

**A+ Academic
Resources**



Together We Can

Yearly Mission Impact Report 2021

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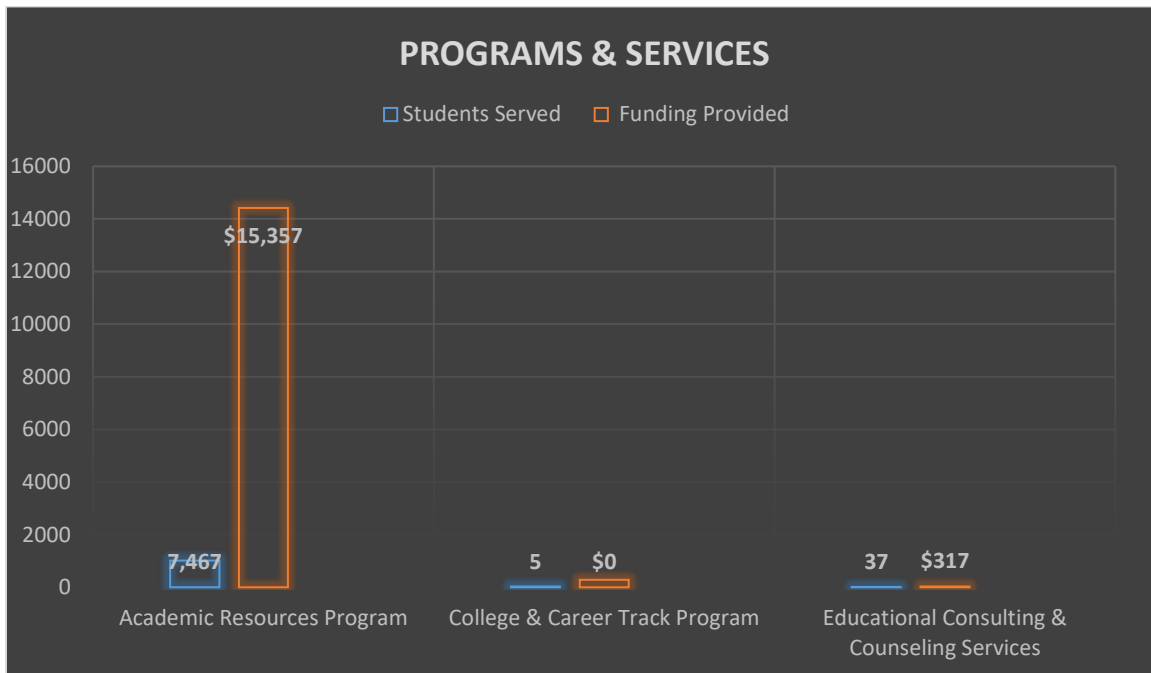
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2018 - 2021 At A Glance

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

In 2021, A+ Academic Resources significantly increased the number of students served by focusing on our Mission and using strategic management, recruiting, and outstanding teamwork to make Mission success possible. “We get things done through relationships”.
 – CEO Adriene R. Walker

2021 Programs & Services Chart



The Academic Resources Program is our main program which serves the most students across our programs and services. The Snacks & Meals Program and Tutoring and Writing Services are not included in this chart because students did not utilize these educational services in 2021.

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. The Academic Resources Program is our main program. A total of **\$15,357** was used for this major program which provided educational resources to **7,467** students.

From January – June, the Academic Resources Program received **\$3,850** in donations which supported **191** students at Boysville, Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA), San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD), and The Children's Shelter (TCS).



“We not only unlocked the \$20,000 matching grant, we exceeded that goal and raised a grand total of \$45, 909. Because of your support and donors like you, this matching grant will allow us to send over 87,000 books home with 22,000 SAISD students this school year (2021-2022). This funding will also support our summer reading program and help us kick off the 2022-2023 school year goal of 6 books for every student in all of our elementary schools and academies. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission of mobilizing the community to invest in student and teacher success in SAISD. Placing books in the hands of students is one of the many ways our mission comes full circle. Thank you for being a part of it and the SAISD Foundation.” - Carrie Smith, Alumni & Community Engagement Manager, SAISD Foundation

Operation Back to School 2021 - 2022

A Texas big and great Team effort allowed us to net--**\$5,200** which purchased school supplies, school clothes and shoes for **6,355** SAISD students. 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!

Boysville

Boysville students received **\$1,000** in gift cards for *new* shoes for school for **25** children. Additionally, the Staff provided **\$200** worth of educational resources for **10** children.



“You are so kind to us. We would love to have Academy cards....one of our kids favorite places! Thank you again for keeping our children in your heart.

Our children are blessed with your continuing support. One of our cottages called me this morning needing an Academy gift card because one of the boys needed some new shoes. 😊 God’s timing is always perfect.” - Beth Green, Chief Development Officer, Boysville

CASA

CASA received **\$700** in educational resources for **35** children and **\$500** in gift cards for **20** children to receive new clothes & shoes for school. CASA sent their heartfelt gratitude for the Academy gift cards which allowed Advocates to shop and deliver the much needed apparel to CASA kids.

“You are such a blessing to the children!” - Blair Ortmann, VP of Mission Advancement, CASA
 “Children needed you, and you stepped up! Thank you! Words are not enough to express our thanks for the impact of your gift.” - Angela White, President/CEO, CASA

SAISD

SAISD received **\$2,500** to purchase school supplies & books which enriched the learning experience for **6,250** students.

Dear A+ Academic Resources, “From the bottom of our hearts, we are profoundly grateful for your Big Give donation and your help kicking off our month-long campaign of giving for Book Buddies. Thank you for investing in proud and strong student readers in SAISD!”

– Carrie Smith, Alumni & Community Engagement Manager, SAISD Foundation



St. PJ's Children's Home



Demeshia L. Cisco, A+ Academic Resources Board Treasurer and her Husband, Army Veteran, Erik A. Cisco, and Adriene R. Walker, CEO, A+ Academic Resources attended the Eyes of Cresta Bella *community* event to raise funds for St. PJ's Children's Home. We gave **\$300** which supported **15** students. We helped this awesome charity bring smiles to the children's faces!

"Thank you so much for your support & donation. We hope to SEE you again soon."
- Eyes of Cresta Bella Team

Operation Delivering Christmas Smiles III

Delivering Christmas Smiles III was joyful! We promised smiles for children who need brighter days. Our compassionate and joyful donors gave **\$357** which made Christmas merrier for **35** children at Boysville (**\$100**), CASA (**\$107**), and The Children's Shelter (TCS) (**\$150**).



“December just flew by, and I am so grateful for each of you who donated holiday gifts to the children and young people we serve or made a financial commitment to ensure another child has an Advocate to be there for them. More than 600 children in placements received nearly 2,400 gifts this year, and financial giving throughout December supported Advocates for 87 children!”

- Angela White, President/CEO, CASA

“I walked through the cottages at Christmas time, watching the children open their gifts. Their eyes were wide with excitement with tears bubbling over because this is the first year for many of them to receive Christmas gifts. Even our "strongest, toughest" kids softened at the sight of brand new Vans or Crocs, a record player, or a very specific band t-shirt that magically showed up under their cottage tree with their name on the package. With 2021 coming to a close, I want to thank you for the support you have given to our children throughout the year. Your time and talent are invaluable to our children and to Boysville.” - Paula Tucker, CEO, Boysville

“Your gift helps keep hope alive for children in our Foster Care Program, Hope Center, and our Family Strengthening programs. It takes an entire community to change the lives of children who experience abuse, neglect and abandonment, and we are very grateful for your support.” - TCS

“For our children here at The Children’s Shelter, the gifts that you give produce smiles, restore innocence to our children and support programs that strengthen families.”

- Denise E. Bennett, Chief Development Officer, TCS

Community

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. God saved your lives, so you can turn tragedy into **TRIUMPH** through your crucial work 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

“Thank you. Your generous support helps us create opportunities for our children, families and our community. Your donation helps transform lives and moves a child from *hurting* to *healing*. It takes an entire community to support our critical work and we are grateful for your role in making a difference.” - Denise E. Bennett, Chief Development Officer, TCS

Compassionate Care

The A+ Academic Resources Board gave **\$500** for **one** student and his family to recover from a devastating apartment fire. We will show empathy for children who are suffering from abuse, neglect, trauma, and poverty. As a Christian nonprofit organization, compassion is a core value.

“I cannot begin to thank you enough for your generosity for my student and his family. I have been in constant contact with his parents, and they wish to say thank you from the bottom of their heart and for God to bless you for your kindness. They are rebuilding from absolute zero, with only the clothes they had on their backs (the fire happened while they were at church) and with help from kindhearted genuine people like you. You have been a breath of fresh air and I am so inspired by you! No doubt you have given them a huge head start that they so desperately needed and deserve.” - Christina Garza, Special Education Teacher, Evangelina Garza Elementary

Educational Consulting and Counseling Services

The A+ Academic Resources Staff provided a laptop (**\$309**) for **one** high school student to complete her final assignments for graduation. The student expressed her tremendous gratitude: “**This laptop is fast and beautiful; I love it!**”. Additionally, the student received a journal, *This Girl Has Goals* (**\$8**), to log her goals and track her progress towards meeting goals. The student’s grandmother stated: “**This is exactly what she needs!**”.

Operation Student Roundup

A+ Academic Resources (Team A+) reached out to **36** students who are missing school for various reasons to motivate them to return to school and learn. Their bright future depends on them securing a high school diploma. Students, we believe in you! We are running with you and cheering for you as you cross the graduation line! Parents were incredibly grateful for us calling and encouraging students. Additionally, we relayed educational requests from parents and students to their Academic Advisors to ensure students received relevant and timely information for completing their assignments and finalizing graduation requirements.

“Thank you Team A+ for your investment into the lives of our students. Thank you Adriene! Team A+ is really coming through with crucial supports, we are certainly grateful for you, your team, and your board.” – Texans Can Academy - Highlands Campus

College and Career Track Program

Career Resource Center (CRC)

“At Texans Can – San Antonio, **over 600 underprivileged youth are preparing to complete their journey from dropping out to diploma.**” – Texans Can Academy

The CRC provides relevant, informative, and timely resources to students as they look ahead to the next step after high school graduation. The CRC provides students with educational materials for college and career success. Top Professionals share a wealth of experience and expertise to set students up for success in career, work, and life. The CRC offers career resources “**24/7/365**”. In

alignment with our Vision of providing educational resources to K - 12 students worldwide who lack the necessities for academic success, the CRC is available for students worldwide!

Five students from Texans Can Academy (San Antonio Highlands Campus) completed the Dream Career Academy (DCA). Linnita Hosten, Founder/CEO of the DCA and a Student Success Strategist, coached and mentored the students, so they could develop a solid plan to go forward and realize their dreams. She helped students identify and pursue their dream career. One student is an aspiring Immigration Attorney, another student hopes to become an Animation Artist, one student is considering working with troubled kids in the foster care system, and another student is extremely passionate about becoming a Game Designer. College and career success are made possible by developing concrete steps to follow on the pathway to success. Ms. Hosten will stay connected with the students to keep them motivated and on track for success.

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 **\$14,175** and raised **\$1,499** to fuel the organization's mission, programs, and services. The organization provided **\$15,674** in programs and services to **7,509** students. 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 2021, **100%** of funding went directly 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 2022, 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 ***share the love of Jesus Christ*** 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 **73** resolute mission partners for their distinguished service and devotion to our mission. As we continue to work together 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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