



**Together We Can**

**Quarterly Mission Impact Report**  
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## Mission Impact

### Mission

*To provide educational resources to k - 12 students in San Antonio public schools who lack the necessities for academic success*

This section gives insight into what is important to A+ Academic Resources and shows the impact our programs and services have on mission accomplishment. The organization's programs and services are consistent with its mission and tax-exempt purpose. As indicated below, our programs are striving to significantly impact the communities we serve.

### Academic Resources Program

The Academic Resources Program provides academic resources such as (a) school uniforms, (b) gym shoes, (c) backpacks, (d) books, and (e) school supplies for children to go to school and learn. These resources are given to children in need. Beneficiaries are students attending public schools, from K - 12 grade. A total of **\$3,053** supported **153** students through the Academic Resources Program.

### Boysville & Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

#### *Delivering Christmas Smiles*

We collaborated with dynamic Steven Ryan Garza, State Farm Agent, to raise funds for this joint operation. Our teamwork resulted in **\$1,072** from generous and loving people. We delivered **102** smiles with educational gifts such as leapfrog tablets, occupational learning toy sets, and stuffed animals to **47** students at Boysville (**\$441**) and **55** students at CASA (**\$631**). Words cannot express the deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks for all the loving-kindness that went into making this toy drive for the children at Boysville and CASA a Christmas that sparkled and shined with great joy! A very special 'thank-you' is in order for Mr. Garza and his extraordinary Staff, Ms. Cheyenna Claire Dame and Mr. Damarius Burton, for hosting the toy drive, marketing and setting up the event, donating various child-centric gifts, and delivering the gifts. When nonprofits and businesses work together to make communities stronger and better, many lives are transformed!

"The Board and Staff of A+ Academic Resources (Team A+) are greatly appreciated for their tireless efforts in the pursuit of making life better for children who are less fortunate. Your contributions to *Delivering Christmas Smiles* were a tremendous blessing to the wonderful children that we are so happy and privileged to serve!" – Adriene R. Walker



At Boysville, *Delivering Christmas Smiles*. Steven Ryan Garza - State Farm Agent (left), Adriene R. Walker, CEO of A+ Academic Resources (center), and Beth Green, the Boysville Chief Development Officer (right).



At CASA, *Delivering Christmas Smiles*. Steven Ryan Garza - State Farm Agent (left), Blair Ortmann, the CASA VP of Development (center), and Adriene R. Walker, CEO of A+ Academic Resources (right).



Damarius, Cheyenna, Adriene & Bear Friends



Adriene, Cheyenna & Steven Bearing Gifts

### San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)

SAISD received **\$750** for educational resources such as books for classrooms to enrich the learning experience for **37** students.

### Texans Can Academy (TCA)

Headquarters Army Recruiting equipped A+ Academic Resources with **\$731** worth of academic resources (in-kind donations) for the **12** TCA students who toured Fort Sam Houston. The students loved the Army themed pens, notebooks, t-shirts, and lanyards for their school identification cards. We are beyond grateful for the Army's tremendous generosity and dedication to student academic success.

Ms. Nancy Greathouse-Hill, a loving and supportive Teacher at TCA, informed A+ Academic Resources about an awful fire incident that negatively impacted **2** students and their families. In response to TCA's request for clothing and shoes (academic resources for school), we provided **\$500** to help the students recover. We are praying for the students and their families and trusting God to use others as His hands to bless them. Although material things were lost which can be replaced, we are so happy that ***no lives were lost***---thank God! May He abundantly bless all those who have reached out with a loving heart to turn this dark cloud into sunshine that brightens the lives of the students and their families.



## Educational Consulting and Counseling Services

### *Transforming School Culture*

A principal at a school in England got a super bright idea! She decided that she wanted to empower students to make a positive and lasting change in their school's culture. She did this by establishing student help desks throughout the school. Index cards with *Bible* verses are readily available for help with "tough kid stuff" like bullying and sadness. As the students speak God's Word, the school's culture has remarkably changed, and tremendous gains have been made! This incredible idea should be benchmarked in America's schools!

At a school in America, **one** student who experiences bullying, "hates" his attackers, and dislikes going to school due to the bullies was given a copy of Joyce Meyer's new book, *The Secret Power of Speaking God's Word for Kids (\$12)*, to encourage him in the truth of God's Word and His faithfulness as we depend on Him to fight our battles. The student has read half of the book, but his feelings about his attackers has not changed; he does not see any hope for them. Nonetheless, the student is committed to finishing the book and modeling appropriate attitudes and behaviors to combat bullying at his school. As he kindly demonstrates the changes that he would like to see in others, God can work through this student to transform their hearts and correct the attitudes and behaviors of the bullies. The bottom line is God's Word transforms!

A total of **\$12** was spent to provide a vital educational resource to aid a student who is experiencing bullying, hopelessness, and sadness. The A+ Academic Resources Staff will continue to monitor and share his progress.

## College and Career Track Program

### *Mentorship Program*

On November 14, 2019, A+ Academic Resources rolled out a Mentorship Program within the College and Career Track Program to ensure high school students at TCA receive the best shot at academic success. The Mentorship Program kickoff luncheon was attended by **9** inquisitive students who wanted to learn about career opportunities in the Military, college opportunities, and specialized training programs.

On December 18, 2019, **12** TCA students toured Fort Sam Houston to learn about Army career opportunities. The students and staff learned a lot as evidenced by their smiles! Tour highlights included the Medical Education Training Center, Quadrangle Historical Museum, and the Dining Facility. At the Medical Training Center, we learned about the Pharmacy Technician, Dental Assistant, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, and Surgical Technician careers. At the Quadrangle Historical Museum, the students enjoyed the friendly animals such as the deer and peacocks that welcome feeding and petting! At the Dining Facility (DFAC), the students and staff were treated to the finest foods that our Military and Civilian Chefs prepared with love! Our superb Tour Guide was Mrs. Olivia Mendoza Sencalar from the 502d ABW Public Affairs office. Fort Sam Houston delivered a warm welcome and five-star Post tour!



**Fort Sam Houston Warm Welcome!**



**Fort Sam Houston Post Tour Group Photo**



*The students experience a live exposure to real pig lungs to show how smoking affects our lungs. Pig lungs are used because they closely match human lungs. We got to touch the lungs with exam gloves on. The lungs felt cold and gooey! The black lungs are the diseased lungs. The important takeaway from this sobering experience is do not smoke!*

### ***Recruiters***

A+ Academic Resources consulted Headquarters Army Recruiting about study guides to help the students improve their ASVAB scores. The following website was provided for the ASVAB online study guide for students to march to success: <https://www.march2success.com/>. The College and Career Track Program helps students smoothly transition from high school to Military service, civilian careers, and college. We are beyond grateful to the outstanding Military Recruiters who brief the students about the opportunities and challenges that await them. Students garner a tangible experience of the Military by touring Military installations. The College and Career Track Program served **21** students.



### **Snacks and Meals Program**

Lunch meals were provided for the **9** students who attended the Mentorship Program kickoff luncheon. The meals cost **\$100**. A \$100 check was given to TCA to cover the meals.

Lunch meals were secured for the **12** students who attended the Fort Sam Houston Post Tour. The meals cost **\$51**. A cash payment was required and made at the DFAC. A total of **\$151** supported **21** students through the Snacks and Meals Program.

### **Professional Development**

Leah Davies, M.Ed. (Former Instructor, Family and Child Development Dept. M.Ed. in Elementary School Counseling Auburn University, United States) shares our interest in helping children become “all that they are capable of becoming”. As such, she has given A+ Academic Resources her permission to reproduce, post, share, and/or use any of her **105** complimentary Teacher-Counselor articles, parenting handouts, activity/worksheet, video, and children’s activities that may be found at the following website: <http://www.kellybear.com>. These tremendous resources are dedicated to helping children thrive.

Per Leah Davies, M.Ed., a sample of article titles: “52 Character Building Thoughts for Children,” “Effective Praise,” “25 Ways to Obtain Children’s Attention...,” “Teacher Comments on Report Cards,” “Learning the Value of Diversity,” “30 Ideas for Teaching Children with ADHD,” “Educator’s Guide To Bullying,” “Building Character in Students,” “Helping Children Cope with Anger,” “Successful Teachers,” “Guidelines for Educator-Parent Conferences...,” and “Adult Guide to Increase Self-Worth in Children.”

“The Kelly Bear character represents no single culture or race. You may want to view the resources, especially the 6 book series, CD of Fun, Character Building Songs, and scenes from the 10 DVDs that enhance children’s social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development. See <http://www.kellybear.com/KBMaterials.html> You may also be interested in what Professionals say about the resources, at <http://www.kellybear.com/Quotes.html>”, (Leah Davies, M.Ed., 2019).

### **Funding the Mission**

Fundraising is mandatory for nonprofit organizations since they rely heavily on in-kind donations to obtain needed resources to provide mission-essential programs and services to those in need. The A+ Academic Resources Board and Staff gave **\$1,142** and raised **\$2,074** to fuel the organization’s mission, programs, and services. A total of **\$3,216** was used for our mission-linked programs and services which served **196** students. We will continue to invest our time, talents, and treasures to provide academic resources and educational experiences to achieve students’ academic success.

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