

Join Friends of Communities In Schools of San Antonio



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Who are Friends of CIS-SA?

Friends of Communities In Schools of San Antonio (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. Friends of CIS-SA was established in 2009 when a group of Friends sounded a call to action. Responding to a news headline, they wrote: “San Antonio a dropout factory... Not on our watch.” Since then, Friends has organized to be a sounding call for the great work that CIS-SA does in our schools and community. Today, Friends continues its efforts to build a village of support for students.



Volunteer With Friends

We have an active volunteer program, and we invite you to participate! Volunteer opportunities include:

- Pen Pal – an exchange of bi-weekly letters between a student and an adult.
- Read Across America Day – March 2 – an in-person event at a school campus with a volunteer reading to a class of students.
- Junior Achievement (JA) - a 12-week finance curriculum in weekly 45-minute in-person sessions at a school campus.



Friends Make an Impact

Friends of CIS-SA, directly and indirectly, impact students across San Antonio and the surrounding communities. To help CIS-SA meet immediate funding needs and achieve long-term sustainability, Friends of CIS-SA supports fundraising events and legislative efforts and builds partnerships with other mission-aligned organizations. Membership dues and donations to Friends of CIS-SA help fund student enrichment activities, including visits to the McNay Art Museum, San Antonio Museum of Art, and the San Antonio Botanical Garden.

“The day before our McNay field trip, one student shared he wasn’t sure if he would be coming to school the next day. Despite having peer issues in school, he attended the next day. On our way back to school, he told me, “I had fun, Miss Melina. I’m glad I came.” Coming from a student who doesn’t want to come to school sometimes, this really meant a lot.”

MELINA, CIS-SA Site Coordinator



Partnering with a School Campus

In addition to Friends supporting CIS-SA students across the city, we have developed a deeper relationship with Gilbert Elementary School, located within Harlandale ISD, to strengthen campus support and programming.

- Providing students with shoes to meet their basic needs
- Spreading holiday cheer by providing Thanksgiving baskets
- Keeping students warm this winter by providing cozy, high-quality jackets
- Providing “summer fun” kits to encourage them to exercise their bodies, brains, and imaginations



Why Become a Friend?

- Join a Group of Passionate Individuals
- Make a Direct or Indirect Impact on Students and their Families
- Participate in Advocacy Efforts, Volunteer Activities, and Educational Events
- Help build a more equitable path to education for all students in San Antonio and beyond
- Attend exclusive networking opportunities where you will continue to learn more about CIS-SA's efforts and meet likeminded individuals interested in ensuring students succeed in life and in school



"Being able to volunteer with Friends of CIS-SA in a variety of ways that fit my schedule, and working with the incredible CIS-SA staff and students continuously inspire me"

SOONALYN JACOBS, Principal and Co-Founder SpirlingUp Solutions LLC



Ready to Become a Friend?

Individual Membership is only \$35 and Household Membership is \$50 per year. There are two ways you can join or renew your membership.



Scan the QR code to join now!

- 1 Complete the electronic membership form by going to www.cissa.org/get-involved/friends#member
- or
- 2 Mail us the membership form and a check for your dues. Be sure to indicate **Friends of CIS in the memo of your check.**

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