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# **Together We Can**

Quarterly Mission Impact Report April - June 2021 (2nd Quarter) June 30, 2021

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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 provided to children in need. Beneficiaries are students attending public schools, from K - 12 grade. A total of **\$7,300** supported **364** students.

#### Boysville

Boysville received **\$1,100** for school supplies for **55** children.

"What a blessing to open up this email today. Thank you so very, very much for your support. We are truly grateful for all that you do." – Beth Green, Chief Development Officer, Boysville

#### Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

CASA received \$100 in educational resources for 5 children.

"You are an amazing blessing, as always, Adriene! Let me know when you are coming by as I would love to share more of our plans for the building with you and possibly find other ways to partner... we are looking to add in some study space, etc., and I would love to see if there are opportunities to get y'all move involved!" – Blair Ortmann, VP of Development, CASA

#### San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)

SAISD received **\$250** to purchase school supplies which enriched the learning experience for **12** students.

The A+ Academic Resources Staff gave **\$650** worth of in kind donations to support the 2021 Inspire Awards. A total of **32** students will benefit from this donation. Collectively, the SAISD Foundation will award approximately **400** teacher grants and **150** student scholarships and continue Emergency Gap Funding. With these investments and additional investments in innovative schools and strategic district initiatives, SAISD will continue to make a significant investment in its' transformational efforts.

"Thank you so much for your generous heart!" - Jennifer Twiss, Finance/Grants Manager, SAISD

#### **Compassionate Care**

The A+ Academic Resources Board, Staff, Volunteers, and generous donors provided **\$5,200** worth of educational resources to help **260** students learn and grow.

Big Mama's Safe House (BMSH) is a Safe Haven in the heart of San Antonio's District 2. BMSH's community-centered services include Gun Violence Prevention & Education, Veteran, Senior, Mental Health, Domestic & Substance Abuse Aid, Youth & Adult workforce development, Trauma Informed Training, Life Skills, Mentorship, and Faith-Based Services.

The compassionate and dedicated Staff and Volunteers at BMSH are working to transform San Antonio's poverty and violence stricken communities. A Texas-sized 'thank-you' goes out to our outstanding donors who quickly stepped up to deliver the crucial initial donation of **\$5,200** in academic resources to help children who live in District 2 where abject poverty and gun violence are destroying and taking lives.

BMSH on 4 June 2021 to raise awareness on National Gun Violence Awareness Day:

Two brave gun violence Survivors shared their remarkable real-life stories today at BMSH. "By God's grace", they lived to talk about the horrific violence and terrible pain and agony they endured on our streets. Thank you dear Soldiers for using your near death experiences to educate people about the deadly war going on in our city. I thank God for saving your lives, so you can turn tragedy into **TRIUMPH** through the crucial work you are doing at BMSH. Together, we can end gun violence!





"Thank you for reaching out! Thank you for being a blessing to Big Mama's Safehouse." – Rose Williams, Executive Director, BMSH

#### **Professional Development**

Adriene R. Walker, CEO, A+ Academic Resources participated in the Innovative Grants Selection Committee. Her small group of 5 diverse professionals from the San Antonio community discussed and made recommendations on 6 educational grants that sought funding for innovative ideas. The Innovative Grants Selection Committee is a great way to see both the needs in schools and innovative ideas of our teachers across SAISD.





### **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 **\$7,300** to fuel the organization's mission, programs, and services which allowed us to serve **364** students. We will continue to invest our time, talents, and treasures to provide academic resources and educational experiences to achieve students' academic success.

### **Staying Connected**

Team A+ stands ready to give our best for the wonderful children in our community. During this pandemic, it is comforting and reassuring to see our community coming together in concern and kindness for one another. We serve disadvantaged children in **4** youth organizations. We will *stay connected* to our community partners and the children we serve via phone, email, and social media networks. Team A+ appreciates the opportunity to serve students by meeting their educational and practical needs. We aim to <u>share the love of Jesus Christ</u> by meeting the needs of youth who need us the most. We do this by continuing to offer our mission-linked programs and services to children, especially during crisis. Our brand is Love.

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