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## **Advance Together Helps San Antonio Build a Brighter Economic Future**

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (August 10, 2020) – United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County is the recipient of a \$15,000 [Advance Together™](#) grant for its Dual Generation Initiative.

Selected as one of nine Texas community partnerships to receive guidance and funding, the San Antonio United Way partnership focuses on improving childhood, educational and workforce outcomes through cross-sector collaboration.

“Our Dual Generation Initiative asserts that when children are surrounded by strong families and healthy communities, they can overcome challenges created by poverty, fulfill their potential and achieve greater stability and success,” said Chris Martin, president and CEO of United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County. “We are honored that our Dual Generation work will be supported and accelerated by Advance Together.”

Advance Together is a new initiative of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in partnership with Educate Texas and United Ways of Texas. In addition to funding from external sources, this program provides training and technical assistance to help selected partnerships strengthen their cross-sector collaboration, promote systems change and achieve their goals.

“Advance Together grantees are working toward long-term change in the communities they serve, but in response to recent disruptions, we’ve seen them adapt and [respond to immediate needs](#),” said Molly Hubbert Doyle, a community development advisor for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. “For example, Dual Generation San Antonio saw how existing broadband connectivity issues exacerbated by COVID-19 affected their community. They took action by putting together resources to share, including ways to access free devices, hotspots and Wi-Fi. We’re excited to see what else they will accomplish and to support similar work across Texas.”

As a family-centered, two generational collaboration with United Way and its Eastside partners, the Dual Generation Initiative serves those experiencing the far-reaching effects of generational poverty and suppressed opportunity. Its programs for children focus on healthy development, growth and education, as well as services for adults that concentrate on parenting, job skills and financial security.

Residents, nonprofits and civic, religious and government partners work together to remove barriers and fortify the building blocks of strong neighborhoods – high-quality education, job training, financial education, access to affordable housing, healthy living and parental engagement.

“As an Advance Together grantee, Dual Generation San Antonio is part of a network of collaborative leaders from communities across the state,” said Hubbert Doyle. “Together, we’re moving toward a future where all Texas residents can achieve economic mobility and resilience.”

For more information on United Way’s Dual Generation Initiative, visit

<https://www.unitedwaysatx.org/dualgen/>. To learn more about Advance Together and the nine selected community partnerships, visit <https://www.dallasfed.org/cd/communities/2020/0423>.

#### **About the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas**

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#### **About United Way**

[United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County](#) focuses on preparing children for school and life, helping students graduate and succeed, strengthening the well-being of individuals and families, and providing safety net services (food, clothing, shelter, and emergency care.) United Way also operates the [2-1-1 Help Line](#) and fosters volunteerism through the [Volunteer Center at United Way](#).

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