

## **CSA #38 – Waller/Hockley Executive Summary**

### **Demographics:**

The Waller/Hockley CSA is a predominantly Anglo area located northwest of downtown Houston. Anglos make up about 59% of the population, African-Americans make up 25%, and Hispanics make up 15%. The median household income and the median home value are relatively lower than those corresponding values in Greater Houston. However, the area shows education levels that are somewhat lower than Houston as a whole. About 16% of adults have a college degree, while 36% of the adult population has only a high school diploma. Most households consist of married couples with children; however, about 9% of families with children are headed by single mothers.

### **Satisfaction levels:**

The residents of the Waller/Hockley CSA reported levels of satisfaction consistent with the rest of the city. 48% of residents reported a great deal of satisfaction with their neighborhoods, 73% reported high levels of satisfaction with their families, and 56% reported high levels of satisfaction with their friends. 24% 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 Waller/Hockley CSA show levels of spiritual awareness much lower than the rest of the city. 24% of residents attend church weekly, and 19% of residents never attend church. When having problems, 43% would be likely to see a religious counselor, and 29% would seek help in a place of worship. However, the community is more spiritually aware than these statistics might indicate. 66% of residents are likely to read the Bible or other inspired literature when they have problems. Likewise, 81% of residents pray when they have problems, and 76% of residents have no doubts about the existence of God.

### **Interviews with Key Leaders in the Waller/Hockley CSA:**

According to leaders, the Waller/Hockley CSA is a small, intimate, community-oriented area. Interviewees praised the area for its dedicated residents and strong schools. However, the area struggles with high crime, poverty, and racial tension. The Church is doing its part by aiding the school system, and being willing to offer aid within the community. However, leaders overwhelmingly perceived that churches are inwardly focused on their own congregations, rather than on the community as a whole. Congregations in the Waller/Hockley CSA are seen as unwilling to work together to solve issues plaguing the community. By working together, a church alliance could begin to address underlying root causes of a problem, rather than simply alleviating the symptoms.

