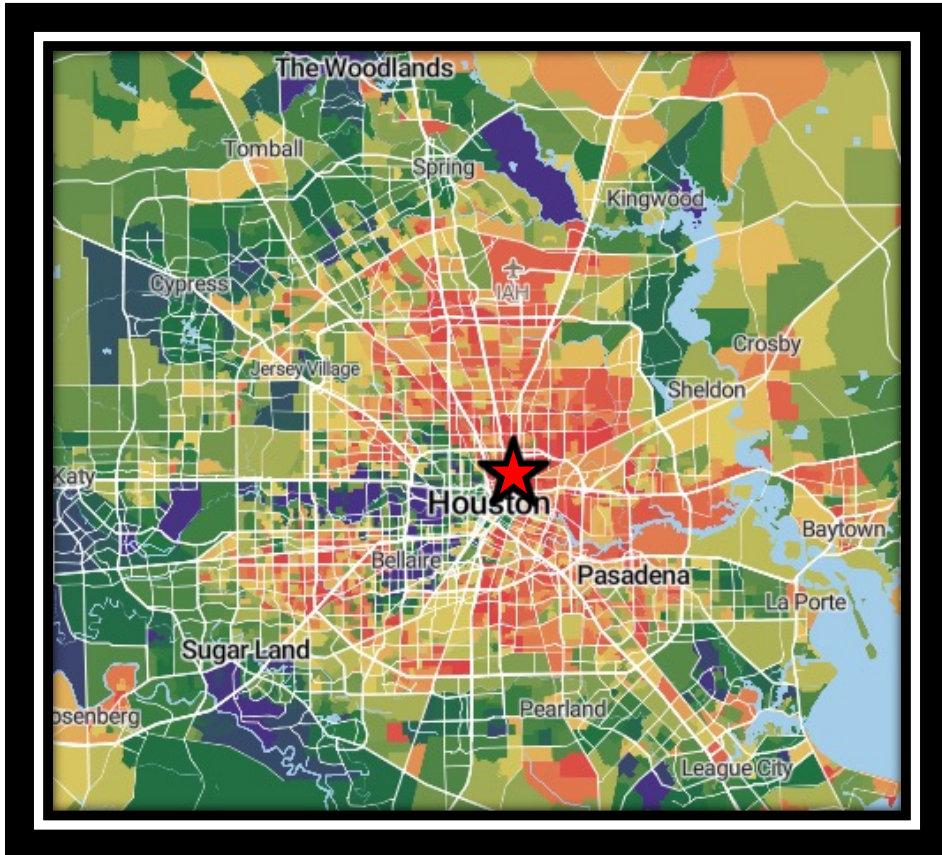




# The Compassion Center



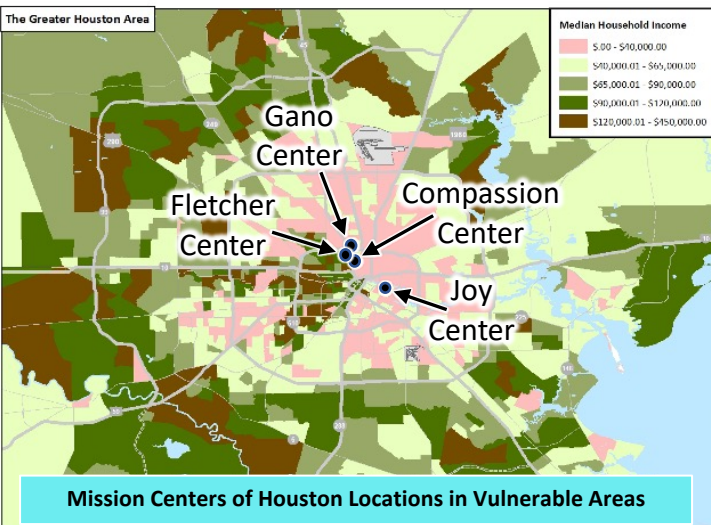
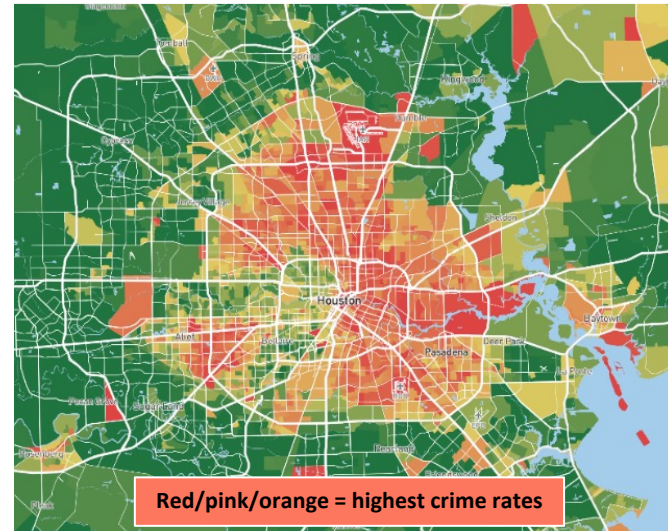
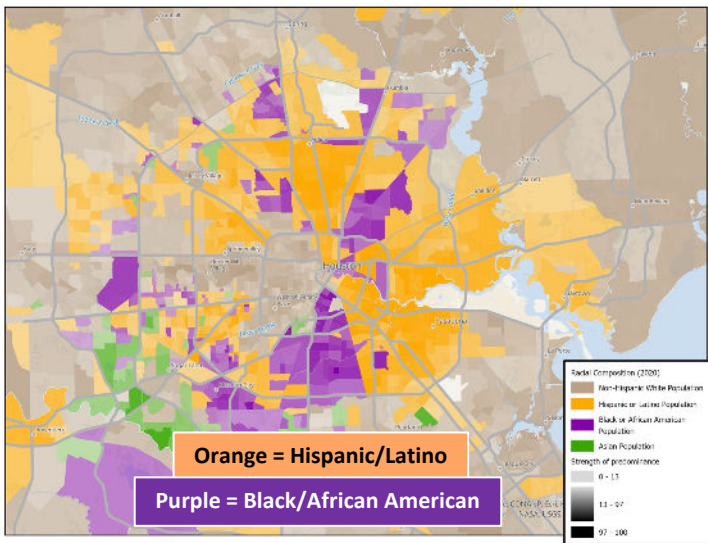
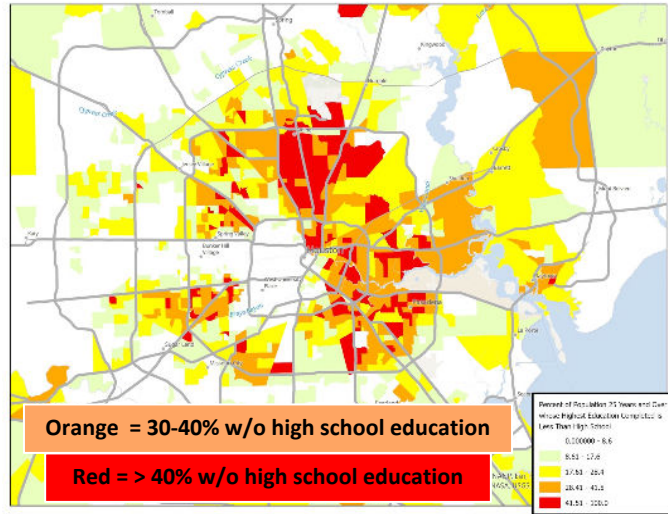
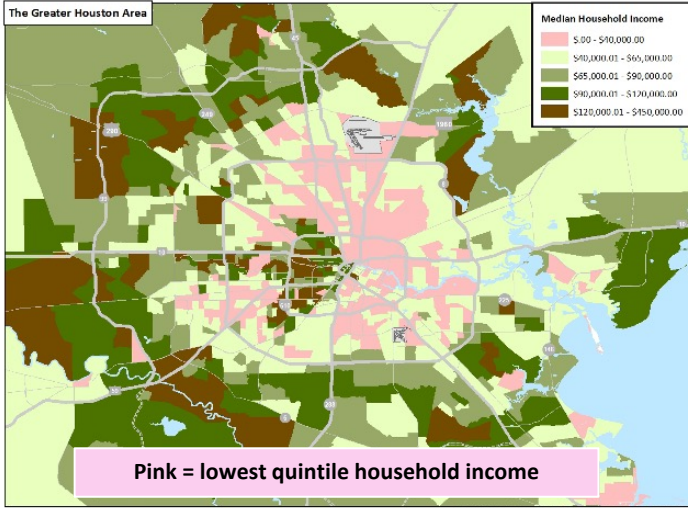
Equipping local churches in Houston's most vulnerable communities with the resources and training needed to achieve positive, sustainable change in the name of Jesus Christ.

*Matthew 9:36 (NIV)*

*When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

# The Problem

Large areas of Houston are suffering from ongoing poverty and a lack of compassion-based help available to meet people's needs. The constant influx of immigrants and refugees to the Houston area continues to exacerbate the problem. The local church has been shown to be one of the best ways to provide positive change in a community, but the lack of resources and support have greatly hindered this from happening.

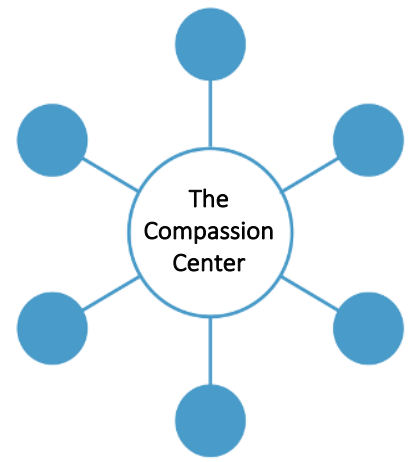


These under-resourced areas are characterized by:

- Lowest household income in Houston
- Multi-generational, 'ingrained' poverty
- Food deserts
- Poor education systems
- Higher crime rates
- Continual influx of immigrants & refugees
- Lack of resources to meet physical needs
- Lack of churches and civic organizations capable of meeting needs

# The Solution

Using a 'hub and spoke' model, Mission Centers of Houston leverages 60 years of experience in compassion-related mission work to equip local churches in vulnerable communities with physical goods, services and training to meet the needs of residents within those communities. The Compassion Center is the hub from which physical goods and training is disseminated. Local churches serve as hubs to provide the manpower and relational strength that can make a lasting impact for positive change within their communities.

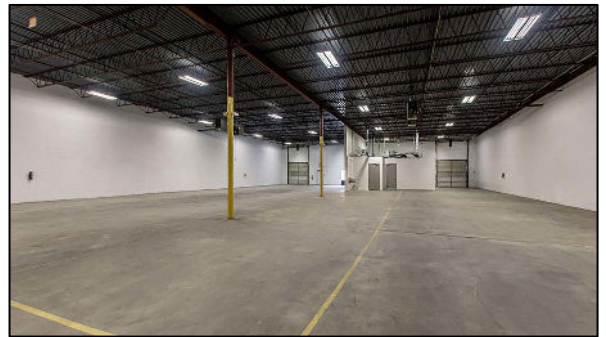


## Elements of Success

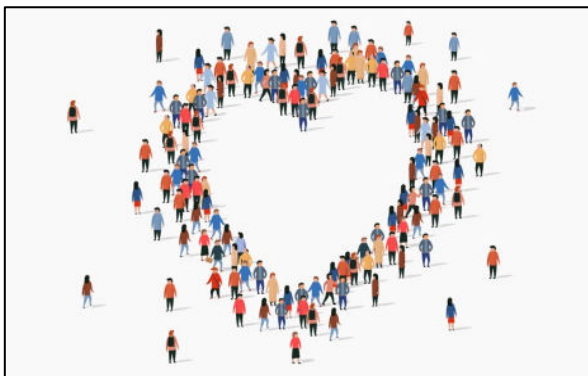
Goods-in-kind donations supply chain



> 10,000 sf warehouse space & equipment



Network of financial & volunteer support



Training & equipping systems/procedures



Committed local church leaders & volunteers

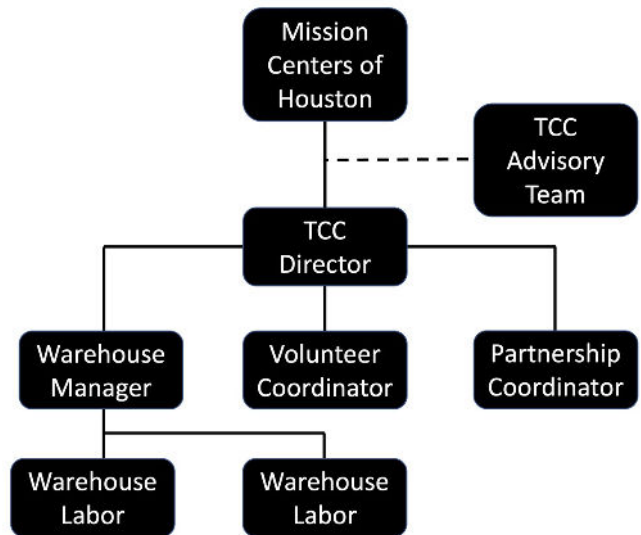


Ongoing encouragement & accountability



# Organizational Structure

The Compassion Center (TCC) is a division of Mission Centers of Houston (MCH), operating under its 501(c)3 charter. TCC Advisory Team consists of the MCH Executive Director and representatives from the MCH Board, supporting partners, and local church partners supported by TCC. The purpose of the team is to ensure TCC operates efficiently and effectively, and to provide help and direction for growth into new areas.



## Timeline

### Q4, 2022

- Secure initial goods-in-kind supply chain(s), recruit supporting partners
- Prepare and equip warehouse space, begin receiving and distributing goods-in-kind
- Develop partnership covenant, reporting procedures and training curriculum
- Establish volunteer protocols

### Q1 & Q2, 2023

- Hire TCC staff
- Build supply chain, establish partnerships with other nonprofits (clothing, food)
- Train initial group of supported churches/planters (est. 10)
- Establish TCC Advisory Team, begin quarterly meetings
- Build social media and website presence
- Develop online system for resource requests
- Host first quarterly 'Celebrate and Share' event with supported partners

### Q3 & Q4, 2023

- Continue building inventory handling capacity, optimize processes
- Continue recruiting additional churches/planters/nonprofits and train
- Host quarterly 'Celebrate and Share' events
- Develop special seasonal programs to meet holiday needs

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