

To whom it may concern,

The Baby Stewart Foundation was founded by Ashley Gooden-Stewart in August 2015, shortly after the death of her three 1/2-month-old son CJ Stewart. BSF's mission is to provide working-class families and individuals in need of baby necessities, hygiene products, clothing, car seat safety, and bereavement support at no cost. Items are mostly distributed to West Texas City and the Texas City area.

Since 2016, BSF has served senior citizens, working families, infants and children, and individuals in West Texas City and the Texas City area. Baby Stewart Foundation understands that transportation is a barrier in our community, and the items are distributed to recipients' homes. Throughout the years, BSF has donated to God's Kingdom & Restoration Ministries, Barbour's Chapel, New Life Church of Texas, Greater St Matthews, La Marque Chapel, Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church, Jerusalem Baptist Church, St Vincent's, Our Daily Bread, The Future is Us, Pregnancy Help Center of Galveston, Salvation Army, TDCJ Galveston and Carole Young Unit, TCISD, GISD, HISD, Khambrel Foundation, Spring Branch Community Health Center. In 2015, BSF hosted a candlelight vigil for Infant Loss Awareness at Barbour's Chapel. In 2016 - 2017, BSF hosted back-to-school bashes at Carver Park. In 2017, BSF distributed hygiene bags and baby necessities at La Marque Chapel after Hurricane Harvey. In 2021, BSF co-hosted a turkey giveaway with former Commissioner Keith Henry at Carver Park.

We have received recognition from Khambrel Foundation, Carolyn Taylor Lee Foundation, Club 68, Nia Cultural Center, Positive Black Women of Galveston County, CWS, Simply the Basics, Voyage Houston, Shoutout HTX, Canvas Rebel, Authority Magazine, Medium, President's Volunteer Service Award, former mayor of La Marque Bobby Hocking, Galveston Daily News, and Keep La Marque Beautiful Commission.

The Baby Stewart Foundation has served the Texas City area for eight years. We are aware that there is funding available to nonprofit organizations servicing the citizens of Texas City. We would like to apply for funding to help better serve Texas City. Funds will be used for venue expenses for distributing free hygiene items, clothing, and household essentials. The funding will help us fulfill our mission and provide recipients with assistance.

Sincerely,

Ashley Gooden-Stewart



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