

# HELPING STUDENTS SUCCEED

## Meet Margarita

Margarita was a shy student who kept to herself. With the help of United Way, Margarita was connected to an art program where she was able to come out of her shell and thrive creatively. Now, she is confident and excited to explore turning her passion for art into a career.

Like Margarita, many students in Bexar County do not have the support they need to foster learning. Many students are missing academic milestones and not all students graduating high school are ready for college or a career.



Margarita

**1 in 4**  
third-grade  
students do not read at grade-level

**1 in 3**  
eighth-grade  
students are not math-proficient

**1 in 7**  
young adults  
ages 16 - 24 are neither in school nor working

## OUR IMPACT



**322** students

supported by programs are now reading at grade level



**674** students

in fifth and eighth grade are no longer chronically absent



**414** disconnected youth

ages 16 - 24 are reengaged in education or the workforce

Our **Successful Students Impact Area** provides reading and math proficiency programs, reengages disconnected youth, provides youth support services for vulnerable populations, hosts transition camps for students entering middle or high school, advocates for disciplinary referral reform and more to help students reach their full potential.

Together, we are working to:

- Increase reading proficiency by the end of third grade
- Increase eighth grade math proficiency
- Decrease the number of disconnected youth, ages 16 - 24
- Decrease chronic absenteeism
- Decrease the number of disciplinary/behavioral referrals



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Learn how Margarita and others were impacted by United Way.

