



Back to School Means Many Things for The Children and Youth at SA Youth

For the 3,000-plus children in our community learning centers, preparing to go back to school means staying fit during the summer, keeping in shape academically by continuing to learn, and exploring new ideas such as solar energy and water conservation. It also means preparing for the school year by supplying those children - most of whom are from very low-income homes - with backpacks and school supplies.

For young adults who have quit school, going back to school means reenrolling this academic year. “Many of our youth haven't been in school for many years,” said Cynthia Le Monds, CEO of [SA Youth](#). “So returning to school takes a lot of courage and motivation for young adults who are low-income, unemployed and undereducated.” SA Youth's YouthBuild program, a partnership with SAISD, offers these young adults new hope this school year. “These young people will be preparing for a completely new life this coming school year,” Cynthia said.

SA Youth is a 27-year old community organization that keeps San Antonio's low-income children in school and helps young adults who have quit school gain a second chance through high-school credit recovery and workforce training. SA Youth supports children in highly distressed neighborhoods achieve life success through hard work, determination and opportunities to excel. This fall, SA Youth will operate 17 community-learning centers for children ranging in age from five to 18 and one academic recovery program - YouthBuild - for young adults who are 16 to 24 years old and seeking a second chance.

If you want to help support the mission of SA Youth, they are in need of school supplies, board games, furniture, and volunteer mentors for youth of all ages.

For more information about SA Youth, please contact them at 210-223-3131.