

**A+ Academic
Resources**



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 provided to children in need. Beneficiaries are students attending public schools, from K - 12 grade. A total of **\$4,146** supported **181** students.

Operation Back-2-School AY 20-21: A+ Academic Resources met student needs in an online and virtual format to ensure students were equipped with essential resources to return to school. We are beyond grateful for a great Team effort---**\$4,146** purchased school supplies, school clothes, and shoes for SAISD students. Team A+ continues to grow as family, friends, and community partners join forces and share resources to make student academic success possible. In the face of resource shortages, academic resources were provided to help students embrace a new learning environment amid the health concerns and social distancing imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic. By God's grace, we are championing this new learning environment together!



Boysville

Boysville received **\$300** for school supplies for **15** children. Additionally, the students were given **\$376** in gift cards for **13** students to have much needed school clothes and shoes. Finally, coats were purchased for **8** children to stay warm this fall and winter season. A total of **\$322** was spent on the coats. The children deeply appreciate these “amazing donations” from our generous donors!

“You continue to be a blessing to our children in so many ways. Thank you so much for this amazing donation of coats and gift cards for our children.” – Beth Green, Chief Development Officer, Boysville

Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

CASA received **\$604** for educational resources for **30** children. Additionally, we provided **\$500** in gift cards for **20** students to have much needed school clothes and shoes. The students are beyond grateful!

“We so appreciate anything and everything you do – this year has been so hard for so many people, and we are grateful for your continuing support.” – Blair Ortmann, VP of Development, CASA

San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)

SAISD received **\$1,000** to purchase school supplies for students while they learn remotely. Educational resources such as books enriched the learning experience for **50** students. Although they cannot express their big gratitude with their usual warm hugs, the students sent virtual hugs to say ‘Thank-You!’ to our compassionate donors who continue to meet student practical needs.

“We are so grateful for your continuous support!” – SAISD Foundation

Texans Can Academy (TCA)

A+ Academic Resources purchased coats for **12** students to stay warm this fall and winter season. The total cost of the coats was **\$555**. The students are so appreciative for every gift!

“Thank you for thinking about our students.” – Rachel Castro, Development Director, TCA

The Children’s Shelter (TCS)

A+ Academic Resources provided **\$489** worth of academic resources to TCS in the form of “Comfortsoft” jogger pants and “Simple Joys” pajamas that add comfort and joy to **33** students as they do their school assignments during the challenging times of COVID-19. These precious lambs made a ‘Thank-You!’ video which features a heartfelt thank-you note for the loving-kindness shown by donors who brighten days and instill hope.

“Thank you so much for placing an order of sweatpants and fleece footed pajamas. These items are so needed and our kids will be so appreciative!” – Stephanie Kotick, Development Manager, TCS

Snacks and Meals Program

TCA

A+ Academic Resources gave **\$300** to help provide meals for **60** students. We will provide **\$100** monthly to benefit the children who are greatest in need. Oftentimes, the students arrive at school hungry, so they greatly appreciate snacks and meals to keep them energized!

“Thank you for your gift to Texans Can Academies.” – Texans Can Academy

College and Career Track

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. A total of **\$2,707** was allocated to the CRC to provide students with educational materials for career success. Top Professionals shared 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**”. Significantly, the CRC is available for students worldwide! This is in alignment with our Vision of providing educational resources to K - 12 students worldwide who lack the necessities for academic success. We welcome feedback and ideas from SAISD & TCA Administrators, Staff, Teachers, and Students to make the CRC world-class.

The 10-week Dream Career Academy (DCA) program includes:

- Welcome box mailed to student- (Includes DCA T-Shirt, DCA Journal, The College Strategy Workbook, and other goodies)
- 5-module lessons (students will have up to a year to access the material in their online member center)
- 5-group coaching calls
- 1 -on-1 coaching call with me
- Coursework sheets, tools & templates
- Weekly personal development exercises
- Bi-weekly momentum text messages to maintain student engagement
- A custom pre-college career plan

MY DREAM CAREER
4 YEAR PLAN

My Dream Career Is _____ In order to reach my
dream career I must _____

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR

SAMPLE

Signature _____

Three TCA students from the San Antonio Highlands Campus will be attending the DCA. They will develop a solid plan to go forward and realize their dreams. College and career success are made possible by developing concrete steps to follow on the pathway to success! A total of **\$2,393** was applied to student tuition which includes books and other essential academic resources.



This powerful resource was delivered to **20** Texans Can students to inspire them to dream big, defy the odds, and never quit! Dr. Webb has inspired countless students and adults with his real life story of beating the odds! He is living proof that a person does not have to end up where he or she started in life. You can have a strong finish! Dr. Webb believes in working hard and keeping God first. These Core Values are the keys that open the doors for personal and professional success. After hearing from Dr. Webb, students will be emboldened! The total cost of the books was **\$314**.

Spiritual Development

Demesha Cisco, the A+ Academic Resources Board Treasurer, is taking a course on the *Foundations of Prayer*. She is a Prayer Warrior! Through the *power of prayer*, we are enabled to serve children in our community. As a Christian nonprofit organization, we aim to share the love of Jesus by meeting the educational needs of disadvantaged youth. By showing loving-kindness to these precious lambs, we are in alignment with God's Word. 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. We pray for the *Spiritual* strength of our organization and its members and the children who we are honored and blessed to serve. They are gifts from God!

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 **\$7,003** and raised **\$150** to fuel the organization's mission, programs, and services. A total of **\$7,153** allowed us to serve a total of **264** 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

A+ Academic Resources (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. Team A+ serves disadvantaged children in **5** youth organizations. We will *stay connected* to our community partners and the children we serve via phone, email, and social media networks. We appreciate the opportunity to serve students by meeting their educational and practical needs. Team A+ 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, especially during crisis. Our brand is Love.

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