

**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 **\$3,260** supported **191** students through the Academic Resources Program.

Boysville

A+ Academic Resources donated **\$500** to Boysville. This amount was generously matched by Dr. George Rapier. Therefore, Boysville students received a total benefit of **\$1000** which allowed us to serve **90** students. We made a **\$1,000** impact to help students weather the COVID-19 crisis. Additionally, we gave **\$200** to provide educational resources to **10** children. Our support helps students with online learning requirements, so they can complete their schoolwork. Boysville informed us that the children are well, and they are participating in engaging activities such as picnics, outdoor play, gym time, and game nights to keep them active.

“Your help during this crisis is essential to the health and success of our children. Thank you for supporting our children. Stay safe and stay healthy.” - Your Boysville Family

Child Advocates San Antonio (CASA)

A+ Academic Resources dedicated support to CASA will help them serve foster youth as best possible. Sadly, they experience social distancing and emotional trauma year-round. We must ensure foster youth are not further cut off from social and emotional guidance amid limited community access. We will not let our CASA kids go through this crisis alone! CASA Volunteers are diligently reaching out to the children remotely to ensure they are receiving crucial support. COVID-19 limitations have caused CASA to experience a funding gap. Our “greatly appreciated” **\$560** donation will help **24** foster youth stay closely connected to their Advocates, so these precious lambs can know for certain that someone they can trust will be there to care for them and help them navigate these unprecedented times. The foster youth in our community can depend on A+ Academic Resources (Team A+) unwavering dedication and support.

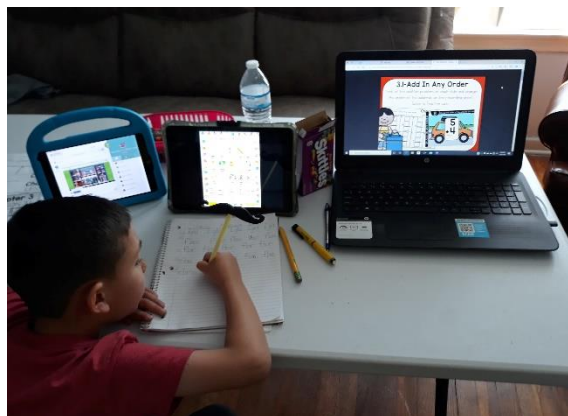
“We can't thank you enough!” – CASA

San Antonio Independent School District (SAISD)

Over 90% of SAISD students live in poverty (SAISD Foundation, 2020). SAISD received **\$750** to purchase school supplies for students while they learn remotely. Educational resources such as books enriched the learning experience for **37** students. Additionally, we provided **\$250** to purchase critical devices and internet accessibility for students while school is closed to support online learning. We supported access to learning for **10** students who live in poverty. Our donation is helping to close the digital divide, so online learning can be successful for *all* students.

“You are a gift!!!!” – Judy Geelhoed, Executive Director, SAISD Foundation

SAISD Students Embrace Online Learning





The Children's Shelter (TCS)

Operation Clothing God's Lambs was fueled with tremendous loving-kindness! The children, precious lambs, at TCS received **\$500** to provide desperately needed clothing and shoes to **20** children during this challenging time. Faithful Donors and Volunteers *shared the love of Jesus Christ* by meeting the practical needs of these *precious lambs* who have experienced abuse, neglect, and trauma. 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.

A+ Academic Resources is happy to serve the children at TCS. Distressingly, these precious lambs have endured abuse, neglect, and trauma. By the grace of God, we will help mend their broken hearts and revive their spirits by showing them the love of Jesus Christ by meeting their practical needs. We are forming a partnership with TCS, so we can help instill hope and brighten the days of these children. Team A+ hopes to visit the Hope Center soon and see the beautiful and wonderful children who God has entrusted us to give *loving* care.

Snacks and Meals Program

Texans Can Academy (TCA)

A+ Academic Resources gave **\$300** to help provide meals for **60** students while they are out of school. Regardless of school district, SAISD is making and delivering meals to students. We will provide **\$100** monthly to help with this great effort that benefits the children who are greatest in need. *"Your munificence is greatly appreciated!"* – Dr. Emilio Castro, [Texans Can Academy](#)

Operation Texas Big Harvest encourages us to open our arms and hearts by working together to deliver the snacks and meals our students need to stay nourished, so they can learn and grow during this very challenging time. Snacks and meals are education enhancement tools. Statistics show that many students do not have adequate nutrition in Bexar County. They go to school hungry and

go home hungry. Disturbingly, many students starve over weekends and holidays. A+ Academic Resources provides snacks and meals to hungry students to combat student hunger.

“Thank you again for being a saving grace and meeting the needs of our students. Thank you for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.” – Texans Can Academy

“Thank you so much for the student snack donation provided for all students in need during this difficult time. This donation not only meets the basic needs of students, but I'm sure it makes their day a little more special.” – Texans Can Academy

College and Career Track

College, Post, and Base Tours

The Randolph AFB, *Showplace of the Air Force*, tour which was scheduled for 20 March 2020 is postponed until further notice due to mandatory social distancing guidelines during the Coronavirus pandemic. When the Base tour is available, tour highlights will include the Military Working Dog kennel and demonstration and the Fire Department.

Career Resource Center (CRC)

With COVID-19 limitations, we are unable to take students on College, Post, and Base tours. Additionally, Career Professionals are unable to in-person brief students about career opportunities. The solution is Top Professionals (TPs) virtually sharing a wealth of experience and expertise to set students up for career success. There are several TPs standing by to help us set our awe-mazing students up for success in career, work, and life through a CRC.

A+ Academic Resources is creating a virtual CRC that provides relevant, informative, timely resources to students as they look ahead to the next step after high school graduation. The CRC will offer career resources “24/7/365”. The CRC will be a vehicle that drives students down the right roads for career success.

Significantly, the CRC will be available to 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 Texans Can Academy (statewide) Administrators, Staff, Teachers, and Students to make the CRC world-class. Their expertise and wisdom will allow us to build a robust CRC.

“Wonderful! All of these resources are so applicable to our students’ needs.” – Belinda Rangel, Campus Transition Coordinator, Texans Can Academy

Foster Child Accepted to St. Mary’s

“We are excited to share the good news from one of our older youth, who was recently accepted to St. Mary’s University on a Dean’s scholarship of \$100,000!” – CASA

The student participated in the *Fostering Educational Success* program with the compassionate and dedicated support of her Advocate and a CASA staff member. The student completed driver’s

education through online classes, developed a plan to make up work to graduate on time, and finished her PAL classes. “Something she may not have had an opportunity to even consider without your dedicated support!” – CASA

The student and her siblings have been in foster care for almost a year, so being accepted to St. Mary’s on a scholarship is a dream come true for her! Although the student is uncertain about a college major, she is considering criminal justice. “Because of you, she has a chance to go to college and succeed!” – CASA

Educational Consulting and Counseling Services

We reached out to a grandparent after unsuccessful attempts to get the parent on board for the child’s academic success. This student failed a grade due to excessive absences. The student did not attend summer school, so the student had to repeat the failed grade. As the student started the school year in the same grade level, the student became discouraged and embarrassed. Therefore, the student quit school. A+ Academic Resources will continue to address the students’ needs and provide academic advising and coaching to ensure this bright student graduates from high school and goes to college as the students aspires to do.

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 **\$2,835** and raised **\$725** to fuel the organization’s mission, programs, and services. A total of **\$3,560** allowed us to serve a total of **253** 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 cannot wait to return to normal operations, so we can fully serve our students! In the meantime, please know that we stand ready to give our best for the wonderful children in our community. During this COVID-19 crisis, it is comforting and reassuring to see our community coming together in concern and kindness for one another. A+ Academic Resources serves disadvantaged children across five 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 practical needs of youth who need us the most. We do this by continuing to offer our mission-linked programs and services to the children who need those the most, especially during crisis. Our brand is Love.

“Your support allows us to work with each child individually to heal their broken hearts while improving their academic and social development. Most importantly, we give them a family for as long as they need us. Thank you for being a part of our family.” – Paula Tucker, CEO, Boysville

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