

***“My favorite thing about Latch Key is the interaction between students and teachers.” –N.R. (parent)***

***“Latch Key is a safe place for children to go.” –C.R. (alumni)***

***“There is a library so students can read.” – P.R. (alumni)***

***“My favorite part of Latch Key is meeting all the eager Howard Payne Students and watching them grow into adults.” – H.F. (parent)***

***“My favorite thing about Latch Key is that the teachers love their students and take care of them.” – L.H. (age 11)***

***“I like to come to Latch Key because they include everybody and accept their opinions.” – S.F. (age 10)***

For more information on Latch Key please contact Jessica Hardy, Director at 325-646-2148 or visiting [www.latchkeyprogram.org](http://www.latchkeyprogram.org)

Pearl Griffin Memorial  
Latch Key Program  
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## Purpose

Pearl Griffin Memorial Latch Key Program is a non-denominational after school program for Brownwood Independent School District students from low-income families. Our goal is to provide working families the opportunity for their children to receive quality care. Through love and understanding children discover their own worth and develop values such as respect, honesty, and fairness. This program is available free of charge to families that qualify

## Qualifications

Families in the program must be in the Brownwood Independent School District, qualify for free or reduced meals, and both parents must work or go to school during school hours. Parents need to fill out an application in order to see about eligibility and openings. If there are no openings the family will be placed on a waiting list.

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## Board Members

The program is governed by a board of directors that is selected from the community. There are nine to twelve board members each year that serve three year terms. These board members are responsible for fund raising ideas and set up, preparing a budget, as well as all major decisions.

## Staff

The program is staffed with one administrator and nine to ten Howard Payne University students. With the exception of the administrator all staff are students of Howard Payne working through the Work Study program. This helps cut the cost of payroll.

## Volunteers

Volunteers will from time to time prepare snacks, provide story time and offer their time for special programs and events.

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## History

Pearl Griffin Memorial Latch Key Program began in 1983 as a local mission project of the Union Presbyterian Church in Brownwood. At that time volunteers devoted their afternoons to give special care to a group of young children. Since that time physical changes have taken place to best meet the needs of the children. In 1991, the program expanded to the First Christian Church to accommodate the younger children. In 1995, the older children began meeting at the Family Service Center. In January 1999, the entirety of the program began meeting at the First Christian Church.

## Funding

Latch Key is a non-profit organization. There is no organizational sponsor. Funding comes from local foundations, churches, United Way of Brown County and individuals. Donations are also received in the form of a memorial.