

UNITE FOR EDUCATION

Education is the cornerstone for success in work and in life - and it benefits the whole community! High school graduates earn more, are more engaged in their communities, and are more likely to raise kids who also graduate. By investing in programs that provide quality education for students of all ages, we're investing in brighter prospects not just for ourselves or our children, but for the next generation as well.

THE CHALLENGE

When kids fall behind in school, they become frustrated and check out before they drop out. We intend to change that. Our community goal is to prepare at least 60% of all students to graduate and succeed by giving them access to the best educational programs North Texas has to offer.

60%

of children don't attend preschool

LESS THAN

1/3

of high school students show proficiency in math or science

1 in 5

kids who read below grade level in 3rd grade go on to college

90%

of brain development happens before students are six years old. Barriers to kids attending early childhood education centers or preschools are affordability, availability, transportation, and access.

33%

of high school students who took the ACT or SAT scored at a college-ready level

OUR WORK

To boost student achievement, we currently fund 56 educational programs focused on the strategies that local education experts say are the keys to long-term student success (in which we wholeheartedly agree).



PREPARE

Preparing kids for kindergarten by advocating for policies that strengthen early childhood education across the state.



SUPPORT

Providing out-of-school support from mentors in afterschool and summer programs, as well as recruiting hundreds of volunteers to read to, tutor, and mentor North Texas students.



ENHANCE

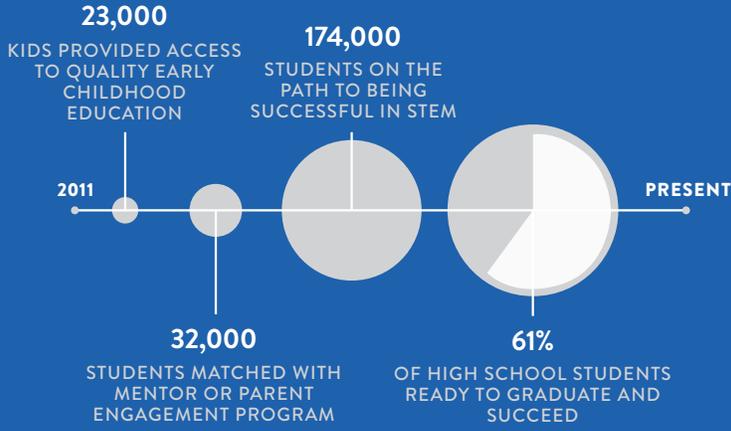
Enhancing academic achievement through English language learning, STEM initiatives, and college and career preparation.



RESULTS MATTER

Since 2011, United Way has invested \$27M in education initiatives to prepare at least

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CYNTHIA'S STORY

Cynthia is in the math cluster at Skyline, an arduous and selective program whose participants must take all of the state-mandated math courses and then take an additional eight math classes.

To complete the rigorous academic requirements, students need graphing calculators for the high-level courses. Cynthia didn't have one, but she didn't let that stop her. She worked around the problem by using a web-based graphing tool, except it was often an insufficient solution that added about one to two hours to her homework every night.

Until a United Way event at Trinity River Mission with volunteers from Atmos Energy and Texas Instruments.

Volunteers spent an entire day helping students like Cynthia prepare for the upcoming school year by providing new school supplies and one-on-one mentoring. Additionally, Texas Instruments brought along a range of grade-appropriate calculators to gift to the students in attendance, including its top of the line TI-Nspire. For her, this gift was more than just a homework time-saver, it's a vital tool that will help her achieve her dreams.



GET INVOLVED

Behind all our work, there are people like you who get involved in big and small – but significant – ways to ensure a better future for their family and their community. Your involvement is our most powerful resource. With you on our team, we can reach our goal of a better future for North Texas.



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