

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 **\$1,750** supported **87** students.

Boysville

Boysville received **\$300** for school supplies for **15** children.

Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

CASA received **\$300** in educational resources for **15** children.

“As a member of GEMs de Esperanza, our generous and special group of donors who provide hope by Giving Every Month, you are helping ensure CASA’s day-to-day work serving children in foster care will continue and grow. We are so deeply grateful for you!” – CASA

San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)

SAISD received **\$750** to purchase school supplies for students while they learn remotely. Educational resources enriched the learning experience for **37** students.

The Children’s Shelter (TCS)

TCS received \$200 which was generously matched by the Wade Richmond Foundation for a total contribution of \$400 to provide academic resources to **20** students.

“Childhood can be puzzling. Thank you for your donation to the children’s shelter! Every dollar donated during the month of march is helping us reach our Wade Richmond foundation fundraising **match** goal of \$100,000.” – TCS

“Your “piece” of the match allows us to double our efforts of *restoring innocence* and *strengthening families* in our community. We appreciate your support in assuring childhood is **less puzzling**.” – TCS

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. 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**”. 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.

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.

Educational Consulting & 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

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 one of our core values.

“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

Professional Development

Adriene R. Walker, CEO of A+ Academic Resources, was invited by Daphany Williams-DuBois, Founder/Executive Director of Daphany’s Free Online Writing Workshop (dfoww), to speak on the importance of Board duties at dfoww's Board meeting on January 13, 2021. Ms. Walker discussed the benefits of incorporating and the important nature of Board duties. She highlighted the crucial role Board leadership has for mission success. Additionally, Ms. Walker directed dfoww’s Board to these informative and relevant resources: *Boards That Make A Difference* by Carver and *Nonprofit Law Made Easy* by Hopkins are mission-essential resources.

“Thank you so much Ms. Walker. The board of directors enjoyed your visit. You were wonderful.” – Daphany Williams-DuBois

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 **\$2,367** and raised **\$200** to fuel the organization’s mission, programs, and services which allowed us to serve **130** 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 *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.

“As we have reached the beginning of a new year, we are excited and eager to welcome a new decade with bright eyes focused on the future. I, however, would like to encourage some moments of reflection – to look back on what Boysville has done with the help of incredible supports such as yourself, dedicated to serving the needs of children who have suffered abuse and neglect.”

– Paula Tucker, CEO, Boysville

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