

# **Together We Can**

Yearly Mission Impact Report 2022 January 30, 2023

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## 2018 - 2022 At A Glance

A+ Academic Resources 2018				
FUNDING	STUDENTS			
<b>\$13,291</b> allocated; <b>100%</b> for Mission	534 served			
Board & Staff: <b>\$12,741</b> (major donors)	SAISD			
FUNDRAISING	PARTNERSHIPS			
Facebook: <b>\$550</b> (individual donors)	Boysville, CASA, & SAISD			
A+ Academic Resources 2019				
FUNDING	STUDENTS			
<b>\$14,888</b> allocated; <b>100%</b> for Mission	1,070 served			
Board & Staff: <b>\$10,404</b> (major donors)	SAISD			
FUNDRAISING	PARTNERSHIPS			
Auction, Facebook, Family & Friends, State Farm: <b>\$4,484</b> (individual donors)	Boysville, CASA, SAISD, & TCA			
A+ Academic Resources 2020				
FUNDING	STUDENTS			
\$21,832 allocated; 100% for Mission	1,113 served			
Board & Staff: <b>\$20,607</b> (major donors)	SAISD			
FUNDRAISING	PARTNERSHIPS			
Family & Friends: <b>\$1,225</b> (individual donors)	Boysville, CASA, SAISD, TCA, & TCS			
A+ Academic Resources 2021				
FUNDING	STUDENTS			
\$15,674 allocated; 100% for Mission	<b>7,509</b> served			
Board & Staff: <b>\$14,175</b> (major donors)	SAISD			
FUNDRAISING	PARTNERSHIPS			
Family & Friends: <b>\$1,499</b> (individual donors)	Boysville, CASA, SAISD, TCA, & TCS			
A+ Academic Resources 2022				
FUNDING	STUDENTS			
\$7,373 allocated; 100% for Mission	778 served			
Board & Staff: \$4,104 (major donors)	SAISD			
FUNDRAISING	PARTNERSHIPS			
Family & Friends: <b>\$3,269</b> (individual donors)	Boysville, CASA, SAISD & TCS			

## 2022 Programs & Services Chart



The Academic Resources Program is our main program which serves the most students across our programs and services. Tutoring and Writing Services are not included in this chart because students did not utilize these educational services in 2022. In 2022, A+ Academic Resources also served 60 families (Academic Resources Program) and 12 babies (\$429) during nationwide crises.

#### **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 grades. The Academic Resources Program is our main program. A total of **\$4,290** was used for this program which gave educational resources to **176** students & **60** families.

#### **Operation Back to School 2022 – 2023**

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

A great Team effort allowed us to net---\$1,507 which purchased school supplies for 75 SAISD students to go to school and learn. Team A+ continues to grow as family, friends, and community partners join forces and share resources to set our students up for success in school, work, and life. Thank you for outstanding teamwork!



### THANK YOU SO MUCH STAPLES SAN ANTONIO!!!

A nurse informed us about **one** student whose clothes and shoes were extremely worn out. Surprisingly, the student never complained about the poor conditions which she and her siblings live in. Teachers rave about her cheerful outlook and how she treats others with loving-kindness. The student was struggling with reading, but she has markedly improved by making the honor roll at her school. She is incredibly grateful for the **\$100** gift card that she received to buy new clothes and shoes to comfortably wear to school. Students are best positioned to succeed in school and life when their basic needs are met. Team A+ appreciates principals, teachers, nurses, and counselors for informing us about students who do not have adequate or decent apparel for school. Together, we can share the love of Jesus Christ by meeting student needs.

In Matthew 25: 35 - 40, Jesus says that we "do it for Him" when we provide drink, food, clothing, shelter, lodging, and ministering care to others.

"The impact we have on our community is possible because of your support. Thank you!" - SAISD Foundation

SAISD received **\$600** to support **24** students in SAISD through the Connect Campaign. A+ Academic Resources is working with SAISD and San Antonio to bring long-term home access to students as we collaborate in our joint mission to close the digital divide.

"You jumped in to support our students at a critical time and made thousands of hotspots available; so they could stay connected to teachers, resources, and each other." – SAISD Foundation

## The Children's Shelter (TCS)

TCS received **\$1,500** to support their mission of restoring innocence and strengthening families for **75** children who will benefit from the "impactful and transformational" TCS services.



"Because the need is still great, our work is not over. The Children's Shelter will continue to provide impactful and transformational services to the children and families we serve. My greatest thanks go out to our supporters and partners who have made it possible. If you have not yet joined our efforts, please consider joining us as we continue to fight against child abuse and neglect in our community." – Asia Ciaravino, President & CEO, The Children's Shelter

#### **Volunteer Opportunities**

#### **Book Buddies**

Team A+ joined other volunteers at Book Buddies for a Saturday soring session in August. We are also gearing up to deliver more books to schools for this school year. We look forward to helping SAISD celebrate with children as they receive their new books at these deliveries.



"Because of your generous support, we delivered over 55,000 books to children in San Antonio ISD schools, and we couldn't have done it without you. Our children love their books so much! Thank you for your generous gift to Book Buddies!" – Carrie Smith, Alumni & Community Engagement Manager, SAISD Foundation

#### Foster Care Program



Boysville had its' Foster Care Program quarterly meeting on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022. They needed 5 babysitters from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm to watch their foster kids while their foster parents meet. Adriene volunteered to babysit the kids. She is pictured above after 4 hours of basketball, soccer, kickball, horseshoes & ping pong with an amazing group of kids. Gella made Adriene a very special gift after discovering they both like blue. Thank you very much beautiful Bella!!!

#### **Compassionate Care**

**Operation Sneakers II** 



A+ Academic Resources partnered with another nonprofit, Masterpiece Inc., since they share our helping Ministry. Their Director, Faye Shaw Jenkins, cheerfully donated **\$200** for Mason, a Boysville youth, who wears a size 17 shoe to order 3 pairs of shoes (sneakers, dress shoes & comfort slippers) from Big Shoes. Mason did not believe we could find the "17s", but we assured him this mission was possible! He is incredibly gratefully because his "too small shoes" are a thing of the past! 🙄 Thank you Faye for always going above & beyond to be a big blessing!

#### **College & Career Track**

#### **College** Scholarships

A+ Academic Resources values Mentorship. We collaborated with Linnita Hosten (Linnita), an Award-Winning Speaker & Student Success Strategist, to "empower students to stand on their own two-feet after graduation" by providing **\$1,000** in scholarships to **2** outstanding students. One student is attending Hampton University (major unspecified) and the other student is attending the University of California at Los Angeles to become a doctor.

Linnita and Adriene R. Walker (Adriene), CEO - A+ Academic Resources, volunteered to become remote mentors for SAISD class of 2022 college bound students. Adriene will share educational experiences & career insights to encourage students to complete college and start careers. Linnita will help students develop a solid plan to go forward and realize their dreams. She believes a major investment like college requires strategic planning. As such, Linnita is passionate about "preparing students to get clear on their plan and confident about what they want."

Linnita does this by providing content-based programming for organizations, universities and community groups, and group coaching to students. She ensures they have a worthwhile college experience which prepares them for their dream careers. Linnita is "proudly trusted by" colleges that recruited her as a success catalyst. She has helped numerous college students identify and go after their dream career. This makes a positive difference between students dropping out or graduating college.



About Linnita: "I went to your site and am so excited about your involvement and expertise and building our programs with you!" – Judy Geelhoed, Executive Director, SAISD Foundation

"We stand with SAISD on the value of Mentorship. It is a strong investment in the students' future which benefits students, families, and communities." – Adriene

#### **Career** Opportunities

We partnered with Executive Chef Sonya Dorsey, an Educator & Mentor in our Career Resource Center, to provide an educational & delicious Culinary experience for **250** students at Lucycle Collins Middle School. *Dinner with a Gentleman* was a "5-Star Experience"! Chef Sonya and her husband, Chef Keith Dorsey, catered the event (food & dessert) with the help of nonprofits & businesses who are enthusiastic about student academic & career success. Thank you Chef Sonya for this rewarding Culinary Arts career event!



Executive Chef Sonya Dorsey & The Kennedale Rotary Club

"I really want to give these children a five star experience, I want to make this a fine dining experience, the children are our future. I strive to be the best person I can be, I ask God to keep me humble, loving and kind at all times.... I am so happy, grateful and glad to make a difference in the lives of these kids, keep the schools, the teachers and most importantly these babies in your prayers at all times, it takes us all to be parents sometimes." – Executive Chef Sonya Dorsey

Team A+ visited the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UT Health San Antonio). At this leading multispecialty and research hospital, we learned about the various career paths a student can take to become a medical doctor. UT Health is a "forward-thinking" academic medical center with a mission to make lives better through excellence in advanced academics, life-saving research and comprehensive clinical care including health, dental and cancer services (https://uthealthsahospital.org). As such, we look forward to touring the "best-in-class hospital" with students (aspiring doctors) from SAISD schools.



"Tomorrow's medicine begins today at UT Health San Antonio Multispecialty and Research Hospital." – UT Health San Antonio

#### **Educational Consulting & Counseling Services**

We had such a wonderful time at the Boysville Black History celebration! From the food to the fellowship, everything was exceptional because God was in the details! Of course, the food was delicious! Chef Tiffany Campbell & Crew (Amarea & Mya) created Soulful dishes made with Love for **50** children. Chef Tiffany was sitting down and enjoying people enjoy her food when someone said, "I know you!." A lady who was a teenager who used to skip class and hang out in the hallways in high school remembered "Ms.Tiffany. The lady emphasized she finished high school because Ms. Tiffany made her go to class repeatedly! God chose Chef Tiffany for this event, so she could see her "tough love" made a difference in this lady's life. God is so good!

TSgt (Ms.) June Turner, an outstanding Airman, blessed us with a Black History presentation that highlighted the contributions of notable Black trailblazers. She emphasized the importance of health & wellness. Significantly, the one-on-one discussions she had with the children allowed her to connect with them and understand their stories. Ms. Turner also formed prayer circles to encourage and uplift the children, staff and volunteers. She did not leave Boysville without talking to Jesus Gonzales, the awesome Community Relations Manager, to get the paperwork to become a volunteer. God hand-picked Ms. Turner to beam at this event! We all have God-given gifts talents. When we operate in our gifts and talents, we can do remarkable things for God's glory.

The best work is done through Teamwork! When you have an event to do, talk to God about it. Listen to the who and what. God will tell you who He wants to do what. What I love most about the Boysville Black History celebration is God chose the players on the Team. A Team of Believers---the magnificent Light made all the difference! We are so grateful to phenomenal Mr. Frank Buggs, the Boysville Recreation Coordinator, for welcoming us to help make the event a remarkable success. We get things done through relationships!



Ms. Turner, Mr. Buggs, and Adriene

"Ms. Adriene Walker, On behalf of our children and staff, I want to thank you for taking the time to help bring together our, "Black History Month Celebration." – God Bless, W. Frank Buggs



Awe-mazing Teamwork



Chef Tiffany Campbell, Mya & Amarea

Chef Tiffany & Adriene

## **Snacks & Meals Program**

Our donors gave **\$500** for meals to support **250** students at the Culinary Arts career event and **\$824** for meals to support **50** students at the Boysville Black History celebration.

#### **Nationwide Crises**

#### **Baby Formula Crisis**

The Similac Recall put a tremendous strain on households! Store shelves went bare, and the internet was scant on baby formula.

**Boysville:** "Do you or anyone you know have extra liquid or powder baby formula? Our infant shelter is in need of **SIMILAC SENTIVIE** or **SIMILAC SENSITIVE PRO** baby formula. Many of our babies are using **SIMILAC SENSITIVE, ENFAMIL GENTLEASE**, or any generic variation of these (e.g. Parent's Choice from Walmart). Please consider donating and help us spread the word"!!!



Boysville: "Help our Infant and Toddler Emergency Shelter"!!!



A+ Academic Resources (Team A+): "Team A+ got Boysville covered!!!" We scrubbed the city & internet until we got a firm delivery. Nestle speedily shipped 12 cans (\$259) of Gerber baby formula for 12 sweet Boysville babies. Our donors gave another \$170 for more baby formula as it becomes available. Thank you outstanding donors for your loving hearts & swift donations to get milk to hungry babies affected by this crisis. God bless you!!!

"Oh my goodness! This is a blessing for our babies. Thank you so much for this!!!  $\odot \odot \odot$ " – Beth Green, Chief Development Officer, Boysville

"Thank you to everyone who shipped, dropped off, and donated baby formula. With your help, we are able to continue caring for our infants who depend on the formula on a daily basis." – Boysville

#### **Gun Violence Crisis**

Gun violence is the leading cause of death among United States (US) youth. A University of Michigan report reveals a 30% increase in firearm-related deaths between 2019 and 2020, including incidents of suicides and accidental shootings. Horrifically, gun violence overtook car accidents as the leading cause of death among children and adolescents in the US in 2020 (https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/apr/22).

"Although 2020 marked the first year that more children and teens were killed by guns than in car accidents, gun violence has been the number one cause of death among Black teenage boys over 15 for at least a decade." – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

In the heart of San Antonio's District 2, Big Mama's Safe House (BMSH) advocates gun violence prevention and education. A+ Academic Resources provided crucial initial resources to BMSH to help stop gun violence in our city. The loss of youths is horrible, but there is hope as we use a public health approach to gun violence prevention. Collectively, we can combat unsecured guns in our neighborhoods. We will continue to provide resources with the goal of empowering our youths, so they can live their best lives for God's glory.

*Operation Delivering Christmas Smiles* brought so much joy to **60** families in San Antonio's District 2! We joined hands with BMSH to maximize efforts to help these deserving children. They received sports toys to get them outside for physical activities such as soccer & basketball. A Texas-sized thank you goes out to HEB, Academy, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Big Lots for the huge sales & discounts. These allowed us to score big with **\$483** on the "outside" gifts that encourage children to form healthy groups & harmonious friendships.

"Special thanks to our partners, our volunteers and our youth who made this ALL possible. We served over 60 families today. We continue to serve in the community focused on ending gun violence in our black and brown communities through the LOVE of Jesus Christ.

- Rose Williams, Executive Director, Big Mama's Safe House



#### **Gathering of Angels**

"We would love for you to attend our donor and volunteer appreciation event on Friday, June 3 at 11:30 am. The event will be held at the Petroleum club. We have selected you as our VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR." – Boysville



Thank you very much to ALL who supported the A+ Academic Resources Mission over the past 4 years!!! We provided school supplies, put new clothes on children, pulled shoes on feet, dispatched laptops & internet connectivity, prepared meals for students, placed snacks in their hands, babysat & fed sweet babies, coordinated & took students on career-focused tours, built a Career Resource Center, reviewed & delivered innovative grants, and advised, counseled, tutored & mentored children---shared the Love of Jesus Christ!!!

In Matthew 25: 35 - 40, Jesus says that we "do it for Him" when we provide drink, food, clothing, shelter, lodging, and ministering care to others. On June 3, 2022, Boysville CEO Paula Tucker presented me the Volunteer Angel Award for the 2022 Volunteer of the Year which highlighted "continued support of our children". After public tears, I explained that I did not solely do all those kind things that Jesus spoke about during his introduction of me. You see, there are many helping hands & loving hearts that show up continuously for the wonderful children who need resources the most. Therefore, I dedicate this beautiful award to YOU for being so Awe-mazing!!! I greatly love & appreciate YOU!!! Gratefully, Adriene

#### **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 \$4,104 and raised \$3,269 to fuel the organization's mission, programs, and services. The organization provided \$7,373 in programs and services to 778 students, 60 families & 12 babies. We will continue to invest our time, talents, and treasures to provide academic resources and educational experiences to achieve students' academic success. Additionally, we will secure private sector funding through the development, articulation, and evaluation of grant proposals including local, state, and national foundation and corporate grants. These diverse revenue streams will enable us to accomplish more mission.

In 2022, **100%** of funding went to mission accomplishment. The Board and Staff absorbed all over-head costs such as (a) office supplies, (b) marketing, (c) professional development, (d) professional memberships, (e) technology, (f) transportation, (g) traveling expenses, and (h) uniforms. As nonprofit law mandates, Board members of A+ Academic Resources serve without pay and benefits. Staff members of the organization serve as volunteers who do not receive pay and benefits; this includes dental and medical insurance benefits and education benefits. This allows all funding to fuel A+ Academic Resources mission-linked programs and services.

#### **More Mission**

In 2023, A+ Academic Resources vows more Mission. We are working to secure more funding sources to support our programs, chiefly the Academic Resources Program. The Board and Staff will continue to financially support A+ Academic Resources. Per the youth organizations we proudly serve, A+ Academic Resources has made a remarkable difference in the San Antonio community. Our community partners can depend on us to continue providing vital programs and services to best meet student needs. A+ Academic Resources stands ready to give our best for the wonderful children in our community. We serve disadvantaged children in **4** youth organizations by meeting their educational and practical needs. A+ Academic Resources aims 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 24/7/365. Our brand is Love.

#### **Mission Partners**

The A+ Academic Resources Board and Staff thanks our **62** resolute mission partners for their distinguished service and devotion to our mission. As we continue to <u>work together</u> for student academic success, we will cross state lines and international borders to make an extraordinary difference in the educational foundation of students worldwide. Ultimately, we can produce a remarkable global educational transformation for students by providing academic resources to meet their needs. A+ Academic Resources continues to grow as family, friends, and community partners share our Mission and give resources to make student academic success possible. By God's grace, we are empowered to serve for His glory.

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