



Building Skills for Lifelong Learning

Nationally....

34% of children entering kindergarten lack the basic skills needed to learn how to read

of 4th graders read below grade level

47%

85% of juveniles involved with the justice system are functionally illiterate

Children with mentors are

55%

more likely to enroll in college

52%

less likely to miss school

100%

of Canine Classmates students are referred by school staff

Of the students served by Canine Classmates...

97%

were promoted to the next grade level

98%

demonstrated significant behavior modification

100%

showed improvement in school performance



Contributions gratefully accepted:



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Our Approach

Canine Classmates matches struggling and at-risk Pre-K through 5th grade students with mentors and trained service dogs in a one-on-one program that is positive, nurturing, and truly motivational.



Canine Classmates operates in 13 elementary schools serving Comal County (in both Comal ISD and New Braunfels ISD). The program is considered essential to the districts.

Together with school personnel, results are measured periodically through the school year to ensure critical needs are met. Students are eager to participate.

Our Impact

Since inception of the program ...

- **27,000** one-on-one mentoring sessions conducted
- **2,700** students served



The Need

And, now, the need is even greater! School closures in the 2020/2021 school year due to Covid have put many children significantly behind in their learning.

More schools are requesting our services and many are asking us to increase our days and hours. We simply do not have enough mentors or trained service dogs to accommodate the exploding need.

We Need Your Help!

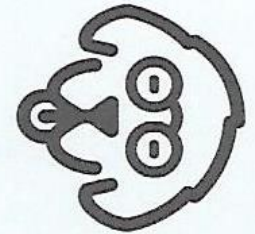
- 100% of our annual budget is funded through contributions
- 100% of contributions support our mission in local schools and go toward expenses such as training and evaluation of dogs, year-end student awards, uniform apparel for mentors, and an online presence

EVERY gift is important - our children's learning cannot wait! Their future depends on our help.

Canine Classmates is a non-profit organization (501(c)3 IRS designation) and contributions are tax-deductible.
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