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Organization

- Volunteers, Activities, Involvement
  - Ten member board, 20+ volunteers;
  - Y.O.U.T.H. Group,
  - 501 (c) 3 corporate status, monthly meetings, owns building
- The Community Betterment & Arts Council holds its annual planning meeting with the Mayor, Don Tottingham; the Chamber of Commerce liason; Visitors Centers representative, Elaine Campbell; Imagination Library representatives: Alice Wells and Wilda McNiell; and other members of the community.
- In addition to fund raising, the goals for 2013 to be implemented included:
  1. new board members,
  2. helping the City of Houston up-date MOCAP status
  3. youth representative on board
  4. continuing support of the Arts: Signal Hill Bluegrass presentation; ONE, Contemporary gospel
  5. provide volunteers for the Houston Visitors Center and Chamber of Commerce,
  6. increase sponsors for Imagination Library
  7. increase funds for youth scholarship

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Youth Involvement

• Open to students interested in community service
• Officers for Community Betterment at HHS were: Caroline Dunn, president; Ben Hugenot, vice president; Mikayla Adey, secretary; Kenzie Scheets, treasurer; and Megan Phillips and Emily Ramsey, communication representatives.
• Active Houston High School Program
• Minimum of five Projects per school year
• Partners with Community Organizations
• $500 Scholarship for two graduating seniors
Youth Projects

• Chamber of Commerce Banquet
• Rachel’s Challenge
• Easter Egg Hunt
• Valentine’s Day flowers for Hospital
• Share Your Christmas
• Community Christmas Tree Decoration
• Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast
Community Assessment

- MoCAPP, 2003; Revisions, 2008
- All Missouri Certified City
- Community Betterment one day planning and goal setting workshops
- Texas County Health Department Surveys
- Committee Meetings
- Blueprint for goals and actions in the City of Houston, 2010 Survey sent to 1,000 residents and businesses with over 500 returned
- 2013 City of Houston Strategic Plan

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Assessment Partners

- City of Houston
- Houston Chamber of Commerce
- Texas County Library
- Economic Development
- Texas County Health Department
- Texas County TEAM
- Texas County Memorial Hospital
- University of Missouri Extension
- Houston Community Betterment
- Y.O.U.T.H.
- Houston Newspaper
- Houston Ministerial Alliance
Mission Statement

• Encourage sustainable economic growth
• Support local businesses and institutions
• Preserve quality of life
• Establish and promote jobs, health, safety, housing, recreation and spiritual well-being of the citizens of our community
• Encourage community service through leadership of youth and adults
Goals and Achievements, 2012-2013

- Garden ‘n’ Grow had 15 kids from the Houston Optimist Club’s after-school program plant and harvest close to 60 pounds of produce and 15 different kinds of vegetables.
- Texas County Memorial Hospital acquired Hutcheson pharmacy,
- This year’s Junior Livestock Sale at the Texas County Fair generated more than $100,000.
- New poles with lights went up on South U.S. 63.
- The Houston Ministerial Alliance assisted 349 children at the Back to School Fair,
- More than 600 people attended a Prayer Zone Challenge hosted by the Houston Ministerial Alliance.
- School enrollment increased about 1.6 percent from a year ago.
- The Houston Herald captured 19 awards in the Missouri Press Association’s better Newspaper Contest.
- The City of Houston received a $47,250 grant to develop two new soccer fields at the newly designed Rutherford Park.
- Cannons boomed at the local Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Fairgrounds during a weekend Civil War reenactment event in October.
- New welcome signs are placed at the north and south entrance of the Houston city limits on U.S. 63.

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Community Goals--2

- About 300 people attended Texas County Memorial Hospital’s sixth-annual Chili Cook Off, which raised a record $70,161 for Hospice.
- Salvation Army holiday red kettle campaign raised $20,639
- Undivided Hearts streams its worship service over the Internet.
- The City of Houston received a $248,688 grant to make further transportation improvements near the Houston School District and a $250,000 grant to fund a sidewalk along Oak Hill Drive.
- Organizations plan to renovate Houston’s historic Melba Theatre
- Houston R-1 Schools bond issue passes with 72-percent approval
- Houston choir awarded 42 medals at state.
- Kindergartners receive biking helmets and safe riding instruction.
- Police hope to combat drug use with K-9 dog
- Relay for Life raises $29,000
- The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission approved nearly $5 million in improvements to US63
- The Delta Regional Authority has awarded $150,000 to a building project on the Texas County Memorial Hospital campus
- Houston hosts regional Missouri Community Betterment Workshop

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## Planning

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Community Betterment and Arts Council plans | Visitor’s Center Volunteer Program | Provide volunteers from June to August from 10:00am-2:00pm Monday-Friday | Provide service to local Chamber of Commerce and Visitors to our community |
| Project No. 2  
Houston Ministerial Alliance, Undivided Hearts | Carry the Cross | Volunteers celebrated the Easter season by holding crosses across Texas County | Establishing a yearly celebration during the Easter celebration |
| Project No. 3  
Texas County Memorial Hospital | TCMH Expansion | Provide needed medical equipment, personnel and services to the county | Permanent medical facilities and services to area residents. |
| Project No. 4  
Community Betterment and Arts Council plans | Community Betterment Facebook Page | Provide links to information about activities in the community to the world | Provide year-round information to our community. |
| Project No. 5  
MoCAPP, City of Houston Chamber of Commerce, | Emmett Kelly Tree Inventory | Replace trees damaged by attrition and storms to Emmett Kelly Park | Establishment of beautiful entry to Houston |

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2013 Projects

• Visitor’s Center Volunteer Program
• Carry the Cross
• Texas County Hospital Expansion
• Community Betterment Facebook Page
• Emmett Kelly Park Tree Plan

2013 Youth Projects

 Share Your Christmas
 Rachel’s Challenge
Project History

2011
Poor Farm Cemetery
Fantastic Reasons to Walk and Ride
And Then There Were None
The Fight for Texas County
Hospital Expansion
YOUTH: Hospice Fundraiser
YOUTH: Spring Flowers and Eggs

2012
Houston Visitor’s Center Volunteer Program
Fantastic Reasons to Walk and Ride
Auditioning a Ghost
Lone Star Plaza Pavilion
Emmett Kelly Park Tree Plan
YOUTH: Share Your Christmas
YOUTH: Valentine’s I Love You

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1. Visitors Center Volunteer Program

Houston Community Betterment and Arts Council

- Visitors Center Volunteer Program
- Coordinator: Linda Gibson
- Type: Long Term (1-5 years) Continual maintenance
- Time Frame: Date Begun, June, 2012, On-Going
- No. of Volunteers: 15 Age range of volunteers 40-70
- Cost of Project

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- Sources of Funding

Grants ________
Donations _____ Volunteer labor; 20 hours per week

- Narrative

Through a NAP credit project, an old market was refurnished to house the Houston Visitors Center. It is leased to the Houston Area Chamber of Commerce for offices for their Director. Located on US Highway 63, many tourist and local patrons stop in for information. The Visitors Center Volunteers answer the phone and are available for giving directions and serves as the welcoming voice for our town.

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Then – (Walnut and U.S. 63) circa 1950s, Arthur and Stella Haney’s Market, across from Houston’s best spring and on the highway to Rolla, was a popular business. The spring was a favorite spot for soldiers from Fort Leonard Wood. They waited there to hitch a ride to Rolla. Many found their bellies filled with sandwiches offered from the proprietors across the road. A new cobblestone store was constructed in 1936, and Arthur continued to be progressive with his inventory. He made trips to St. Louis to sell parakeets raised by Stella and came back with trees, shrubs and avocados, things no one in the area sold, or foods no one had ever eaten.

Now – in December 2006, Downtown Houston Inc, a nonprofit organization, purchased the vacant Haney Market from Mike and Sandra Manier. The native cobblestone has been restored and the Houston Welcome Center is open for business and includes items of local art, history and interest.


**Made of Stone**

Roy Troutman was a 20-year-old the summer of 1939, when he helped Charlie Trapp, a Houston stone mason, build some of Houston's cobblestone buildings. Stones were gathered from Texas County fields and dry creek beds. They were spread out flat, over the building site. “They couldn’t be stacked, you had to look for just the right stone,” said Troutman. His job was to carry rocks and buckets of mortar up the ladder to the stone mason who put the puzzle pieces together until they formed a wall. Troutman hauled rocks and cement, scurrying back and forth on the ground, mixing sand, cement, lime and water in a 3’x5’ pan. “It couldn’t be too wet or too dry,” he said. “I carried it in a bucket up the ladder and kept the (mason’s) board supplied all the time.”

After the building was constructed, a decorative bead was added to the cement seams. You could choose brown or black. Black was the most common. A dry powder called “lamp black” was added to the cement mix. “It was just like gun powder,” said Troutman. “By the end of the day, my face was as black as the mix. We took a beader and went around (the seams). It was slow and dirty work.” “It was a murderous job,” he said. “I sometimes carried stones close to my own weight. (130 lbs.)

For his summer wages, Troutman was paid 15 cents an hour.
The Houston Visitor’s Center near Oak Hill Drive and U.S. 63. Persons can learn more about the area. The Houston Area Chamber of Commerce also has an office there. Volunteers work M-F 10:00am-2:00pm.
2. **Carry the Cross**

- **Undivided Hearts**
- Grades 6-12
- Coordinator: Jeff McNiell
- Type: Long Term (1-5 years)
- Time Frame: Date Begun, Mid Jan-March, 2013
- No. of Volunteers: 400+ Age range of volunteers 5-70+
- Cost of Project

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  - Other (explain) _____

- **Narrative**

  The Houston Ministerial Alliance hosted an Easter program which included testimonies, a drama presentation, music from Shekinah Glory and Undivided Hearts and a message about the cross from Pastor Bill Villapiano of Faith Fellowship. The program culminated a day that will began at 7 a.m. with Carry The Cross. More than 135 10-foot crosses were held by more than 400 people located every quarter mile on U.S. 63 from the Cabool city limits to north of Licking. The crosses were held from 7-11 a.m.

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Darin Walker cuts PVC pipe as a group of area Christians built 100 crosses for Carry The Cross. More than 135 crosses lined U.S. 63 from Cabool to Licking as believers stood with 10-foot crosses alongside the highway. John Petersen, carried a cross from Licking to Cabool. That night, a community Good Friday program was held inside Hiett Gymnasium.

The material for the Crosses were purchased from funds that were donated to Undivided Hearts by churches and individuals. The participants raised money selling #iwillcarrythecross T-shirts with proceeds going toward the shirts. David Arthur spent several hours cutting pipe and the group had a cross building night where 30-40 people helped assemble them for an hour. The morning of the event, the food pantry donated its truck and a driver to use for four hours.
Christians from across Texas County joined together on Good Friday to celebrate with two events. The first, Carry The Cross, was part of a statewide effort to line highways with 10-foot crosses. The second was a community event that evening inside the Houston High School gymnasium.
More than 130 crosses held by hundreds of people lined U.S. 63 from the northern county border to the communities of Licking, Houston and Cabool.
The Undivided Hearts worship team leads music during a community celebration on Good Friday. The event included testimonies from earlier in the day, music, a drama presentation and message from Pastor Bill Villapiano of Faith Fellowship.
Larry and Meri Wrest hold a cross at the northern border of Texas County.
3. Texas County Memorial Hospital Expansion

Texas County Memorial Hospital
Coordinator: Wes Murray
Type: Long Term:
Time Frame: Ending 2013
No. of Volunteers: Age range of volunteers

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Sources of Funding
To fund the expansion, TCMH received an $18.1 million, low interest loan from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The 59,000 square foot expansion will be funded with $16.9 million. The second phase of renovation totals $1.2 million in loan funds.

Narrative
The Texas County Memorial Hospital Expansion—the largest in it’s 53-year history — features a two-story structure. The ground floor will houses a 13-bed emergency department, a radiology suite and an expanded registration area. The second floor features a 32-bed medical surgical floor with private patient rooms.

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Jeffrey Kerr, DO, emergency department medical director, reflected on the growth he has witnessed in his 20-plus years of work in the ER. He recalled the days of four patient beds and ringing a bell after midnight to gain entrance. “Our new department has doubled in size from even rooms to 15 rooms, and we anticipate rapid growth in the future of the ER,” Kerr said.

Kerr explained that the TCMH ER is working toward special trauma and stroke designations. The department plans to offer urgent care during peak times in the new facility.

Kerr noted that the new department has improved safety features, more patient privacy, and improved and integrated technology. “The teamwork here makes TCMH a special place,” Kerr said. “Our staff is excited about giving of themselves to make us one of the best rural hospitals in the nation.”

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The American and Missouri flags are raised during the Masonic cornerstone laying ceremony at Texas County Memorial Hospital. The event was part of a day-long grand opening that included public tours and a ribbon cutting to celebrate TCMH’s 59,000 square foot expansion.

Photo by Jeff McNiell

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Members of the TCMH board of trustees cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the hospital’s expansion. The celebration included more than 500 members of the community.

Visitors travel down a hallway in the new emergency room area during tours of the expansion project at TCMH.
On a milestone day for Texas County Memorial Hospital, CEO Wes Murray wasn’t certain how to feel. “I’m numb,” he said. “I am amazed that this day has finally arrived.”

After several years of planning and two years of construction, the historic day arrived …the grand opening of a new 59,000 square foot building. The hospital’s expansion—the largest in the institution’s 55-year history—includes a new emergency department, radiology department, registration department and medical surgical floor.

The Rev. Beth Duckworth, member of the TCMH Volunteer Chaplain’s Association, anoints the front entrance of the TCMH expansion.
4. Houston CB Facebook Page

- Community Betterment & Arts Council of Houston
- Coordinator: Wilda McNiell
- Type: Long Term 2012 Start-up year, Continuous project
- Time Frame: Date Begun, August 2012 Date completed, Continuous
- No. of Volunteers: Age range of volunteers 60+
- Cost of Project
  - Materials
  - Labor $500.00
  - Total $500.00
- Sources of Funding
  - Donations $500.00
- Narrative
  - In supporting two of the missions of the Houston Community Betterment and Arts Council: (1) Support local businesses and institutions and (2) Establish and promote jobs, health, safety, housing, recreation and spiritual well-being of the citizens of our community, our group felt that we should expand our horizons to include the technology field by creating a Facebook page. Through this media, our group has been able to highlight a multitude of happenings in our community that is broadcast to the world. We are, also, linked to the Missouri Community Betterment organization and local organizations as we support growth, industry and publicity for our town.

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MCB: Now’s the Time to Get on Board
Just a reminder, a benefit softball tournament will take place at the Texas County Fairgrounds tomorrow. Lunch will be served from 11:00 to 1:00. $5 will get you a pulled pork sandwich, chips, cookie, and a drink. All proceeds benefit the Houston Police Dept. K9 Program. Come on out and watch some great softball and help with a great need within our community.

Police Dept. K-9 Dog

One Concert: Contemporary Christian Music July 13 at 7:00pm
Community Building, Houston Area Chamber of Commerce Fairgrounds
Upcoming Event!
June 21, 2013
Truck Pull and Spectacular Firework Show

New Moms

FIRE WORKS

Signal Hill

Back to School
Imagination Library…Help sought for program that places books into local homes.

June 13th between 8:00-8:30 am electric will be off for approximately 2 hours for all of North St, Orchard Grove and the south side of South Oak Crest.
5. Emmett Kelly Park Tree Plan

City of Houston

- Coordinator: Elaine Campbell, Joe Kirkman, Jim Root
- Type: Long Term 2011 Start-up year, Continuous project
- Time Frame: Date Begun, 2012 Date completed, 2012
- No. of Volunteers: 5  Age range of volunteers 60+
- Cost of Project
  - Materials $8,366.00
  - Donated $14,633.00
  - Total $22,999.00

- Sources of Funding
  - Grants: $6,576.00
  - Donations: Mo. Conservation Dept. $4,000.00
  - City of Houston $14,633.00

Narrative

Because of the loss of trees in Emmett Kelly Park Tim Frevert, Missouri Conservation Department prepared a tree plan to remove diseased trees and replace with mature, Missouri Native trees. The goal was to enhance the views of the park, provide summer shading, maintain an open view through the park, increase the diversity of tree species, and remove poor, declining and badly damaged specimens. The plan was the basis for the Mo. Conservation Department TRIM grant that was funded in August. Through a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance cost share program, the City of Houston received $6,576 to replace diseased trees with 62 native Missouri trees to provide shade to Emmett Kelly Park.

MCB: Now’s the Time to Get on Board
Emmett Kelly Park’s Tree Population

MCB : Now’s the Time to Get on Board
ABOVE: Missouri Department of Conservation resource assistant James Harlan cuts wire from the burlap covering on the root ball of a cypress tree being planted at Emmett Kelly Park in Houston.

BELOW: City of Houston employee Albert Foxworthy, right, and Parks and Recreation Department Director Jim Root deliver a load of trees.
In May, the final step started taking shape in the City of Houston’s effort to upgrade the tree population at Emmett Kelly Park. City employees, Missouri Department of Conservation workers and workers from a prison crew began planting 62 trees at the park, purchased through a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant provided through a cost-share program administered by the MDC in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forest Council.

The new trees replaced 26 that were removed because of storm damage or age, and added shade to areas of the park that have previously been exposed to hot summer sun.
Workers involved in the recently completed tree planting project at Emmett Kelly Park gather as Travis Mills of the Missouri Department of Conservation presents a check for $6,576 to Joe Kirkman of the City of Houston. The funds were from a Tree Resource Improvement and Maintenance (TRIM) grant provided through a cost-share program administered by the MDC in cooperation with the Missouri Community Forest Council. Front row, from left, Dale Adey (City of Houston), Mills, Kirkman and C.J. Moore (MDC). Back row: Scott Gettys (Houston park board), Albert Foxworthy (City of Houston), Travis Campbell (City of Houston), James Harlan (MDC) and Bryant Chilton (MDC).

By Doug Davison, Houston Herald
Y.O.U.T.H No.1 Share Your Christmas

- Community Betterment and Arts Council Y.O.U.T.H
- Share Your Christmas
- Coordinator: Maggie Jadwin
- Type: Long Term 2013
- Time Frame: Date Begun, 2011 Date completed, 2011, 2012,
- No. of Volunteers: 25 Age range of volunteers 13-18
- Cost of Project
  - Materials Donated $250.00
  - Labor Volunteer $200.00
  - Total $450.00
- Sources of Funding
  - Grants_______ $
  - Donations_____ $
- Narrative
  - The Community Betterment Y.O.U.T.H, raised more than $250 to adopt a family from the annual Share Your Christmas, which benefits the needy in Texas County during the holiday season.
  - The group accumulated the funds with themes at Houston High School. Students paid $1 to wear hats for a day, and teachers contributed $5 to wear jeans for a week.

*MCB : 50th Anniversary*
The annual campaign to help needy children in Texas County at Christmas time continues this year. The program is headquartered in the basement of the Lions Club Den on North U.S. 63. Children enrolled are assigned case numbers, and people wishing to help are encouraged to “adopt” a specific case or provide general donations.

- The Houston Community Betterment Youth raised $250 to shop for three children in the Share Your Christmas campaign, Two “Angel Trees” documenting enrolled children and their cases were set up in Houston, one at the Walmart Supercenter on South Sam Houston Blvd. and another at Untangled Salon on First Street.
Members of the Community Betterment Y.O.U.T.H group help with the Share Your Christmas program. From left, Emilee Reese, Kenzie Scheets, Ben Hugenot
The Community Betterment Y.O.U.T.H, raised more than $250 to adopt a family from the annual Share Your Christmas, which benefits the needy in Texas County during the holiday season. The group accumulated the funds with themes at Houston High School. Students paid $1 to wear hats for a day, and teachers contributed $5 to wear jeans for a week. The group is sponsored by Maggie Jadwin.
Piles of clothing surround volunteers with the annual Share Your Christmas campaign that aids children in the county.
Y.O.U.T.H. No. 2 Rachel’s Challenge

Community Betterment and Arts Council Y.O.U.T.H
Rachel’s Challenge
Coordinator: Maggie Jadwin
Type: Long Term 2013
Time Frame: Date Begun, 2012 Date completed, 2013
No. of Volunteers: 10 Age range of volunteers: 15-18

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Narrative

After experience Rachel’s Challenge at the 2012 Missouri Community Betterment Conference, fourteen Houston High School students undertook the process to have the program in March, 2013. The seniors especially wanted the program before they graduated. After raising the money required the daylong schedule of Rachel’s Challenge activities included assemblies at both the high school and middle school, and culminated with an evening community event.

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At the 2012 Missouri Community Betterment conference Monday at Lake Ozark, Houston’s youth group beat out Louisiana to take first place in Category IV. Pictured representing the Houston team are MiKayla Adey, Kelli Albrecht, Ty Albrecht, Sadie Ashworth, Delbert Campbell, Elaine Campbell, Caroline Dunn, Emily Gabel, Chelsea Hinton, Ben Hugenot, Maggie Jadwin, Nichole Motzkus, Kenny Overy, Tony Overy, Emily Ramsey, Emily Reese, Kenzie Scheets, Chynne Wildhaber.
Touching millions
Legacy of Columbine victim lives on in program coming to Houston in March

By DOUG DAVISON, Houston Herald
Not long before she became the first of 13 murder victims at Columbine High School in Colorado on April 20, 1999, 17-year-old Rachel Joy Scott wrote an essay that included the statement “I have this theory that if one person will go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same.” Shortly after her death, Scott’s parents found a tracing of her hands and a message written on the wall behind her bedroom dresser: “These hands belong to Rachel Joy Scott and will someday touch millions of peoples’ hearts.”

Fast-forward to the present day, and those and other words the young girl left behind are part of the driving force in an organization designed to spread the sentiment they convey. Called Rachel’s Challenge, the organization was started by Rachel’s father and stepmother, Darrell and Sandy Scott, after the couple realized their daughter’s writings and drawings not only had an impact on her friends and classmates, but also resonated with students around the world. With a mission statement of “motivate, educate and bring positive change to many young people,” the organization’s representatives appear at schools and in communities around the world to deliver what many witnesses call a powerful a message.
Thanks to the efforts of the Houston Community Betterment Y.O.U.T.H. group (Youth Organization Understanding Tomorrow’s Houston), a Rachel’s Challenge presenter came to Houston on March 5. The group became aware of the program by witnessing a presentation last October during the annual Missouri Community Betterment conference at Lake Ozark.

“It was very powerful,” said Houston Community Betterment director Elaine Campbell. “The 14 high school students we took to the conference were extremely fired up about it, and they wanted to bring it here as soon as possible. Especially the seniors; they wanted it this year so they could be in on it, and March was the earliest we could get it.”
The daylong schedule of Rachel’s Challenge activities included assemblies at both the high school and middle school, and culminated with an evening community event. The one-hour assemblies (middle school set for 8:30-9:30 a.m., high school 10-11 a.m.) featured an introduction of Rachel, her story, and the challenge, and each student was given five challenges of their own. The targeted result for middle school kids was that they finish the hour with a renewed sense of hope that their lives matter and they themselves have a purpose. The desired goal for high schoolers was for them to consider where they stand in relation to the five challenges.

Following lunch, the presenter worked with 100 selected students of various ages to more closely focus on Rachel’s Challenge and expand on its potential impact.

Students from Raymondville and Success were bussed to Houston to participate.
Rachel’s Challenge presented to community

The Community Betterment Y.O.U.T.H. raised $3,500 to bring Rachel’s Challenge to Houston in March. The program launched as a result of the life and writings of 16-year-old Rachel Joy Scott, the first victim of the Columbine ( Colo.) High School shooting.

Making the event possible were the Intercounty Charitable and Educational Foundation, McDonald’s of Houston, Community Crossroads Church, Houston MSTA, Houston MNEA, Beta Sigma Phi, Northside Baptist Church, Walmart, Houston High School and Middle School students and staff, Houston Sorosis Club, Carol VanderVean, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Adey, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Gabel, Deanna Smith, Hardee’s of Houston, Raymondville United Methodist Women, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mcniell, Larry and Dr. Tricha Benoist, Mr. and Mrs. Don Tottingham, Mr. and Mrs. Chalky Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Campbell, Mr. And Mrs. Charlie Malam, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Jarrett and Mr. and Mrs. Michael Friend