

## CSA #1 – Aldine Executive Summary

### Demographics:

The Aldine area is a predominantly Hispanic area located on the northeast side of Houston. Over 50% of the population is Hispanic, with the remainder of the population consisting of equal proportions of African Americans and Anglos. The median household income and the median home value are about half that of the Greater Houston area. The area is also significantly less educated than the rest of Houston. Almost half of the adult population has no high school diploma, and just over 5% have a college degree. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, nearly 19% of families are headed by single mothers.

### Satisfaction levels:

Compared to the rest of Houston, the residents of the Aldine reported lower than average levels of satisfaction with their lives. Only 27% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, second lowest among all CSAs. 76% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 43% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. Nearly 33% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families. Only 43% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

### Spiritual Condition:

Relative to the rest of Greater Houston, residents of Aldine are much more spiritually receptive than other CSAs in the Greater Houston area. The CSA ranks near the middle or top of nearly all spiritual categories. 38% of residents attend church weekly, and 13% of residents never attend church. Both values are consistent with the rest of the city. When having problems, 53% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 42% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is even much more spiritually aware than these statistics would indicate. Nearly 78% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 92% of residents are likely to pray when they have problems, and 83% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

### Interviews with Key Leaders in the Aldine CSA:

Key leaders pointed to the active civic groups, sense of community, availability for growth, and accessibility as high points for the community. Gang issues and a pervading image problem were among the major problems discussed. The churches have contributed to the local sense of community, and have worked to support people hurt by the economy. Many other organizations, such as the March of Dimes, Northwest Assistance Center Ministry, and Mission Greenspoint are also very actively involved in the community.

