

REPORT 2019 July Cycle

GENERAL INFORMATION

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REPORT INFORMATION

Report Funding Cycle: 2019 July Cycle	Report Date: 05/19/2020 12:00 am
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1: Please include in your report the dollar amount of the funds that were awarded, the date they were funded and what the funds supported.

Awarded Amount: 75,000	Date: 07/31/2019
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2: Were the objectives cited in your original proposal met? Please address each started objective and how it was met.

During the 2019/2020 school year, Kids Club celebrates surpassing the goal for the total number of students provided with services during the school year (311). Kids Club currently serves 269 students at five program locations (KC Main Campus- 136; Morningside Elementary- 54; Startzville Elementary- 31; Goodwin Frazier Elementary- 30; Freiheit- 18). Activities each program day included a healthy meal, chapel time, outdoor play, reading/math support, and homework help. Due to complex social issues of the families served by Kids Club, the number of enrolled students fluctuated throughout the year.

Objectives were also met for the percentage of students with positive changes in behavior (92%) and percentage of students with improved or maintained homework completion habits (90%). All students were evaluated by volunteer classroom team leaders using Kids Club's STAR Rubric form. The form measures student progress of Showing respect, Taking responsibility, Aiming for their best and Remaining on task. Dedicated staff and the ongoing commitment of volunteers provided students with constant academic support, encouragement, and mentorship equipping students with resources to succeed.

Every student (100%) received a snack and meal each program day from the start of the school year through March 5. Due to the pandemic, Kids Club closed all program sites and adjusted operations to continue to meet student and family needs. Healthy groceries and hot meals were offered to Kids Club families.

3: Please explain any changes from the original proposal and the circumstances that lead to the modification of the objective.

From September through March 5, Kids Club positively impacted students through mentoring, academic tutoring, and character teaching at Kids Club Main Campus and four school-based program sites. The provision of healthy snacks and meals is an integral component of Kids Club.

With the support from Najim Charitable Foundation, every student at Kids Club received a healthy after-school snack and meal twice per week.

Beginning on March 16, New Braunfels Christian Ministries (NBCM) thoughtfully closed Kids Club program sites for the health and safety of the students, volunteers, and staff due to COVID-19. Kids Club staff have connected with students by sharing scripture, assisting with homework, and encouraging families through cards, phone calls, web-based calls and video lessons. Najim Charitable Foundation's gift enabled Kids Club to host six food distribution events from April 20 through May 13. Kids Club provided healthy groceries and/or hot meals to more than 200 families.

One Kids Club parent shared, "We will be using everything! We already cut up the veggies for a veggie stew. Thank you so much! It was so much more than I had expected. It helped us out so much!"

4: What needs were addressed?

Kids Club partners with local schools, volunteers and families to affirm God-given value and multiply possibilities together. Kids Club creates a fun, engaging environment where kids thrive through positive relationships with caring adults.

Kids Club has grown substantially from its inaugural program year (2006) when it served 37 students to 311 students during the 2019/2020 school year. Kids Club provided children with a safe environment where they could grow academically, be encouraged socially, and be nurtured physically. Providing a safe place of trust and consistency allowed dedicated staff and volunteers to identify student needs through interactions and conversations.

Due to pandemic, Kids Club began supporting Kids Club students and families in new ways. Kids Club adjusted operations to discover family needs, connect them to resources, and provide academic, emotional, and spiritual support. Majority of students are already behind their peers and lack the resources and ability to thrive academically. Kids Club has equipped students with educational support, encouragement, and resources to counteract loss of learning.

NBCM continues to evaluate specific client needs related to COVID-19 and is working to respond to those needs. Prior to the pandemic, children were already struggling academically and faced multiple challenges with self-management and behavior; and many families were already living in crisis. Kids Club continues to actively listen and connect with Kids Club families to help navigate future programming and family needs.

5: What method of evaluation did you use to monitor and measure the project's outcome and what are the result?

Each year, program volunteers document and evaluate student progress in behavior (shows respect and takes responsibility) and homework (aims high and ready to work). Program outcomes and Kids Club's STAR Rubric form are reviewed in response to question two.

6: Do you plan to continue this project, and if so, how do you plan to sustain it?

NBCM will continue serving families in New Braunfels and Comal County through Kids Club and Volunteers in Medicine. NBCM relies on individual gifts and foundation grants to sustain operations. Services are provided without charge to neighbors in need.

Kids Club plans to continue building partnerships with local organizations and schools through education of the services Kids Club has to offer at-risk students and their families as well as sharing the significant impact being made on the lives of the children in the community. Kids Club continues to secure program funding to support program expansion and current operations.

7: Please provide any other comments or information relevant to this grant.

Everything at Kids Club is focused on helping each child multiply possibilities and affirm God-given value. Najim Charitable Foundation's gift to Kids Club is giving students and their families hope and encouragement.

Program volunteers, student families, and school staff celebrate Christian who demonstrated academic and behavioral improvement. Christian, a fifth-grade student at Goodwin Frazier Elementary, started this school year with little to no engagement. He would hide with his head down in his hoodie on the table. Staff worked with him by providing a routine and space to adjust to Kids Club. As the school year progressed, Christian began to trust staff and program volunteers. By December, he was volunteering to pray during chapel, high-fiving staff and volunteers, and interacting with his peers. Christian's mom shared that his grades and confidence have improved since coming to Kids Club.

NBCM fully spent grant funds from July 1, 2019-April 30, 2020. As shown in Question 8, Kids Club's budgeted expenses totaled \$975,000 and actual expenses totaled \$794,406. The budget shows a 12-month period and actual expenses reflect 10 months.

Kids Club celebrates that several categories were under budget due to frugal spending and generous in-kind gifts. Kids Club is thankful for ongoing partners such as Cici's Pizza who donated pizza every month. Expenses for Kids Club Store were low because Kids Club transitioned to classroom treasure boxes. This change minimized costs and kids were rewarded more frequently. A volunteer recognition event scheduled in the Spring was canceled which also kept expenses low.

8: Please provide an updated detailed projected budget with expenses for the received grant. Also include the totals for the budgeted and actual amount. Explain any discrepancies between the budgeted and the actual expenses for the project.

Line Item Description	Total Project Funds Allocation	Najim Requested Funds	Project Funds Actual	Najim Funds Allocation
Nutrition Initiative	\$46,228	\$40,000	\$27,438	\$25,000
Peronnel wages	\$463,190	\$45,000	\$398,728	\$45,000
Personnel benefits/payroll taxes	\$93,264	\$2,000	\$78,956	\$2,000
Staff/Volunteer Training & Recognition	\$25,709	\$1,000	\$8,567	\$1,000
Program Supplies	\$13,750	\$1,000	\$10,911	\$1,000
Kids' Club Store	\$6,550	\$0	\$1,244	\$0
Leadership Program/Family Connections	\$9,312	\$0	\$10,566	\$0
Transportation/Com al ISD Program	\$6,510	\$0	\$1,974	\$0
Equipment	\$3,420	\$1,000	\$5,055	\$1,000
Facilities, Utilities, Phone & Data	\$76,267	\$0	\$54,514	\$0
Office Expense/Supplies	\$53,800	\$0	\$44,582	\$0
Insurance	\$31,000	\$0	\$5,873	\$0
In-Kind (Rent & Accounting Svcs)	\$146,000	\$0	\$146,000	\$0

TOTAL:	\$975,000	\$90,000	\$794,408	\$75,000
Signature Bre Jamerson				