

## CSA #26 – North Shore/Channelview Executive Summary

### Demographics:

The North Shore/Channelview CSA is an ethnically diverse area located east of downtown Houston. Hispanics make up about 41% of the population, Anglos make up 38%, and African-Americans make up about 19%. The median household income and median home value are both substantially less than that of Greater Houston. The area is also much less educated than Houston as a whole. Only about 11% of adults have a college degree, while 32% of adults do not have a high school diploma. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 14% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

### Satisfaction levels:

The residents of the North Shore/Channelview area reported levels of satisfaction lower than the rest of the city. 37% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 76% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 43% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 31% of adults successfully manage the demands of their careers and families, and 44% of residents reported being happy with their lives as a whole.

### Spiritual Condition:

Residents of the North Shore/Channelview area show levels of spiritual awareness consistent with the city as a whole. 35% of residents attend church weekly, while 15% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 45% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 34% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is more spiritually aware than these statistics might indicate. 77% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 89% of residents pray when they have problems, and 81% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

### Interviews with Key Leaders in the North Shore/Channelview CSA:

According to key leaders, the North Shore/Channelview area is a small, safe community with demographics in transition. Interviewees praised the area, remarking it is a great place to raise a family. Many interviewees said problems in the community included pollution from the heavy industry, a negative community image, drug and alcohol abuse, and a lack of quality retail areas. Interviewees praised congregations for offering English classes for the increasing Hispanic demographic, for being first responders in times of crisis, and for being generally eager to help in the area. Leaders, however, observed that churches could do a better job of integrating different cultures into their congregations. There seems to be marked distinctions between race and socioeconomic class within various congregations. Leaders encouraged churches to offer mentoring programs to reach out to youth in the area, as well as roundtable discussions with civic and religious leaders to begin collaborating on how to best solve problems within the community.

