



Junction Spotlight

Mission: Transforming Lives Through Faith and Action

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COVID-19: Due to restrictions some of our programs have been paused.

HELPING US GROW STRONG (HUGS)

HUGS is an early childhood resource designed to reach at risk preschool children. We provide referrals to families in need of a place to send their children to preschool for free or at a low cost as well as food assistance in the form of Tide Me Over Bags. Due to COVID-19 we have created Educational Kits for preschool students that provide the opportunity for parents to connect with their children and help them learn at the same time. Educational kits include an age appropriate book, stuffed animal to accompany the story, a parent guide which includes instructions and suggested schedule for how to use the kits, 4 guided activities with instructions for each, supplies depending on the activity (pencils, colored pencils, sharpener, play dough, markers, etc.), a journal, and a backpack. We work to break the cycle of poverty and guide children on a brighter path to the future by offering opportunities for success.



We love Tide Me Over Bags!



Our first Educational Kit!

STORIES OF IMPACT

Briella a future Kindergartener and her family were concerned when schools first closed in March 2020. They voiced their concerns to staff, like many families they did not know what the future was going to look like for their little ones. As a response we developed Educational Kits to keep preschoolers engaged and learning. These kits were designed to help preschool aged students with both cognitive and motor skills, which they will need to be considered "kindergarten ready." Briella's family received their first kit in September and continue to request them monthly. We have seen tremendous progress in our young students' development thus far and are excited to continue expanding and adding to this incredible resource. With the help of our Educational Kits, Briella is now on the path to becoming kindergarten ready in the fall. We continue responding to COVID-19 needs as we become aware of them and are constantly developing ways to best help our families.