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Why local nonprofits  
deserve your support—  
on May 4 for the Big Give  
*and* all year-round

How researchers say charities can  
increase diversity in their donor pool

Jewelry, pillows, purses & more cool  
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# Giving Big

The Big Give is back and better than ever. South Central Texas' 24 hours of online giving taps the power of social media to connect generous donors and creative nonprofits committed to making San Antonio a better place.

Since 2014, 101,000 donations have provided nearly \$11 million to over 1,600 nonprofits in 14 Texas counties—making the Big Give one of the most successful giving days in the country. The Nonprofit Council and the San Antonio Area Foundation, along with our regional partners, the New Braunfels Area Community Foundation and the Community Foundation of the Texas Hill Country, are excited for our fourth annual Big Give.

Here are our top five reasons to give on May 4 at [thebiggivesa.org](http://thebiggivesa.org):

## Spotlight on Nonprofits

Each year, 96 percent of agencies participating in the Big Give say the event helps to raise awareness for the nonprofit sector. By coming together as one community on one day, we are able to highlight these dedicated organizations.

## Support

The Big Give supports, equips and serves nonprofits through 28 workshops and webinars, offering peer learning, best practices, tools and templates that can be used to improve their effectiveness year-round. Our goal is to equip every agency in our 14-county region with the resources they need to fulfill their missions. This is more than 24 hours of giving—it provides 365 days of support.

## Year-Round Tools

By providing access to year-round fundraising pages, the Big Give allows nonprofits to use an online donation system with peer-to-peer fundraising and robust features, including a full donor database and volunteer management system.

## Leverage

In addition to driving millions in donations, the Big Give provided over \$380,000 in prize money to nonprofits of all sizes in 2016. Over half of the agencies that participate in the Big Give have an annual operating budget of under \$100,000. For smaller organizations, prize money can be a game-changer. Last year, 35 percent of all prizes went to small organizations, and thanks to prize money, one of our small nonprofits was able to double its operating budget in 24 hours.

## Community & Friendly Competition

Giving is contagious! We can come together as a community and encourage our friends and family to give to the causes we love most. Last year, 50 percent of donations made through the Big Give came from first-time donors. With so many nonprofits to discover, there's something for everyone.

## PLANNING PARTNERS FOR THE BIG GIVE

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# Big Give Basics

The Big Give returns for its fourth year with a \$6 million fundraising goal. Here's what you need to know about its past and new approach this year

## What is the Big Give?

The Big Give launched in 2014 as a one-day online giving drive inspired by the national online fundraising day known as Give Local America, which tasks nonprofits with using social media, events and other outreach to drive online donations of as little as \$10. "The Big Give isn't just about the dollars that come in," says Dennis Noll, San Antonio Area Foundation CEO. "It gives charities a chance to get their message out to the entire city and to find people who are passionate about what they are."

## Fast Growth

In the Big Give's first year, organizers set a goal of raising \$1 million for San Antonio nonprofits in 24 hours. By the time lunch was over that day in May, the goal had already been reached. After giving closed at midnight, close to \$2.02 million had been donated to nearly 500 participating nonprofits. San Antonio's Big Give has continued every May since 2014, raising over \$4 million each of the last two years.

## Adapting and Updating

The Big Give has made a few changes for 2017. Most notably, it dropped "S.A." from its name to encourage more awareness and participation from the 14 neighboring counties outside San Antonio and Bexar County that are included in the Big Give. A new website offers additional customization options for each nonprofit. To help cover operating costs and ensure the sustainability of the Big Give, as well as The Nonprofit Council and the San Antonio Area Foundation, an up-front participation fee for nonprofits was added this year. This allowed them to increase the percentage from each donation that will go directly to the nonprofit. (Service fees of 6.2-7.5 percent go to credit card companies, website hosting company GiveGab, the San Antonio Area Foundation and The Nonprofit Council.) Donors have the option to cover all online fees and last year, 45 percent chose to do so. Finally, the goal is bigger than ever: \$6 million. And, you don't have to wait to give. Donations given early can be applied toward the 2017 Big Give.—Kathleen Petty

## 2017 Reboot

NEW TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WORKS TO ENSURE WEBSITE ISSUES DON'T RETURN

It's no secret that the Big Give 2016 was plagued with technical issues.

The website was slow and then crashed, preventing donors from supporting their favorite nonprofits. Giving was extended through the following day after the technical problems were resolved but some damage already had been done.

That won't happen again, says Harvey Najim, chair of the 2017 Technology Advisory Committee and chairman emeritus at Sirius Computer Solutions, Inc.

In 2016, the San Antonio website (and those of several other cities) was backed by Austin-based Kimbia. After high volumes of traffic from various giving drives on that same day, Kimbia's server went down. In San Antonio, and nearly 80 other cities, that meant donations were unable to be processed.

In response to the crash, the Big Give created a tech committee with leaders from across the industry, including Rackspace, Sweb Development, Mobius Partners, Sandler Partners, ESD Digital Marketing and Sirius, which Najim founded. They vetted four companies—looking at architecture, capacity, security, fail-safe systems and communication plans—and selected GiveGab, which specializes in helping nonprofits raise money.

GiveGab has been tested to ensure it can handle large amounts of traffic and it has backup servers and fail-safe systems in place should any errors occur. They'll also have staff in San Antonio during the Big Give.

Along with being more equipped to handle a flood of generosity online, GiveGab worked to make the site more user friendly for nonprofits and donors.

Najim and other leaders know not every nonprofit in the area is willing to take another chance with the Big Give after the 2016 debacle, but, he says, they're hoping this year can show them everything is back on track. "I would stake my reputation on this," Najim says. "I have a lot of confidence in GiveGab." —KP



## The Power of Giving

HOW DONATIONS OF EVERY SIZE HELP NONPROFITS MAKE THE COMMUNITIES AROUND THEM BETTER PLACES TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY—KATE EDWARDS

# \$10

- One pair of eyeglasses for a patient through I Care San Antonio
- Two weeks of food for Snack Pack 4 Kids to give to a child during the summer
- Food for a week for four shelter animals at Hill Country SPCA

# \$25

- Admission to a live theater performance through Let's Go to the Show for a child who has suffered from abuse or neglect
- Five healthy meals to seniors from Morningside Ministries
- Staffing for Family Violence Prevention Services' 24-hour emergency services program

# \$50

- One bike for a young child from Earn-A-Bike
- A tool for a tradesman working with the De Novo Foundation as he or she re-enters the workforce after being homeless
- One year of education intervention services by the Pl6Plus Council of Greater Bexar County for two students

# \$100

- 10 books provided to kids through San Antonio Youth Literacy
- One month of case management at Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels for a homeless family working to reach self-sufficiency
- Funding for military aviation scholarships at the Daedalian Foundation, which helps students pursuing a career in the military

## By the Numbers

### 2016 Donor Profile

**76%**

female

**23%**

male

**50%**

first-time donors

**63%**

gave to one nonprofit

**30%**

gave to two, three or four nonprofits

**7%**

gave to five or more nonprofits

# 101,703

total donations have been made to the Big Give since 2014

In 2016, 207 prizes were offered to nonprofits totaling

# \$386,470

Average donation in 2016 was

# \$134

# 40,400

total donations were made in 2016 by 28,671 unique donors

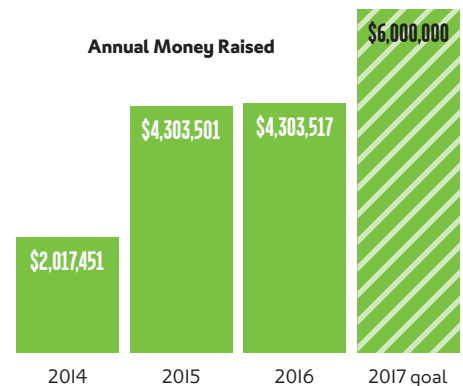
# \$10,705,314

raised since 2014  
(including prize money awarded to nonprofits)

Donations were received in 2016 from 55 states and U.S. territories, 1,865 cities and

# 19 countries

### Annual Money Raised



## Winners Circle

THESE NONPROFITS WON PRIZE MONEY FOR RAISING THE MOST MONEY OR HAVING THE MOST UNIQUE DONORS IN 2016

### Grand Prize for Most Dollars Raised

#### Basis San Antonio

The Arizona-based charter school opened its first San Antonio campus in 2013 and has since expanded to two additional campuses. Serving grades five through 12, the school challenges students with a rigorous curriculum (including at least eight AP classes by junior year) and creative learning opportunities. Seniors are asked to complete a capstone project that involves an off-campus internship or research. [btxschools.org](http://btxschools.org)

### Grand Prize for Most Unique Donors

#### Brighton Center

Founded in 1966 as a school, the center now offers preschool, therapy and other support services for children with disabilities or developmental delays. The nonprofit, which is known for its annual Taste of the Northside Fiesta event and fundraiser, increased the capacity at its Child Development Center in 2014 and in 2016 doubled the capacity of its Special Education Support and Services program. [brightonsa.org](http://brightonsa.org)

### First place winners for most dollars raised in each nonprofit category

**Animal Welfare** / TracysDogs

**Arts & Culture** / Crossmen Productions, Inc.

**Civil Rights, Social Action and Advocacy** / The Rivard Report

**Community Improvement/Environment** / Phil Hardberger Park Conservancy

**Education and Schools** / Great Hearts Academies

**Healthcare/Medical Research/Sciences** / Jaxon's FROG Foundation

**Human Services** / Brighton Center

**Military Services** / Vet TRIIP, Inc.

**Religion/Spirituality** / Sisters of Divine Providence

**Sports & Rec** / Kinetic Kids, Inc.

**Youth Development** / Boys & Girls Clubs of SA

### FACT FILE

**Give:** Visit [thebiggivesa.org](http://thebiggivesa.org) / **When:** May 4, midnight to 11:59 p.m. / **Share:** Tell us about your giving with #BigGive2017

**Compete:** Nonprofits will be eligible for prizes for receiving the most donations, the most unique donors and for raising the most money during various hours throughout the day. Watch their social media feeds for updates.





▲ **Cute Girl Kurti**  
(\$120) at San  
Antonio Museum of  
Art [samuseum.org](http://samuseum.org)

► **Butterfly  
brooch** (\$30)  
at San Antonio  
Botanical Garden  
[sabot.org](http://sabot.org)



▼ **Annie  
Castleberry  
Guatemalan  
Handbag** (\$175)  
at San Antonio  
Museum of Art  
[samuseum.org](http://samuseum.org)



▲ **Navajo bolo  
tie** (\$320) at the  
Briscoe Western  
Art Museum  
[briscoemuseum.org](http://briscoemuseum.org)



3 OTHER WAYS  
TO "GET WITH  
YOUR GIVE"

► **Attend a Show**

Ticket purchases to local companies and theaters (such as the San Antonio Symphony, Opera San Antonio, The Playhouse, the Woodlawn Theatre, Ballet San Antonio, The Magik Theatre and others) help support the arts in San Antonio.

► **Shop for the Office**

Order your next round of office supplies—from printer cartridges to cleaning supplies and paper—from San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind. Purchases are delivered the next day and help create jobs for those with blindness or severe vision loss through the nonprofit's AbilityOne Program.

► **Become a Member**

From museums and area parks (such as Phil Hardberger or the Cibola Nature Center) to nonprofit media outlets (like Texas Public Radio and the Rivard Report), becoming a member is one way to support nonprofits while also getting perks like admission to special events, discounts at gift shops and more.

# Big Gifts

Donating money isn't the only way to help. Give to nonprofit organizations by buying items that support them

STYLED BY CRISA VALDEZ



◀ **Martin Delgado  
pillow** (\$95) at  
NEST modern  
[nestmodern.com](http://nestmodern.com)

Delgado is a SAY Sí student and the winner of a design competition created by NEST in partnership with SAY Sí. He and two other students were awarded scholarships, and proceeds from all sales of the pillow go back to SAY Sí.



▲ **San Antonio Pets  
Alive! calendar** (\$14) at  
San Antonio Pets Alive!  
[sanantoniopetsalive.com](http://sanantoniopetsalive.com)



◀ **Bird catch all  
dish** (\$4) at San  
Antonio Botanical  
Garden [sabot.org](http://sabot.org)

◀ **Tile coasters** (\$13  
each) at McNay Art  
Museum [mcnayart.org](http://mcnayart.org)





## Tony Parker

SAN ANTONIO ZOO BOARD MEMBER AND DONOR

"I donate to the San Antonio Zoo to secure a future for wildlife and to make it possible for kids to be inspired by animals."

**Michael and Linda McClintock**  
Family Promise of Greater New Braunfels Donors

"We give to Family Promise because it is a faith-based program that helps families with children overcome homelessness. We get to see the families, visit with them and hear the pride in their voices as they tell us about how much Family Promise is doing for them. They go from being homeless to finding full-time jobs and obtaining a home of their own."



**Steve McHugh**  
Cured Chef/Owner

"When I was in treatment battling lymphoma, it was organizations like The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society that provided me with invaluable support. Since remission and opening Cured, I've focused my gratitude toward paying it back and paying it forward through philanthropic ventures like our 'gastro-giving' donations where \$1 from every charcuterie board served goes to a different charitable cause each quarter."



**Brit King**  
New Braunfels Area Community Foundation President and CEO

"The New Braunfels Area Community Foundation supports the Big Give as an extension of our mission to connect people who care with the causes that matter to them most. The Big Give provides a wonderful opportunity to shine a spotlight on the many great nonprofits in our area and the valuable services that they offer."

# Why I Give



**Jackie Jansky**  
Moczygemba The Ewing Halsell Foundation Manager

"The Big Give brings community awareness for nonprofits and the valuable work happening across the city. When individuals become engaged, they intentionally offer their time, talent and treasure, which creates a virtuous cycle leading to a better community."

**Alice Jewell**  
McKenna Foundation CEO

"The McKenna Foundation supports the Big Give because of its intent and proven success in building the capacity of nonprofits. The Big Give infrastructure helps organizations raise money on that very important day plus so much more."



## David and Ginny Waddell

ALPHA HOME DONORS



"We give to Alpha Home because of the many impacts they have on our community. They help reunite families by providing treatment to those seeking recovery from addiction."







# WELL-ROUNDED FUNDRAISING

For nonprofits to succeed, they must be as diverse as the communities they serve

BY KATHLEEN PETTY • ILLUSTRATION BY JACOB STEAD

At the Martinez Street Women's Center, the majority of youth who attend after-school or summer programs are Hispanic or African American. So when the nonprofit was putting together the board that would advise it on everything from financials to governance, they wanted it to reflect the community they serve. "We serve mostly women of color on the East and Southeast sides," says Executive Director Andrea Figueroa. "So we have several African American and Latino women on our board. That's intentional."

For Figueroa, having a diverse board is important not only for understanding the community and its needs but also for attracting a diverse group of supporters. Experts say that this sort of inclusiveness is crucial, but many organizations fail to pursue it. Nationwide, 73 percent of donors (and more than 75 percent of board members) are non-Hispanic whites, according to a study on diversity in giving, produced by Blackbaud and published in *The Nonprofit Times* in 2015.

In San Antonio, Big Give data shows donors are a little more diverse—but not much, says John Burnam, a consultant who helps spearhead the regional giving day. In 2015, 66 percent of Big Give donors who provided demographic information were Caucasian, despite the fact that non-Hispanic whites make up only 36 percent of the population in Bexar County. "Being a majority-minority city, we have to reach out," Burnam says. "If you don't see yourself represented, you don't feel the need to engage."

In Blackbaud's study, 18 percent of Hispanics and 20 percent of African Americans surveyed said they would support more nonprofits if they were asked more often. But, says Matt Adler, a bilingual communication specialist who taught a 2016 Big Give session about reaching Hispanics through social media, nonprofits shouldn't introduce themselves to potential supporters by asking for money. Instead, if they're engaging with individuals on social media, for example, they need to offer information that serves their interests first. "When your first interaction with a community is an ask, you can count on it failing," he says. "You don't ask someone to marry you on the first date. You have to build a relationship. As a general rule, I like the ratio of give, give, give, ask."

Information offered can include simple things like tips on healthy living for health-related nonprofits or invitations to events for arts organizations.

Burnam agrees and adds that research has shown Hispanics are more likely to give to *someone* in need, like a neighbor, rather than *something*, like a program. So nonprofits need to help people get to know them by telling stories about how their work impacts individuals in San Antonio, rather than just asking for donations to support their mission.

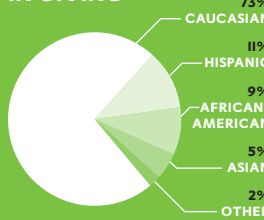
Since Hispanics also make up a younger segment of the population, Burnam says nonprofits should target social media campaigns accordingly—using Instagram to reach millennials or Facebook for efforts aimed at older individuals.

Once the medium is identified, adds Adler, nonprofits have to focus on the message. Translating materials into Spanish isn't enough—and often it's not even necessary. "It's not a linguistic question," he says, adding that word choice, topic and the medium used is most important. "It's a cultural question."

With a limited marketing budget, Figueroa says the Martinez Street Women's Center relies on its staff and board to spread the word about the work they do, which includes providing healthcare and education programs to at-risk women and girls. During the Big Give, staff and board members are asked to contact friends and family through social media and a letter that details what the organization does. The center also hosts a community event on the evening of the Big Give with live music and the opportunity to purchase T-shirts or prints that are made by a local artist and benefit the center. The event helps neighbors of the nonprofit know they're welcome and gives people of all income levels the chance to support. Funds raised through the event and the online giving drive have made the Big Give the center's largest annual fundraiser. "The Big Give gave us a springboard to reach out to people who we have not traditionally reached," she says.

In a city and nation that is increasingly more diverse, Burnam says figuring out what works, as Figueroa and her staff have, is necessary for long-term sustainability. "To be able to survive in a rapidly changing America, they need to be able to reach new people," he says. ■

## NATIONAL DIVERSITY IN GIVING



## RACE OF NONPROFIT DONORS

Source: Diversity in Giving: The Changing Landscape of American Philanthropy, Blackbaud, Feb. 2015



# A WIN-WIN

Service Dogs, Inc.  
rescues canines from  
shelters and trains them  
to help the disabled

BY CHRIS WARREN  
PHOTOS BY MELANIE GRIZZEL

When Bam Rubenstein was in the U.S. Air Force, his job was all about helping people. As a firefighter, Rubenstein was quick to the scene if a plane had smoke in the cockpit or made an emergency landing after striking a flock of birds or losing control of its landing gear.

In the early 1980s, Rubenstein's life changed dramatically when he responded to an accident and helped a pilot get out of a burning plane. "I was the lead firefighter and went on top of an F-4 and helped pull the pilot out," recalls Rubenstein. "After bringing the pilot down, I got knocked off the aircraft and landed on the ground and busted my back in two places."

In the years after his injury, Rubenstein went from being a person who provided assistance to one who needed it. Surgeries helped, but Rubenstein's physical condition steadily worsened to the point where he is now unable to work, has to walk with the assistance of a cane and has difficulty getting up off a couch. "I drop my cane all the time," Rubenstein says. "Because of my leg and back it's hard to reach down and grab it."

Now, however, whenever Rubenstein's cane tumbles to the floor of his apartment, all he has to do is say, "Solo, get it and give," and it returns quickly to his hands. Early in 2017, Rubenstein became the owner of a highly trained black Labrador service dog named Solo. In addition to retrieving his cane, Solo is trained to help him with things like getting up after a fall or climbing stairs. "The dog has taken so much pressure off of me," Rubenstein says. "Solo makes life so much easier."

Solo came to Rubenstein from Service Dogs, Inc., a Dripping Springs-based nonprofit that's participating in the Big Give and has a mission of helping both dogs and people. "We rescue dogs who have been abandoned at animal shelters and turn them into life lines for people living with disabilities or hearing loss," says Sheri Soltes, the organization's president who founded the nonprofit after practicing trial law for eight years. She was good at her last job but found it unfulfilling. "This is unlike trial law," she says. "Here, everyone wins."



Which is not to say that it doesn't require a lot of work to find the right dogs and pair them with people who need them. Becky Kier, the organization's manager of training, says that she will walk past as many as 1,000 dogs and evaluate up to 10 before choosing just one—the majority of which are retriever mixes, a breed that was historically bred to work with people. "It's all about temperament," she says. "They have to be friendly and into people more than they're into their environment. They have to be easy to handle and take direction well and let

the person lead them versus creating action themselves."

After being selected, the dogs typically go through nine months of training at the organization's facility, followed by three months of training in a client's home. Since its founding, Service Dogs, Inc. has placed around 800 dogs—both service and hearing dogs—in homes around Texas, including in San Antonio, the Hill Country and Austin. When dogs don't make it through training, they find families or new occupations for them.

Rubenstein didn't have to spend much time with Solo to decide he was the right fit. There were three potential dogs for him to choose from when he visited Dripping Springs last year—Anakin, Solo and Jedi. "Solo just fell in my lap," he says. "We were the perfect match." ■

# GIVING PROS

Nonprofit leaders combine passion and skills to make an impact

BY ALLISON COPENBARGER VANCE



**Dee Dee  
Sedgwick**

**BLUEPRINT  
MINISTRIES  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR**

This isn't *Fixer Upper*. That's something Dee Dee Sedgwick, executive director at Blueprint Ministries, wants to make sure everyone knows. But she and the HGTV stars are in the same line of business: renovating homes. After serving as a pastor for 30 years, Sedgwick says she felt called to help solve San Antonio's substandard housing crisis. So she established Blueprint Ministries, a nonprofit that restores homes for elderly, disabled and low-income individuals. When they're finished, you won't find granite countertops or shiplap, but they do take run-down homes and make them safe, warm and dry. Many of the projects are completed by spring and summer work camps—groups of teens, college students and other volunteers—who are trained in basic construction techniques and put to work, restoring homes under supervision.

Sedgwick says it exposes the kids to one of the big needs in the world while building servant leadership skills. Last year they launched a program that places teens in work camps in their own neighborhoods. She'd like to expand it. "I've taken kids to do mission work in Memphis," she says, "but there's so much need in San Antonio. It's wonderful to see the kids' eyes open to that need." However, the biggest transformation, Sedgwick says, comes in the daily lives of the people they serve. Their work helped one man meet the housing standard needed to adopt his grandchildren. Another project allowed a disabled man to use the bathroom inside his own home—no small impact. "I've been so honored that these folks let us into their lives," she says. "We're not just building homes, we're building relationships."



A black and white portrait of Miriam Elizondo, a woman with long dark hair, smiling. She is wearing a light-colored top and a dark blazer. The background features a large green circle on a blue rectangular field.

# Miriam Elizondo

THE RAPE  
CRISIS CENTER  
EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR

After 12 years of working at The Rape Crisis Center, last May Miriam Elizondo became the executive director and began to dream about what the center could become.

As the largest independent center of its kind in Texas, the San Antonio nonprofit offers services aimed at filling the gap that exists for victims once they leave the hospital and law enforcement has finished the case. “We want to help them pick up the pieces,” says Elizondo.

Currently, that means the center offers in-hospital visits, a 24-hour hotline (there were about 13,000 crisis calls in 2016, 50 percent of which were from minors) and counseling for the victims and their loved ones. But Elizondo dreams of doing more.

In Texas, one in five men and two in five women will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime. And many of those victims need ongoing medical care. “So many of our clients have physical health needs,” she says. “Mental health only goes so far.”

Elizondo admits offering these services would add issues surrounding paperwork and billing complications, but she thinks someone needs to step up. And though the center isn’t quite ready to start offering care, including exams following an assault, she’s already putting together the pieces—the nonprofit recently moved into a larger space equipped with a nurse’s station. “I don’t know how long it might take to implement those services,” she says, “but I need to make it happen before I leave here because it’s what the community needs.”

Meals on Wheels might be its name, but the organization is about far more than just food. At least that’s the view of new Meals on Wheels San Antonio CEO Vinsen Faris, who previously headed up the organization’s North Texas outpost for nearly 30 years. “I’ve been doing this a good long while,” Faris says. “And I used to be on my soapbox about the importance of the meal. And it is important, but we’re also really fighting isolation.”

Meals on Wheels delivers meals to about 3,200 homebound seniors every weekday. “For many of our clients, we are the only people they see during the day,” he says. “Isolation brings depression and that brings health issues. The socialization is every bit as important as the nutrition.”

Of course, the food is important, too. A dietitian and chef work together to create nutritionally dense meals that have 800-1,200 calories—a high calorie count because Faris says many of these individuals are eating little else through the day. For some clients, the main meal is also supplemented by a breakfast delivered the previous day. What’s on the menu? Forget about typical cafeteria fare. “One of our most popular meals recently was a salad with chicken, fresh greens and chickpeas,” Faris says, adding that they aim for variety.

In North Texas, Faris grew the small program from serving a few dozen individuals to more than 4,200 by working to raise funds and solicit volunteers. He hopes to do the same here.

“In a community of our size, we should be serving more than 5,000 people a day,” he says. “We need more community involvement and more public awareness. We’re going to do better.”



## Vinsen Faris

MEALS ON WHEELS  
SAN ANTONIO CEO



## Lexi Dalrymple

LET’S GO TO THE SHOW FOUNDER

When the founder of Let’s Go to the Show says she has been interested in the arts from a young age, she means a very young age. After all, only 14 years old now, Lexi Dalrymple has already created a nonprofit—with a little help from her parents—focused on sharing her love of theater. The organization raises money to provide children served by Child Advocates of San Antonio (CASA) with tickets to live performing arts shows. Child advocates can request tickets to a performance and Let’s Go to the Show works to make it happen. Dalrymple says she was inspired after volunteering at a CASA day of service called Art and Soul, during which children in CASA took a painting class. She was part of a performance at the Woodlawn Theatre at the time, and she had an idea. “I was really sad when it was over and I had to go to rehearsal,” she says. “I thought it

would be great to have some of the kids also come to see the show. I told my parents about it in the car, and they really loved the idea.” So far, the organization has given about 300 tickets to kids who have enjoyed *Mary Poppins* and *Peter Pan* at the Woodlawn Theatre as well as *Sleeping Beauty* by Children’s Ballet of SA and other productions. Now, she’s thinking big picture. She’d like to expand Let’s Go to the Show to serve more kids in the community. She’d also like to provide more experiences to the kids, hoping to partner with the Majestic Theatre in San Antonio or even take kids to New York to see performances on Broadway. When she’s an adult, she’s also considering a career in philanthropy and becoming an advocate for CASA, which serves kids in child protective services. But first, she says, she needs to focus on making it through eighth grade. ■



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# San Antonio Pets Alive!

## ⌘ MISSION

We are a lifesaving organization that solely rescues dogs and cats selected for euthanasia at the City Shelter.

Our vision is to make San Antonio a No-Kill Community.



## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

San Antonio Pets Alive! is dedicated to saving the lives of pets with no other hope for life. Through a complex flow-through process, we rescue dogs and cats from euthanasia, treat their medical needs and adopt or transport each animal to a loving forever home.

## ⌘ LEADERSHIP

Maureen E. O'Neill  
*Executive Director*

Krystal Mathis  
*Development Director*

Clare Joscelyne  
*Director of Operations*

Gabriella Uresti  
*Clinic Director*

Steven Silver  
*Director of Major Gifts  
and Planned Giving*

## ⌘ EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

We rely on everybody in our community to save pets' lives. Volunteers and fosters are always needed. For more information please email [info@sanantoniopetsalive.org](mailto:info@sanantoniopetsalive.org)



P.O. Box 830006  
San Antonio, TX 78283  
[sanantoniopetsalive.org](http://sanantoniopetsalive.org)

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# Hand in Paw: We Save Lives

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alive!**



# AVANCE–San Antonio, Inc.

## ⌘ MISSION

AVANCE unlocks America's potential by strengthening families in at-risk communities through effective parent education and support programs.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

AVANCE–San Antonio, Inc. is the only two-generational model that educates parents and children at the same time. Through nine month classes, parents receive parenting skills and knowledge while developing their own personal

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children are provided with a quality early childhood education to build the cognitive, social, emotional and physical foundation they need to achieve school readiness and succeed in life. All services are interrelated, family-centered and preventative in nature. Our programs develop strong, stable families, healthy children and economic self-sufficiency. AVANCE believes that education is the key to the future and that changes we facilitate within the parent/family unit make a positive generational change.

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# SAMMinistries



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## ⌘ MISSION

SAMMinistries is an interfaith ministry whose mission is to help the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless attain self-sufficiency by offering, with dignity and compassion, shelter, housing, and services. SAMMinistries also provides volunteers opportunities to be renewed and fulfilled as they serve.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

SAMMinistries utilizes a comprehensive and holistic approach to helping families wrestling with poverty and offers a pathway to independence through stable housing and an emphasis on financial literacy, academic achievement, employment opportunities, and basic skill development. Programs include homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and transitional and permanent supportive housing.

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San Antonio, TX 78216

210-340-0302

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## ⌘ MISSION

CAMP works to strengthen and inspire individuals with special needs—and those who care for them—through Recreation, Respite, and Education.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

CAMP provides both summer and school year recreational programming for children and adults with developmental, intellectual, medical, behavioral, and physical disabilities, while providing parents and caregivers with much needed respite from their year-round caregiving responsibilities. Summer program includes spending five nights, six days at Camp CAMP in Center Point, Texas, and school year programming includes Parent's Night Out, Teen and Adult Day Adventure, and Respite Camping Weekends each held on a monthly basis.

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San Antonio, Texas 78227

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## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

HeartGift continues to strive for a world where children born with a congenital heart defect have access to the medical care they need, regardless of where they live.

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210-216-8944

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## ⌘ MISSION

The Institute of Classical Architecture & Art is the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the practice and appreciation of the classical tradition in architecture and the allied arts.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

Architecture provides a foundation of investigation and discovery for students that synthesizes many disciplines and impacts their everyday lives. The New Heights program engages eighth grade students at Alamo Heights Junior School in a dynamic study of architecture through meaningful observation, critical thinking, studio experiences, and field studies, all of which will enhance their understanding of the built environment, their place within it, and the role of architects and architecture.



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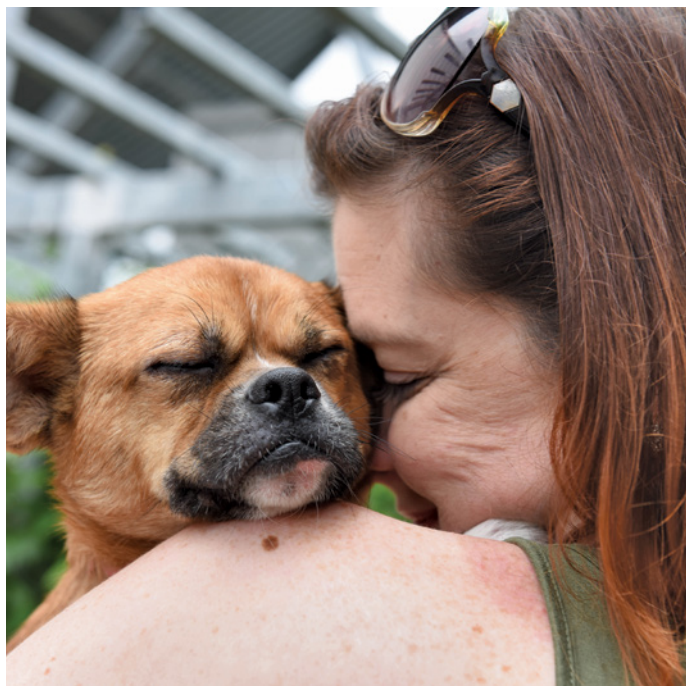
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# San Antonio Humane Society



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## ⌘ MISSION

Our mission is to protect and improve the lives of dogs and cats by providing shelter, care, adoption, rescue, spay and neuter programs, and community education. Through our programs, we share the importance of responsible pet ownership, microchipping, and spaying/neutering.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

We shelter, medically treat, and rehabilitate approximately 5,000 dogs and cats every year.

The San Antonio Humane Society is a nonprofit, no-kill organization that has served Bexar County and its surrounding areas since 1952. We are not affiliated with nor receive funds from the Humane Society of the United States and believe donating locally helps our community solve a local problem.

4804 Fredericksburg Road

San Antonio, TX 78229

210-226-7461

[SAhumane.org](http://SAhumane.org)





# San Antonio Youth Literacy



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## ⌘ MISSION

We strive to increase the number of children reading at grade level while fostering an enjoyment of reading. Our vision is that every child in South Texas will enter 3rd grade reading on grade level.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

SAYL recruits and trains dedicated volunteers who commit to working with 2nd grade students, an hour each week during the school year. Reading Buddy mentors are placed at one of sixty-seven elementary schools in NEISD, NISD and SAISD. Acquisition of basic reading and comprehension skills is stressed through our guided reading curriculum. In addition, SAYL gives out over 12,000 books each year to elementary students through our Book Buddy Initiative.

1616 E. Commerce St., Bldg. 2,  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-299-1533  
[sayl.org](http://sayl.org)



# San Antonio Zoo



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## ⌘ MISSION

Inspire people to love, engage, act and protect animals and the places they live through sharing our passion for animal care, education and conservation.

## ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

Connect with more than 750 animal species from around the world on 56 beautifully landscaped acres. Daily behind-the-scenes tours, plus giraffe and lory feedings. Be inspired when visiting the zoo to secure a future for wildlife through conservation and education.

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3903 N. Saint Mary's St.  
San Antonio, TX 78212  
210-734-7184  
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## Teach For America–San Antonio



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### ⌘ MISSION

One day, all children in this nation will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.

### ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

We **recruit** diverse and passionate leaders with demonstrated records of achievement to teach in San Antonio's highest-needs schools in the urban core. We **train and support** these leaders to have an immediate positive impact on their students and communities. We **foster the leadership** of our alumni at every level of education and across sectors, armed with conviction to lead and support critical efforts to end educational inequity.

700 N. St. Mary's St., Ste. 200

San Antonio, TX 78205

210-424-5800

[sanantonio.teachforamerica.org](http://sanantonio.teachforamerica.org)



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### ⌘ MISSION

Thrive Youth Center is an affirming, LGBTQ-positive environment where residents experience support and belonging as they take steps to exit homelessness.

### ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

Our waiting list is constant, but our services are consistent. We meet young people where they are in their life journey and afford them a chance to secure safe and stable housing.

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**1 Haven for Hope Way**  
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**[thriveyouthcenter.com](http://thriveyouthcenter.com)**



## YMCA of Greater San Antonio



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### ⌘ MISSION

Our mission is to put Judeo-Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy spirit, mind and body for all.

### ⌘ KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

Every day the YMCA of Greater San Antonio gives our community the support it needs to learn, grow and thrive. With our doors open to all, we bring together people from all backgrounds and support those who need us most. We bridge gaps in community needs. Our programs and initiatives enable kids to realize their potential, prepare teens for college, offer ways for families to have fun together and empower people to be healthier in spirit, mind and body.

**231 E. Rhapsody Drive**  
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## Christian Assistance Ministry (CAM)

### ⌘ MISSION

The mission of CAM is to share the love of Christ by providing immediate assistance and encouragement to people in crisis. CAM provides immediate help to those in need.

110 McCullough Ave.  
San Antonio, Texas 78215  
[cam-sa.org](http://cam-sa.org)



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## Hemisfair Conservancy

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San Antonio, TX 78295

210-262-2502

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## Lonestar Soccer Club– San Antonio

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12055 Starcrest Drive, San Antonio, TX 78247

210-880-5772, [lonestar-sc-sa.com](http://lonestar-sc-sa.com)

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## I Care San Antonio

### ⌘ MISSION

The mission of I Care San Antonio is to provide complete eye care, including exams, glasses and surgeries, to low income and homeless children, adults and seniors, in San Antonio and the surrounding contiguous ten counties.

1 Haven for Hope Way

San Antonio, TX 78207

210-220-2370

icare-sa.org



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## Project MEND

### ⌘ MISSION

Project MEND is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals living with disabilities and illness through the refurbishment, reuse and distribution of medical equipment and other assistive technology.

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210-223-6363

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Medical Equipment Network for those with Disabilities

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## SA Kids Attend to Win

### ⌘ MISSION

The mission of SA Kids Attend to Win is to improve overall attendance in schools by using data to identify chronically absent students and instituting attendance teams to create positive interventions and incentive plans.

1142 East Commerce St., Ste. 200

San Antonio, TX 78205

210-871-3646

[p16plus.org/category/initiatives/](http://p16plus.org/category/initiatives/sa-kids-attend-to-win/)

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## S.L.E.W. Wellness Center

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## SJRC Texas

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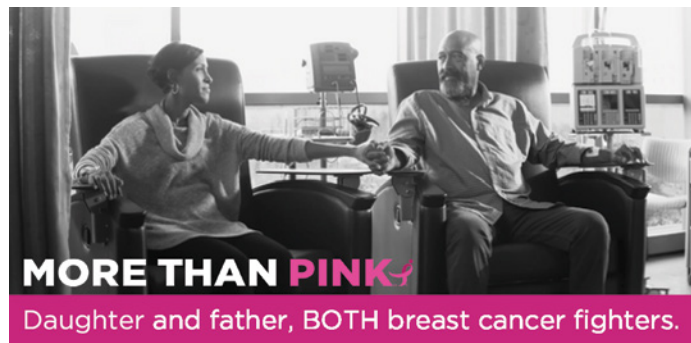
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## The Circle School

### ⌘ MISSION

Through the shared ethics and knowledge of parents and educators, the Circle School cultivates a thriving and compassionate community while individualizing education, fostering a lifelong love of learning, and providing the confidence and leadership skills needed to become impactful citizens of the world.

217 Pershing Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
210-822-0461  
[thecircleschool.org](http://thecircleschool.org)



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## VIDES

### ⌘ MISSION

VIDES+USA volunteer missionaries accompany marginalized and at-risk youth and women to provide for themselves. As they share life in Christ, they promote education, development, social justice, and solidarity.

6019 Buena Vista St.  
San Antonio, TX 78237  
[vides.us](http://vides.us)  
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## The Saddle Light Center

### ⌘ MISSION

Our mission is to provide professional equine therapy for children, teenagers and adults with neurological, orthopedic, learning, emotional or other disabilities.

17530 Old Evans Road  
Selma, TX 78154  
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CASA Volunteer Jessica Swadick with Zoe, Mia, and Abel  
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Causes: Homelessness & Housing, Education, Health & Wellness

8619 Post Oak Lane | San Antonio, TX 78217

210-967-9891 | [abodehome.org](http://abodehome.org)

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ALAMO COLLEGES FOUNDATION

## Alamo Colleges Foundation

Causes: Education

1819 N. Main Ave. | San Antonio, TX 78212

210-485-0044 | [alamo.edu/foundation](http://alamo.edu/foundation)

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## Alzheimer's Association

Causes: Health & Wellness, Community Advocacy, Seniors

10223 McAllister Freeway, Ste. 100

San Antonio, TX 78216

210-822-6449 | [alz.org/sanantonio](http://alz.org/sanantonio)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/alzheimer-s-association](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/alzheimer-s-association)

## AVANCE - San Antonio, Inc.

Causes: Education, Health & Wellness

P.O. Box 830487 | San Antonio, TX 78283

210-220-1788 | [avancesa.org](http://avancesa.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/avance-san-antonio-inc](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/avance-san-antonio-inc)

## Big Brothers and Big Sisters of South Texas

Causes: Youth

10843 Gulfdale Drive | San Antonio, TX 78216

210-225-6322 | [bigmentor.org](http://bigmentor.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-south-texas](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/big-brothers-big-sisters-of-south-texas)

## Bihl Haus Arts

Causes: Arts & Culture, Seniors, Women's Issues

P.O. Box 100806 | San Antonio, TX 78201

210-383-9723 | [bihlhausarts.org](http://bihlhausarts.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/bihl-haus-arts](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/bihl-haus-arts)

## Blessed Sacrament Academy

Causes: Education, Youth

1135 Mission Road | San Antonio, TX 78210

210-532-4731 | [blessedsacramentacademysa.org](http://blessedsacramentacademysa.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/blessed-sacrament-academy](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/blessed-sacrament-academy)



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CHILD ADVOCATES  
SAN ANTONIO

## Child Advocates San Antonio

Causes: Youth, Community Advocacy, Social Justice

406 San Pedro Ave. | San Antonio, TX 78212

210-225-7070 | [casa-satx.org](http://casa-satx.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/child-advocates-san-antonio](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/child-advocates-san-antonio)



## Children's Alliance of South Texas,

### A Child Advocacy Center

Causes: Youth, Community Advocacy, Social Justice

1108 Railroad St. | Floresville, TX 78114

830-393-6290 | [castcac.org](http://castcac.org)

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## Children's Association for Maximum Potential

Causes: Youth, Education

P.O. Box 27086 | San Antonio, TX 78227

210-671-5411 | [campcamp.org](http://campcamp.org)

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## Christian Assistance Ministry

Causes: Poverty & Hunger

110 McCullough Ave. | San Antonio, TX 78215

210-223-4099 | [cam-sa.org](http://cam-sa.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/christian-assistance-ministry](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/christian-assistance-ministry)

## HeartGift San Antonio

Causes: Health & Wellness, Youth, International

P.O. Box 291230 | San Antonio, TX 78229

210-216-8944 | [heartgift.org](http://heartgift.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/heartgift-san-antonio](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/heartgift-san-antonio)

## Hemisfair Conservancy

Causes: Arts & Culture, Health & Wellness, Environment

P.O. Box 1262 | San Antonio, TX 78295

210-262-2502 | [hemisfairconservancy.org](http://hemisfairconservancy.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/hemisfair-conservancy](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/hemisfair-conservancy)

## I Care San Antonio, The Vision Center at Haven for Hope

Causes: Health & Wellness, Youth, Seniors

1 Haven for Hope Way | San Antonio, TX 78207

210-220-2370 | [icare-sa.org](http://icare-sa.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/i-care-san-antonio](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/i-care-san-antonio)

## Institute of Classical Architecture & Art

Causes: Arts & Culture

940-765-0664 | [classicist-texas.org](http://classicist-texas.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-institute-of-classical-architecture-art](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-institute-of-classical-architecture-art)

## Lonestar Soccer Club-San Antonio

Causes: Youth

12055 Starcrest Drive | San Antonio, TX 78247

210-880-5772 | [lonestar-sc-sa.com](http://lonestar-sc-sa.com)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/alamo-city-storm-dba-lonestar-soccer-club-san-antonio](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/alamo-city-storm-dba-lonestar-soccer-club-san-antonio)

## Project MEND

Causes: Health & Wellness, Veterans, Seniors

5727 I-10 W. | San Antonio, TX 78201

210-223-6363 | [projectmend.org](http://projectmend.org)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/project-MEND](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/project-MEND)

## P16Plus Council of Greater Bexar County/SA Kids Attend to Win

Causes: Education, Youth

1142 E. Commerce St., Ste. 2004

San Antonio, TX 78205

210-871-3646 | [p16plus.org/category/initiatives/sa-kids-attend-to-win/](http://p16plus.org/category/initiatives/sa-kids-attend-to-win/)

➔ **Give on May 4:** [thebiggivesa.org/organizations/p16plus-council-of-greater-bexar-county](http://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/p16plus-council-of-greater-bexar-county)

**SAMMinistries**

Causes: Homelessness & Housing,  
Poverty & Hunger, Education  
5254 Blanco Road | San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-340-0302 | samm.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/samministries](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/samministries)

**San Antonio AIDS Foundation**

Causes: Community Advocacy, Education,  
Health & Wellness, Homelessness & Housing  
818 E. Grayson St. | San Antonio, TX 78208  
210-225-4715 | sanantonioids.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-aids-foundation](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-aids-foundation)

**San Antonio Humane Society**

Causes: Animals, Education  
4804 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-226-7461 | sahumane.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-humane-society](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-humane-society)

**San Antonio Pets Alive (SAPA)**

Causes: Animals  
P.O. Box 830006 | San Antonio, TX 78283  
210-370-7612 | sanantoniopetsalive.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-pets-alive](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-pets-alive)

**San Antonio Youth Literacy**

Causes: Education, Youth  
1616 E. Commerce St., Bldg. 2  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-299-1533 | sayl.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-youth-literacy](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-youth-literacy)

**San Antonio Zoo**

Causes: Animals, Education  
3903 N. Saint Mary's St. | San Antonio, TX 78212  
210-734-7184 | sazoo.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-zoo](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/san-antonio-zoo)

**Silver & Black Give Back**

Causes: Youth, Education, Health & Wellness  
1 AT&T Center Pkwy. | San Antonio, TX 78219  
210-444-5861 | sbgb.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/silver-black-give-back](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/silver-black-give-back)

**SJRC Texas, St. Jude's Ranch for Children**

Causes: Community Advocacy, Youth, Education  
1400 Ridge Creek Lane | Bulverde, TX 78163  
210-876-6763 | sjrctexas.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/sjrc-texas-st-judes-ranch-for-children](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/sjrc-texas-st-judes-ranch-for-children)

**S.L.E.W. Wellness Center**

Causes: Health & Wellness, Seniors,  
Women's Issues  
12525 Nacogdoches Road | San Antonio, TX 78217  
210-654-790 | slewellness.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/slew-wellness-center](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/slew-wellness-center)

**Susan G. Komen Foundation**

Causes: Education, Health & Wellness,  
Women's Issues  
P.O. Box 6678 | San Antonio, TX 78209  
210-222-9009 | komensanantonio.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/susan-g-komen-san-antonio](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/susan-g-komen-san-antonio)

**Teach for America San Antonio**

Causes: Education, Youth, Social Justice  
700 N. St. Mary's St., Ste. 200  
San Antonio, TX 78205  
210-424-5800 | sanantonio.teachforamerica.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/teach-for-america-san-antonio](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/teach-for-america-san-antonio)

**Texas Public Radio**

Causes: Arts & Culture, International, Education  
8401 Datapoint Drive, Ste. 800  
San Antonio, TX 78229  
210-614-8977 | tpr.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/texas-public-radio](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/texas-public-radio)

**The Circle School**

Causes: Education  
217 Pershing Ave. | San Antonio, TX 78209  
210-822-0461 | thecircleschool.org  
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830-896-8811 | communityfoundation.net

**The Louise H. Batz Patient Safety Foundation**

Causes: Community Advocacy, Education,  
Health & Wellness  
206 Oakleaf | San Antonio, TX 78209  
210-833-6412 | louisebatz.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-louise-h-batz-patient-safety-foundation](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-louise-h-batz-patient-safety-foundation)

**The Saddle Light Center**

Causes: Health & Wellness, Youth, Animals  
17530 Old Evans Road | Selma, TX 78154  
210-651-9574 | thesaddlelightcenter.com  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-saddle-light-center](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/the-saddle-light-center)

**Thrive Youth Center**

Causes: Homelessness & Housing, Youth,  
Social Justice  
P.O. Box 160161 | San Antonio, TX 78280  
210-212-2935 | thriveyouthcenter.com  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/thrive-youth-center](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/thrive-youth-center)

**Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. San Antonio Chapter**

Causes: Youth, Education, Social Justice  
P.O. Box 264 | Randolph AFB, TX 78150  
sactai.com  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/tuskegee-airmen-inc-san-antonio-chapter](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/tuskegee-airmen-inc-san-antonio-chapter)

**VIDES+USA**

Causes: Youth, Religion, Social Justice  
6019 Buena Vista St. | San Antonio, TX 78237  
210-373-9532 | vides.us  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/vides-usa](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/vides-usa)

**World Affairs Council of San Antonio**

Causes: International, Education, Politics  
40 N.E. Loop 410, Ste. 608  
San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-308-9494 | wacofsa.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/world-affairs-council-of-sanantonio](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/world-affairs-council-of-sanantonio)

**YMCA of Greater San Antonio**

Causes: Health & Wellness, Youth, Education  
231 E. Rhapsody Drive | San Antonio, TX 78216  
210-246-9600 | ymcasatx.org  
➔ [Give on May 4: thebiggivesa.org/organizations/ymca-of-greater-san-antonio](https://thebiggivesa.org/organizations/ymca-of-greater-san-antonio)



# Linda McDavitt

Big Give pioneer is chasing her dreams

BY KATHLEEN PETTY

Linda McDavitt isn't just repeating an inspirational phrase when she tells people to follow their dreams. She means it. The 70-year-old president of the Genevieve and Ward Orsinger Foundation had long wanted to sail around the world. So in 2015, she did. She'd come across a Clipper Round the World racing ship while traveling in 2013. She researched the monthslong around-the-world sailing challenge and after lots of training, set sail along with a crew as part of the 2015-16 race, all to benefit charity. "If you have a dream, you just need to go for it," she says.

## Dream Big

McDavitt acknowledges dreams don't have to require a major commitment like circling the watery globe. They can be anything—from starting a garden to making a difference. That was her aim when she approached Scott McAninch, executive director of The Nonprofit Council, in 2013 about starting the Big Give.

She'd noticed the success of Amplify Austin, a similar one-day online giving campaign, and thought there was no reason the efforts couldn't be duplicated in San Antonio. McAninch agreed, and in 2014, the Big Give was born. "It's been really exciting to see nonprofits getting training in how to raise

money and how to utilize social media and trying to spread out to people who had never donated to them before," McDavitt says.

## Second Career

Before becoming involved with the Orsinger Foundation, which was founded in 1997 by her aunt, Genevieve Orsinger, McDavitt spent her

career as a school band director at Judson, Madison and MacArthur high schools, among others. "Being a band director I just had tunnel vision. The only volunteers I realized were out there were the ones who took care of the kids' uniforms," she says. "It's been a great eye-opener for me, and I really am grateful that (my aunt) put me in the position to learn what else was going on in the world." The foundation focuses on supporting fine arts, education and social service organizations that empower clients to help themselves—areas Genevieve Orsinger, who passed away in 2004, was passionate about.

## Greater Outreach

When it comes to the Big Give, McDavitt sees it as something that is about much more than one day of giving. Beyond the money that nonprofits can raise during the 24-hour fundraising drive, the Big Give helps organizations in the long term by training them on everything from social media to board involvement. "To me, it's great for sustainability," she says. And she has a message to people who aren't able to donate on May 4 or want to do more. "Find a cause that you can help," she says. "If you can't help in dollars, find time to volunteer because that's just as beneficial." ■



## FACT FILE

**Age:** 70

### Leader:

President of the Genevieve and Ward Orsinger Foundation

**Fun Fact:** She was the oldest woman to finish all of the 2015-16 Clipper Round the World Race.

# silver & black GIVE BACK

## mission:

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## key services provided:

As the non-profit partner of Spurs Sports & Entertainment, Silver & Black Give Back empowers and invests in the youth of San Antonio to be civically-minded leaders through service, sports, and grants in partnership with our players, coaches, staff and the community.

Our programs provide hands-on opportunities that inspire local youth to give back to their communities and to learn the power of teamwork.

The Team Up Challenge provides funding for youth-led service projects that better the community by encouraging students to be civically-minded in partnership with schools and non-profits; and our youth sports leagues teach essential character traits and positive values through teamwork and competition in a fun environment.

Silver & Black Give Back also awards facility grants to program partners to help fund infrastructure improvements to ensure safe places for youth to play.

## Silver & Black Give Back

One ATT Center Parkway  
San Antonio, TX 78219  
(210) 444-5861

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