

MESA-OUTREACH, INC. (formerly Houston Northwest Community Center, Inc.), a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, was formed in late 2009 as an independent community-based organization to help fill the void left behind when Bear Creek Assistance Ministries, the area's most significant community service provider, shuttered its doors. HNwCC started its Food Pantry operations in 2012 when one family attended the first food pantry night. We have grown significantly in the numbers served and the programs offered since that time.

The Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan in late 2016 to better serve our community and improve our visibility to the greater community of our vision and mission. One of the actions was to rebrand the organization with an easily recognizable logo that better depicted who we are and what we do. A team of volunteers was formed with individuals from our community with differing backgrounds to accomplish this. What came out of this was the idea of a table being the foundation for families, a place where ideas are discussed, decisions are made, support is given, and a sense of togetherness is found. We found that this was how we all felt about our interactions at HNwCC, whether in need of help, serving those in need, donating resources to realize the programs, or governance of the organization, we are all neighbors at this table to improve the quality of our future for the community. **MESA-OUTREACH, INC.** is the result of these efforts where there's a place for everyone at our table.

