

# ADOPT AN AGGIE

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Thousands of Hispanic and Latino students are far away from home looking for a place to belong and be loved. Will you welcome them into your life?

## Students Are Looking For Familia a home away from home

**“I’ve been so hungry for real food!”** A Latina freshman was so happy when she showed up at a recent Destino BBQ. Like many Hispanic freshmen who have come to Aggieland from the Valley, San Antonio, and Laredo she was longing for the familiar. In a town where the ethnic demographics are almost opposite how she grew up, she is looking for a place to belong. By partnering with local churches, Destino wants to be a home away from home for the more than 7,500 Hispanic and Latino students studying in Aggieland.

Destino at Texas A&M was founded in 2006 by two freshmen Latinas from Brownsville. They

had visited a number of Bible studies on campus but never really found a place to belong. They knew their story as Hispanics was not unique, so they set out to start a movement, to create a community, that would reach every student at Texas A&M, not just Latinos.

Fast forward a few years and Destino is a vibrant movement. Many students have grown in leadership skills and in their spiritual lives. But too many have dropped out of Destino, no longer walking closely with God. We realize we can’t do this on our own. **Destino needs local churches** who will love these students, bring them into their

homes, adopt them into their families, and help them be a part of their churches.

**Would you be willing to help partner with Destino by joining our Adopt an Aggie program?** On the following page we will describe more of what it looks like to Adopt a Hispanic/Latino Aggie. The specifics are secondary. The main idea is that these students would find love and acceptance within your family and your church. They would know someone cares about them and wants to see them succeed Spiritually and Academically. *They would know they are a part of a familia.*



**Tomorrow's future leaders are on the campus today. You can have a tremendous impact on the Latino leaders of tomorrow through the Adopt an Aggie program with Destino.**

## Adopt an Aggie What is Expected?

We want to be clear with expectations up front so that both students and families know what they are signing up for. Here is a short list:

### Adopt a Pair of Aggies.

Destino students rarely do anything on their own. It's part of the community culture! When you sign up you are agreeing to "adopt" your pair of Aggies.

**In Your Home Once a Month.** Your goal should be to do something with your

Aggies each month. That could mean having them over for a meal. It could be going out to eat. It might look like you opening your home for them so they could come over and do their laundry. You know how to love people well. We ask that you be intentional to do it once per month with your aggies.

**For the Rest of the School Year.** At whatever point during the year you adopt your Aggies you are committing to be with them for the rest of the school year. If you decide you want to go longer than that, that is up to you.

### Accepting Students as they are.

We want you to invite your Aggies to church with you and help connect them to your community. Many of the students involved with Destino may not have grown up in church. Or they may attend a different denomination than you do. It is our desire that they feel loved and cared for as they become a new part of your family.

Thank you so much for your desire to care for Hispanic and Latino college students!



### Signup Online or at Church

You can signup at <http://destino.tamu.edu> or at your church to partner with Destino and Adopt an Aggie.

## Adopt an Aggie Signing Up

Signing up is as simple as creating a list of people at your church who are interested. You can also direct people to <http://destino.tamu.edu> to signup there.

Shortly after signing up we will pair you up with your Aggies and you can then connect with them and welcome them into your family. They're looking forward to it! Thank you so much for opening up your home and your family!



### Thank You

Thank you for your desire to care for Hispanic college students. They have the potential to shape the future of our community, state, nation and world for Christ.