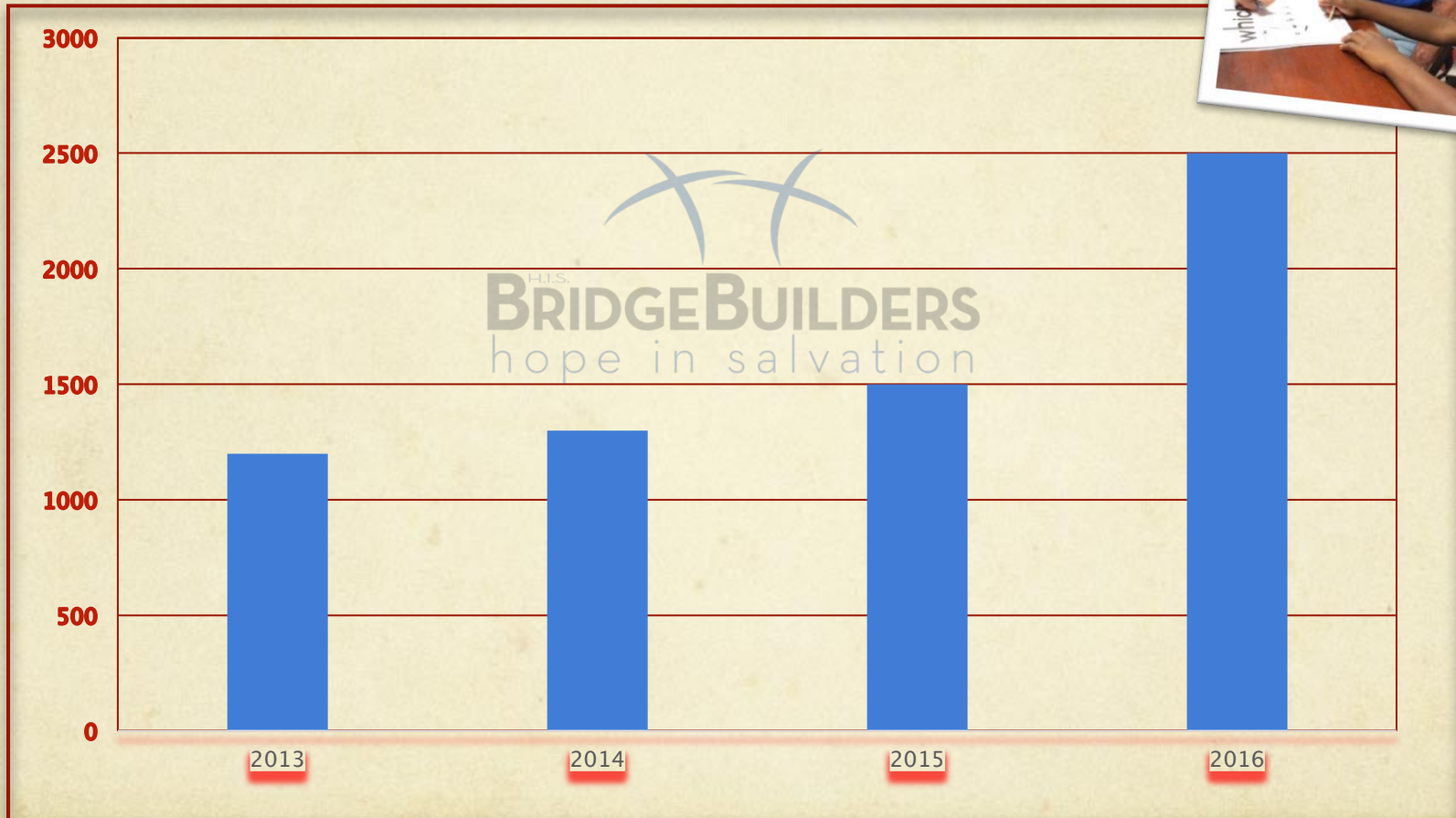
# Chart of Student/Worker Hours (per year)



Note: 2016 extrapolated from January through ½ of June

# Summer Reading Program

## Books



*Note: 2016 extrapolated from first 2 weeks of summer*

# Changed Lives

- 10+ hours per week that 35 – 50 children are not on the street—involvement in wholesome activities
- 71 children read and reported on 1500 books summer of 2015; so far this summer 1346 books
- Neighborhood involvement
- Expanded relationships with SAHA, United Way and the city of San Antonio—City Councilman District 2
- SAFE Officer reports improvement in the community



# Future Plans

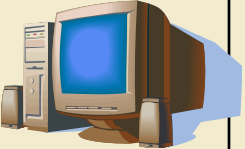

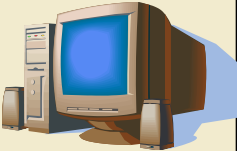


## Increased support from Businesses and Individuals


- Increase in staff and volunteers
- Basketball Court at 718 Arthur
- School supplies and Backpacks
- Christmas Presents for Children

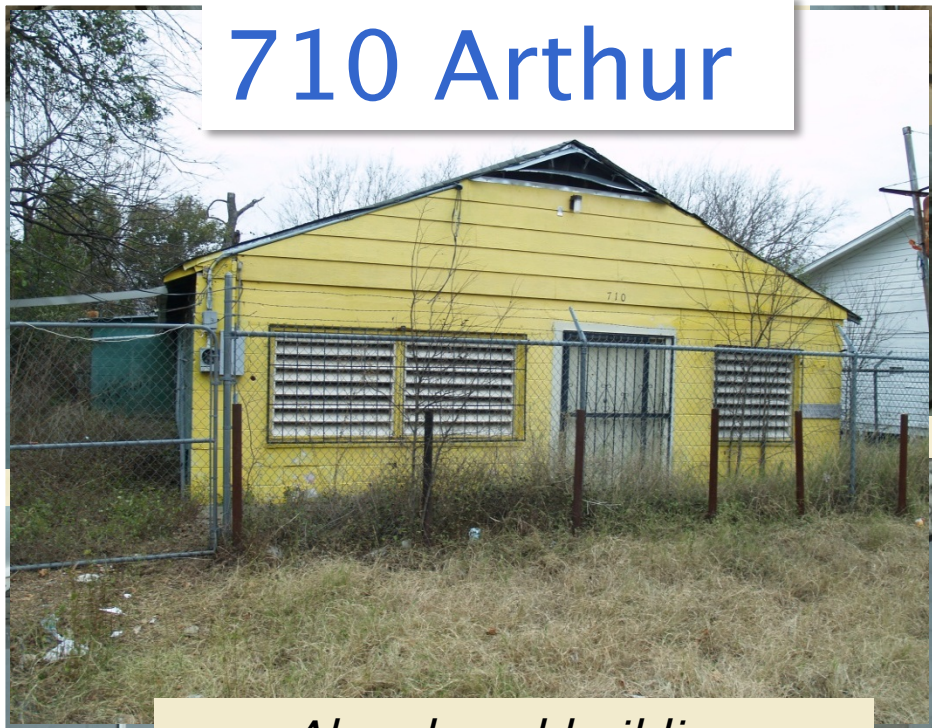


# H.I.S. BridgeBuilders – Regularly Scheduled Activities

All School Age Children and Adults Invited—Free for everyone

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>339 Gabriel</b> 3:00 <b>Computer Class</b> 3:30 <b>Charis Girls</b> 4:00 <b>Children's Bible Study</b>  710 Arthur 4:00 <b>Adult Bible Study</b> 5:00 Prayer	3:30 <b>Out of School Time</b> Homework/ Reading Computers  339 Gabriel  	3:30 <b>Out of School Time</b> Homework/ Reading Computers 339 Gabriel  <i>No Classes on Federal Holidays</i> 	12:00 Noon <b>Charis Women</b> 710 Arthur 3:30 Out of School Time Homework/ Reading Computers 339 Gabriel  	3:30 <b>Out of School Time</b> Homework/ Reading Computers  339 Gabriel  		<b>Special Events</b> <b>Block Parties</b> 6 February 5 March 16 April 7 May 4 June 9 July 6 August 3 September 1 October 19 November 17 December  
<i>"Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11</i>						

	N. Gevers	339/343		Sandra Fechner (210) 602-8305 sfechner@hisbb.org	N. Gevers	
Days	Mittman	Gabriel	Wheatley Middle School	Ruben Fechner (201) 831-0883 rfechner@hisbb.org		710
	Hudson		Football Field	Burleson		Mel Fechner (210) 870-4676 melfechner@hisbb.org
						Arthur



*Abandoned building-*  
an eyesore to the community  
being transformed into useful  
neighborhood space.







**710 Arthur**



# Ministry House at 339 Gabriel (*Mike's House*)



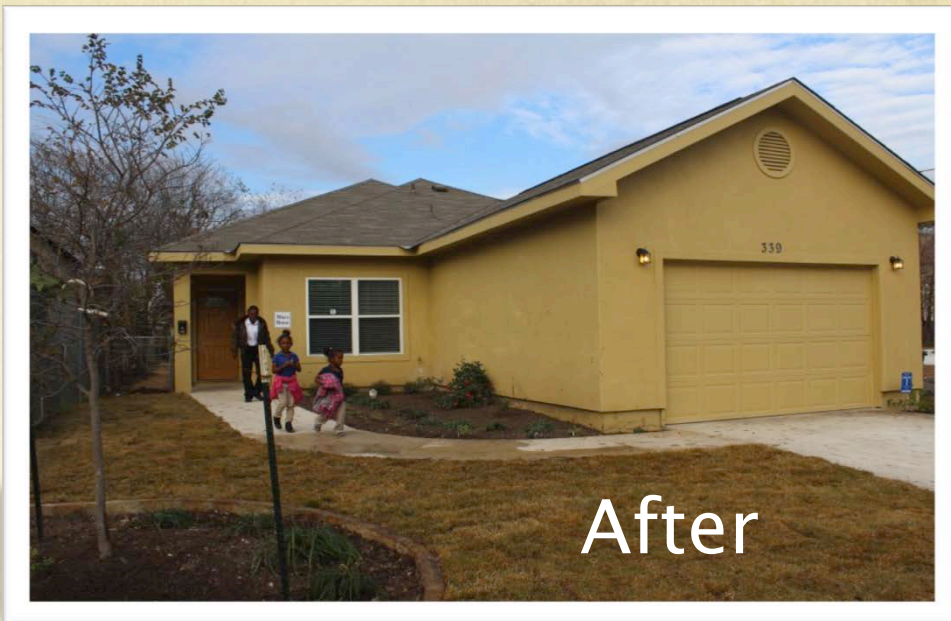
**Children's Activities** — Out of School Time (OST),  
Reading, Computers, Children's Bible Studies,  
Charis Girls

**Urban Missionary**





Before



After



Patio



Storage / Garage)



## 339 Gabriel Contributors Include

**Landmark Surveying**

**Dorazio Enterprises**

**Urban Concrete**

**Parker and Sons Plumbing**

**Sawdon Homes**

**Radiance Homes**

**Beldon Roofing**

**McCoy Building Supply**

**Southwest Exteriors**

**Ross Electric**

**Chambliss Plumbing**

**Jim Westbrook Engineering**

**Peter Dunn Carpet**

**Stone Solutions**

**Beyer Mechanical**

**Security One**

**Lee Landscapes and Design**

**Reynolds Pro-Painters**

**Hollywood Crawford**

**Sherwin Williams**

**The Land Shaper**

*Survey*

*Site Preparation and Pad*

*Foundation*

*Stub in Plumbing*

*Roof framing and Decking*

*Builder of Record, Windows, Dumpster*

*Shingles*

*Hardie Plank*

*Installation of Hardie Plank and Soffit and Fascia*

*Major Electrical Fixtures (Ceiling Fans, Etc.)*

*Major Plumbing Fixtures*

*Engineer studies and Support*

*Vinyl Plank Flooring*

*Ceramic Tile*

*Air Conditioning*

*Alarm and Camera Systems*

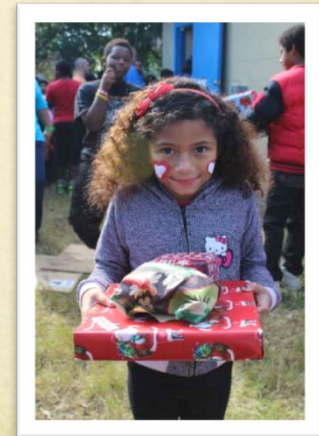
*Landscaping*

*Consulting and Painting*

*Garage Door*

*Paint Assistance*

*Landscape and sprinkler*



*Thank you!*





# The Dreams Live On!



Mike Fechner

