AVANCE- San Antonio, strengthening parents and children here in San Antonio and some rural communities who aspire to improve their lives through learning, leading and loving.

LEARNING

Most people think that low-income families don’t value education or aspire to attain a form of higher education.

The fact is that 80% of AVANCE families, once completed our program, have gone on to receive some form of higher education – either an Associate’s Degree, Bachelor’s Degree or even their Master’s.

“If it hadn’t been for AVANCE’s support, her family would not be where they are today.”
- Elida Galindo

We need to continue to serve the over 2,000 children and 2,000 parents annually by hiring quality child development teachers and parent educators.

LEADING

You often hear “These folks” are a drain on our community resources.

The fact is that prior to coming to AVANCE, 44% of our parents were earning on average $3,000 per year. But with proper support and tools from AVANCE, parents go on to hold full-time employment and exceed their financial stability by increasing their income level to over $40,000 per year or more. Our families truly want to be off a system but just need an opportunity to do so.

“I owe most of my success to AVANCE because they supported me in every way they could…”
- Alma Ramos

Because our goal is to be better than the standard, we need to continue to maintain the quality early childhood education by having one child development teacher for every four children.

LOVING

Stereotypically fathers/men are treated differently than women in their household – women are considered to be the nurturers in the home and the men are the providers outside of the home.

Did you know that 78% of AVANCE fathers report increased engagement with their children after going through our Services to Fathers component? Despite the lack of a male role model in most of our AVANCE fathers’ lives, we see a dramatic difference in how they treat their children impacting future generations.

“AVANCE helped me to really focus on my children. They taught me how to be a good parent and a better teacher.”
- Richard Villarreal

We need to reach more fathers like him...and the way that we can do that is if we could meet the demand for this component by hiring our part-time teacher as a full-time teacher and adding a support team.

Who AVANCE Serves
2012-2013 Program Year

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Children with involved fathers are 40% less likely to repeat a grade in school.

SOURCE: National Household Education Survey
**SMALL ITEM WISH LIST**

**VOLUNTEER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**VOLUNTEER AMBASSADORS**
- Only a 3 month commitment to bring 10 guests to an All Star Tour guests

**TRANSPORTATION**
- 3 small school buses

**TECHNOLOGY**
- Computers
- Software
- System Support
- Tablets for teachers/classroom
- Laptops
- Printers
- Supplies

**OFFICE SPACE** (at low rent)

**RENOVATION UPGRADES FOR CENTERS**
- Classroom supplies for daily activities
- Furnishings (tables, chairs, cubbies, rugs, etc.)
-Stencil cutters
- Air conditioning units

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT PLAYGROUND ENHANCEMENTS**

**NEW or SLIGHTLY USED BASIC NEEDS**
- Household cleaning items
  (bleach, dishwashing detergent, glass cleaner, clothes detergent)
- Supplies
- Clothing
- Children’s books

**REACH FOR THE STARS LUNCHEON EVENT UNDERWRITERS**
- To cover costs of event

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**Ongoing** - Ambassador for All Star Tours

**Summer Splash Days**

**What’s available?**
- Mentoring Parents, Internships, Assisting Parents with GED/College Coursework; Job Readiness Training; Reading to the Children; Staff Training

**What’s Going On?**
- August 6 – All Star Tour @ AVANCE Parent Child Education, Fenley Center
- August 19 – All Star Tour @ AVANCE Home Based, Fenley Center

**Funding Sources**

City of San Antonio – DHS, United Way of SA & Bexar County, Kronkosky Charitable Fund, TX Dept. of Agriculture (CACFP), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Office of Head Start

**Major Program Funders**
- City of San Antonio
- San Antonio Housing Authority
- Harlandale ISD

**In-Kind**
- City of San Antonio