



Communities
In Schools®

San Antonio



PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

Surrounding students with a community of support,
empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



The Power of Partnerships

For over 30 years, Communities In Schools of San Antonio (CIS-SA) has been helping students achieve in school, graduate, and go on to bright futures. CIS-SA's unique position in schools helps companies meet their corporate responsibility and giving objectives while meeting local student needs and engaging more community members to make an impact.

Where We Work

Communities In Schools of San Antonio serves over 160 schools in 13 school districts to surround students with a community of support. Visit <https://www.cissa.org/our-work/partners> to see a complete list of our school partners.

Who We Serve

While over 55% of our case-managed students live at or below poverty, we know that at-risk students are not statistics, and there is no one-size-fits-all solution to the challenges they face. The Communities In Schools model is designed to be adaptable to each student's unique needs. Whether it's helping them find a safer place to sleep or opportunities that prepare them for their future, we connect students with the support they need to learn at their best.



Aligning Missions

Communities In Schools is a coordinated, cooperative approach to working with children. As the name reflects, CIS brings the community into schools - and needs every one of the many community partners to bring about needed changes. Please read below to learn the ways you and your network can get engaged to help make our mission possible.

WAYS TO GET ENGAGED

Organize a Drive

Stuff the Bus School Supply Drive

Help provide new school supplies to students and families in-need. Get involved by either hosting a school supply drive or by helping solicit donations at local H-E-B stores during our city-wide Stuff The Bus collection day. Community drives take place between June and the beginning of August.

Basic Needs

Help fulfill our students' basic needs throughout their school year by organizing a drive. Our students need items such as hygiene products, shoes, food and other items to keep them focused in school.



Holiday Giving

Provide gifts and meals to students who would otherwise go without during the holidays. Get involved by collecting thanksgiving baskets, winter coats, or presents. Community drives take place as early as October and may end the beginning of December.

June

July

August

September

October

November

Stuff The Bus

Holiday Giving

WCWC Conference

Onetime Volunteer Opportunities

Make a big difference in a small amount of time.

Reading Day

Get students excited about reading by participating in a Reading Day. Reading days typically begin with "coffee talk" with campus administration and are followed by classroom rotations. Volunteers read a book and engage in conversations to inspire students to read and build their knowledge. This is typically a two-hour event. Save the date for Read Across America Day: March 2nd.

Job Shadows

Invite students to your workplace to learn more about your industry and profession. Job shadow events typically last 4 hours and consist of an overview of your company, a tour of the facilities, breakout sessions with your staff and lunch (provided by your company).

STEM Family Night Volunteer

Volunteer with our team during a STEM Family Night where students experience hands-on activities involving science, technology, engineering, and math. This is typically a two hour event.



Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

Make a lasting difference in the lives of students by supporting them throughout the school year.



InspireU Workplace Mentorship

Through our InspireU program, CIS-SA brings high school students to a corporate office so they can be matched with a mentor, exposed to the workplace environment, and expand their knowledge of potential careers. This is a four year a commitment.

Pen Pals Program

Correspond on a bi-weekly basis with a group of elementary school students. This program helps students develop their writing skills while connecting them with a supportive professional. The school year begins and ends with a face-to-face celebration on campus.

Workplace Giving

Your employer can help increase your philanthropic support for Communities In Schools of San Antonio. Ask your employer or Human Resources Department if there is an existing workplace giving program that can help further your support for kids.

Matching Gift Program

Many employers sponsor matching gift programs and will match any charitable contributions or volunteer hours made by their employees. This could double (or even triple!) the value of your employee donation.



Foundation Gift

If your corporation has a foundation to help fund non-profit initiatives, we would love to see if CIS-SA aligns with your philanthropic priorities! Foundation grants help provide essential funding for our work to keep students in school.

Become an Event Sponsor

Keeping Kids In School Luncheon is the largest fundraising event benefiting CIS-SA students and it's an opportunity to see the latest ways we are equipping students to take on and tear down the barriers that stand between them and their success. This event takes place in May of each year.

The Whole Child Whole Community Conference (WCWC) is an opportunity to build the capacity of those who serve children in order to improve youth mental, emotional, and behavioral health. This one-day conference will take place in November each year.

December

January

February

March

April

May

Individual Giving

If your company or organization does not have an established workplace giving program, we encourage you to invite your colleagues to support students by joining one of our special giving groups!

CIS-SA Star

CIS-SA Star is a monthly giving program that provides consistent support to the students we serve. \$10 can provide the essentials, \$25 supports overall well-being, & \$50 provides wraparound services. Visit www.cissa.org/#monthly to join and receive a monthly student success story to see your generosity at work.

Friends of CIS-SA

Friends of CIS-SA is a group of diverse and influential community members with a shared passion for supporting and empowering students to graduate and achieve in life. Membership dues and donations to Friends of CIS-SA help fund student enrichment activities, including visits to museums and botanical garden. Annual membership dues cost \$35 for individuals and \$50 for households. Visit <https://www.cissa.org/get-involved/friends> to join.



BECOME A PARTNER!

Our partners understand the importance of surrounding students with a community of support so young people stay – and succeed – in school and are committed to amplifying our work with the resources needed to help students succeed. Will you join our community of support?

For more information about volunteer opportunities, please contact Ilsa Garcia at igarcia@cissa.org

For more information about donations or workplace giving, please contact Jessica Hannah at jhannah@cissa.org

For more information, visit www.cissa.org



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