

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS COMPLETE THEIR STUDIES



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2023 SUMMER CLASSES



CHILDREN TAKE PART IN LEARNING AND FUN



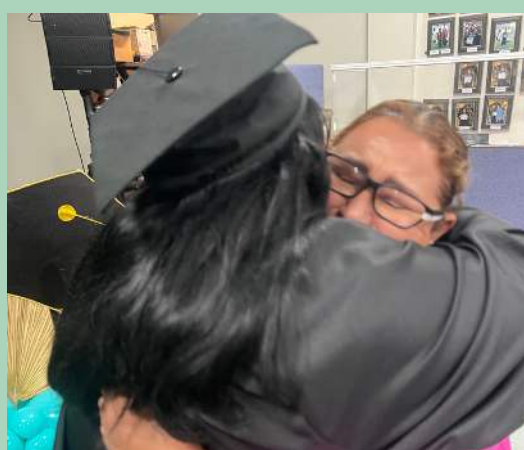
More than 700 students eagerly attended the recreational and educational summer school courses at the Community Center Monday-Thursday, then Fridays attended classes with a focus on Science and Technology with sessions taught by instructors from the local UABC University.

The dedicated Education Team organized activities for the entire program while scholarship students assisted in teaching. Parents and volunteers ensured cleanliness and helped with meals, fostering a team effort to inspire each child towards excellence.



On Saturday, August 19th, we celebrated the graduation of 10 scholarship recipients who successfully graduated from university. Additionally, we honored 33 high school graduates, 11 adults who completed their high school education, and 22 graduates from INEA (Adult Education National Institute). The joyous smiles on the graduates' faces reflected the realization that their dreams have been achieved. With great dedication, this group of scholarship recipients worked diligently to complete their studies. Their success story has inspired more students to seek sponsorship, resulting in over 250 scholarship recipients in both college and high school for the 2023-2024 school year.

We are so grateful for all our sponsors who's generosity provides the means to allow so many students realize their dream of achieving an education. Education not only empowers individuals to lift themselves out of poverty but also contributes to the overall development and progress of communities and societies. It is a key investment in human potential and a pathway to a brighter future for many individuals and their families.



45,000 MEALS SERVED IN 2023

FAMILIES RECEIVING HOMES #473-#505 THIS YEAR!



Sugey Cabrera, from BAM home 178, runs kitchen. She makes sure that it meets the highest cleanliness standards to ensure the children receive healthy meals. She plans the weekly menus and handles the grocery shopping, giving priority to nutritious and delicious meals. They are assisted by parent volunteers from the community.

Lunch is provided six days a week to children in the community, serving about 200-300 meals a day. During the summer courses, this number can increase to 650 meals per day. Providing these meals to children from the communities helps to improve their learning and physical development, especially since some of their families lack the resources to provide these meals at home.



SPONSOR REMEMBERED FOR HIS GENEROSITY



Thanks to the sponsorship of Mr. Michael, the kitchen was started in order to alleviate the hunger of underprivileged children. Despite his physical limitations due to his health, Mr. Michael made the effort to come to the Community Center and to work building houses like any other construction worker, even in his wheelchair. Because he has great humanity and is wonderful with people, he quickly won the affection of the community. He carried this affection that everyone had for him in his heart the last days of his life. Even though he knew that his time was limited, he confronted a difficult situation without any bitterness, spreading love with such noble actions, like the sponsorship of the kitchen. Unfortunately, his body is no longer with us, but his work remains thanks to the generous people who have continued his legacy.



DADS' PROGRAM CONTINUES TO GROW

The dads now work in 7 communities, with up to 100 - or more fathers dedicating their Sundays working together to improve the living conditions of their neighbors.

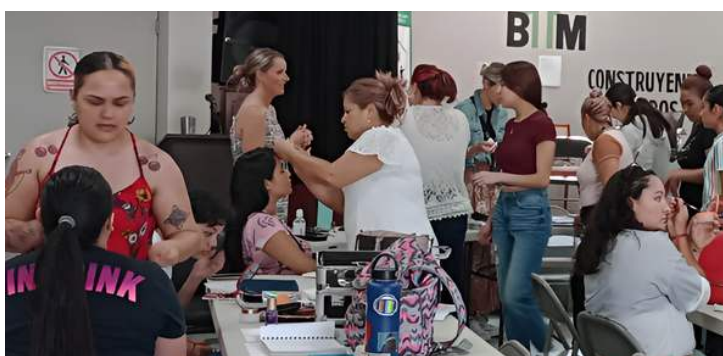
The participants in the "Dads Program" speak of happiness because they help others, spend time with other good men, and make friends, all while making homes more livable for families.



BEAUTY PROFESSIONALS EMPOWER VULNERABLE WOMEN

This July, the Bloom Beauty Academy held a training class for 200 women to teach professional beauty skills needed to grow their beauty business. Beth, the organizer and sponsor of the event, expressed: "We had a team of international and talented teachers who offered a transformational training program free of charge to help empower hundreds of impoverished women and their families.

A mother who is desperately trying to improve her family's life gains a profession. Through these classes, women acquire skills that will help them financially support their families, and they are also teaching their children to never give up, never lose hope, and always strive for something better."



"People, teams, and extraordinary organizations are simply ordinary people doing extraordinary things that matter to them," Through this event, these women gain self-esteem and self-confidence, inspired by this team of professionals with big hearts who nurture dreams and inspire them to pursue a profession that helps them meet their needs and lead a more comfortable life.

START OF NEW JOB PREPARATION CLASSES

Thanks to an agreement between the Community Center and the Mexican Secretary of Education, participants in our job training courses receive a certificate that accredits them in the program they completed. This certification allows them to learn a trade, potentially leading to better job opportunities or supplementary income for their households, improving their overall quality of life. Courses are taught by engineers and professionals in their respective fields.

CECATI-C.C. COURSE SCHEDULES

MONDAY

Advanced Excel, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Basic Excel, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

FRIDAY

Industrial Electronics, 9 a.m. to 12 a.m.
Basic hair cutting, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

Basic electricity, 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Advanced electricity, from 3 to 6 p.m.
Conversational English classes, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SUNDAY

Microsoft Access, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Basic computer repair, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



HEALTH EDUCATION AND MEDICAL SUPPORT

This program was initiated to support families who needed medications, medical tests, or financial assistance for doctor visits and even surgery. Our incredible sponsors recognized the significant need and funded this department with the main goal of helping families that could not afford basic healthcare.

Besides providing resources for medical care, 2 of our nurse scholarship recipients, along with health educator Fátima, provide health workshops, daily first aid and medical assistance to attendees at the Community Center On average, they assist around 98 people per month.



BAM Grandparent Program



Subleaders and scholarship students organize special days for the elderly residents of the BAM communities.



STAFF CELEBRATE DON ALFONSO'S BIRTHDAY



The success of providing BAM houses to families is a collaborative effort involving sponsors, a dedicated team of leaders, social workers, volunteers, and administrative staff. Alfonso, BAM's builder who started with BAM home #3, oversees construction, ensuring the homes meet building codes and standards.

He has been an integral part of the BAM community, contributing to the construction of 497 homes. In August, Don Alfonso's birthday was celebrated with cake, hugs, and well-wishes, reflecting the deep appreciation and affection the community has for him. His dedication has made a significant impact on the lives of many families in need.



THE LIBRARY – WHERE BOOKS COMES ALIVE FOR KIDS

The library has an extensive collection of literature spanning various genres suitable for all ages and stages of reading. It also offers informative materials such as encyclopedias, dictionaries, textbooks, magazines, and more. All of these resources create an environment where students can relax and feel at ease, inspiring them to come willingly and kindling their motivation to read. The library is dedicated to serving the community by providing services such as home book borrowing, activity guides for teachers, and storytelling sessions with interactive activities held on Fridays.

The library was equipped, decorated and stocked with books as part of a Girl Scout Star Award project by a dear friend of BAM, Fiona.



CERTIFICATES AWARDED FOR TOP READERS



Special recognition was given to Ana María Miranda from the El Mirador community for her outstanding performance as a reading teacher. Children who participated were also commended and encouraged to continue their journey towards reading excellence.

READING CLUBS BEGIN

Reading clubs have been established in the BAM communities, providing a space for children and young people to enjoy reading together. These clubs encourage silent and out-loud reading, promote knowledge enrichment, and foster critical thinking through discussion. In addition to the intellectual benefits, participants also have fun and share opinions. For example, the Villa Margarita Reading Club, consisting of 14 upper elementary and secondary school students, meets daily, allowing them to expand their vocabulary and improve their writing skills.

READING IN THE COMMUNITIES



Science has shown that reading not only increases intelligence but also stimulates creativity, exercises memory, activates empathy, reduces stress, enhances skills, prolongs life expectancy, improves decision-making, and promotes happiness.

The program began by sending books to the learning "cells" that where being held in the community. We help other communities by lending out books for family reading marathons, reading sessions in classrooms, workshops and homework clubs.

The program is coordinated by Ms. Magdalena Zuñiga, who has 25 years of experience promoting the value of reading. The participants have shown notable results, as their grades have improved, and they have made progress in various subjects, making it a successful endeavor.



BUSINESS SCHOOL EQUIPS ENTREPRENEURS



The ongoing training program for small and micro-businesses has resulted in the successful establishment of 113 small businesses. This success is attributed to the guidance, support, and tools provided by the program, helping these businesses avoid losses and achieve better profits.

The program produced its first graduates in 2019. In total, there are now 89 program graduates who have benefited from this initiative.

Currently, the program actively supports 113 businesses. It goes beyond just providing training; it offers ongoing guidance and assistance at every stage of the business development process, ensuring that these businesses not only survive but also thrive.

BAKERY PROGRAM GENERATES INCOME



The bakery project has been highly successful, with 62 families earning additional income each week to meet their basic needs. This initiative is designed to be accessible, allowing families facing economic challenges to participate with minimal requirements.

Orders are taken early in the day, and bread distribution occurs daily from Monday to Friday. From noon onwards, customers can either pick up their orders or have them delivered by two delivery personnel. Margarita Villaruel, who oversees this area meticulously, ensures that resources and profits benefit the families in need.

SHARK TANK COMES TO BAM BUSINESSES



This year, BAM launched their own take on "Shark Tank" in a new program where participants who have graduated from the Business School showcase their products and visions to seek sponsorship. This sponsorship entails financing the purchase of the necessary resources to support the growth of their micro-enterprises and solidify their business plans. To start a business, Erendira comments that it's about harnessing personal skills and resources. Rosa Idalia shares the story of Estelita, who found herself without resources and faced with her daughter's cancer diagnosis when her husband left. Her needs became overwhelming, but necessity pushed her to move forward. She started by selling tamales and gradually grew her business thanks to her courage. They note that this is a common story among beneficiaries, who, in times of crisis, have broken free from complacency to face challenges. Training has provided tools for decision-making, and helped them take control of their lives, empowering them to change their mindset, improve self-confidence and make decisions. They conclude with the words of Father Tri, "We are changing not only individuals but communities as well."

SPECIAL TIMES AT VILLA MARGARITA

The families of Villa Margarita, could never afford to buy their own land and therefore did not qualify for a BAM house, and so were given housing at this beautiful BAM neighborhood where they aim to create a well-bonded community by regularly come together to discuss needs and issues. This improves their interpersonal relationships and quality of life, providing them with peace of mind knowing that as neighbors, they support and help each other. In the evenings, children go out to play in the sports area that has been fenced off for their safety, allowing parents to gather and chat while their children have fun.

With the recent completion of the auditorium located within the complex, they also take advantage of this new space to host classes and events. Other activities that take place include a book club coordinated by Prof. Iliana and an orchestra class! We are so thankful for this strong, thriving community of families.



THE ENTIRE C.C. CELEBRATES DON ADOLFO

Mr. Adolfo Noguez has been a fundamental pillar in bringing to life Build A Miracle. He has been a valuable resource for families to overcome their hardships and become more stable. The Noguez family has dedicated themselves to service.

Adolfo's vision for BAM is at the foundation of our mission:

"We build homes for the parents who desperately need safe, dignified housing for their families, and for their children, we create a path to self sufficiency through education."



SCHOLARSHIPS PAVE THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Scholarship recipient Alicia graduates from Nursing School.

Alicia plans to work in a hospital after completing her clinical rounds. She is considering specializing in Nephrology or Surgical Nursing in the future. She has a great love for her community and is aware of her mother and younger siblings' need for her support. Alicia is very grateful to the BAM Community Center and its sponsors for the support she has received.

The satisfaction of achieving a great milestone is evident in Alicia's expression in her graduation picture. After her father left their family, they went to live with her grandmother near the Community Center. At the age of 10, she started attending computer workshops. Following her mother's example of striving for a better life for her children through hard work and dignity, Alicia dedicated herself to her studies, consistently achieving high grades.

Her mother worked at a gas station and Alicia commuted early every day for four years, taking a taxi at 4:50 am to arrive before 7 am and stay until 2 pm, then headed to the community center to participate in summer courses.



SUEÑO MEXA SUPPORTS YOUTH

This Program arrived at the Community Center in 2019 to serve adolescents in need of counseling.

It started with psychological counseling for 10 participants and in 2022 grew to 15, plus a special interactive program for over 70 middle school students every Saturday.

It was such a success, that the Saturday program was adapted to Summer School with 120 participants.



SCIENCE AND TECH FRIDAYS WITH UABC

The UABC University Faculty of Science and Technology taught children and young people at the 2023 summer course at the Community Center. They had researchers and students of Architecture, Aerospace, Bioengineering, Electrical, Industrial and Civil Engineering, carry out fun science activities with the children to stimulate their curiosity and get them excited discovering the effects of physics, chemistry, biology and technology. Students also learned programming and robotics.



COMMUNITY LEARNING CELLS REINFORCE EDUCATION

Children in these communities often face difficulties remaining enrolled in school due to the challenges associated with poverty, leading to high dropout rates and subpar academic performance. To tackle this issue, we implemented educational support programs that encompassed subjects such as Spanish, mathematics, English, and computer skills. These programs have proven effective in enhancing academic performance, promoting school attendance, and instilling a sense of security. The classes offered at the community center also play a crucial role in steering children away from substance abuse and criminal activities. The outcome has been notable progress in the academic performance of children and adolescents, while simultaneously strengthening family bonds.



FIELD TRIP TO "EL TROMPO"

Under the sponsorship of the Soriana Foundation, 205 children went on a field trip to El Trompo Children's Museum. The children were transported by five buses and all of the children were super excited. The visit began with the screening of the documentary about rescuing and rehabilitating wild animals for release back into their natural habitat. At the end of the screening, the children all applauded, and said they were moved because they also love animals. They explored the various interactive rooms with great curiosity, and enjoyed the activities in the Science rooms. The children returned home happy from a unique experience. And a big thank you to our leaders who made sure the kids were well taken care of during this amazing outing.



DIVE INTO ROBOTICS

The robotics classes at the Community Center continue to pique the interest of children and young people, thanks to their natural curiosity to understand how and why things move, gain momentum, and utilize energy. Exposing children to robotics at an early stage of development helps to deepen imagination. This enables them to devise inventions once they grasp and apply the fundamental tools and methodologies for developing robotic systems. They incorporate their knowledge of technology and automation into the creation of products and services. Visiting teachers from the Faculty of Science and Technology at UABC Valle de las Palmas, conducted robotic classes in collaboration with Engineer Ismael Garcia Torres.



HAWAIIAN LUAU FOR SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS



Our scholarship recipients were celebrated on July 14th with a Hawaiian-themed event. The festivities began with a healthy breakfast in the dining area then they moved to the sport court where they engaged in team-building games and activities led by Ms. Selene Romero, who was the first college student from the community to receive a scholarship, and later graduate, in 2006. After these activities, they enjoyed various electronic games, a mechanical bull, snacks, and drinks. In the summer heat, they slid and refreshed themselves in the giant pool amid laughter and a pop music-filled atmosphere. In the afternoon, they had hamburgers and other snacks while sharing jokes and camaraderie. Events like this serve as a recognition of the efforts put forth by scholarship recipients help at the Community Center, prioritize their studies and stay on the path to self-improvement.



LEADERSHIP TEAM APPRECIATION DAY

Our annual leader outing is a source of joy for the families of the leaders, sub-leaders, and teachers who work so hard all year to make Build a Miracle what it is. This year, the outing was held at Paraíso Azteca. Families had a great time enjoying the swimming pool, food, games, fun, and companionship. We are so grateful for this amazing group that works tirelessly for the community seven days a week throughout the rest of the year. This little bit of time away fosters bonding and team collaboration. Everyone feels rejuvenated, and it provides some rest as they gear up to continue on the path of serving the community with love. Many of the people who came to the outing had never been in a swimming pool. It's an experience most, if not all, would never have thought they would encounter in their lifetime. We are so grateful for this amazing team!

