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Pre-K 4 SA Supports Bexar County Family Justice Center Mission with \$10,570 Donation

SAN ANTONIO—Pre-K 4 SA proudly announces a donation of \$10,570 to the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation (BCFJC), the culmination of its annual *Gracias San Antonio: Children Are Citizens* curriculum. This significant contribution, raised through the sale of children's artwork, Fiesta medals, and t-shirts, directly supports BCFJC's vital mission to combat domestic violence in San Antonio.

The Gracias San Antonio program empowers young learners to express their opinions and engage in the civic and cultural life of San Antonio. Children across Pre-K 4 SA centers and partner site, Gardendale Early Learning Program, participate in a program-wide vote to select a local nonprofit to support. They then embark on "City Explorations" to iconic San Antonio landmarks, drawing inspiration for unique art pieces created alongside volunteer artists. These artworks are showcased in an exhibit at the Central Library before being auctioned off.

"Gracias San Antonio: Children Are Citizens is shaping the next generation of engaged citizens by fostering a sense of belonging and responsibility," said Pre-K 4 SA CEO Dr. Sarah Baray. "They develop an appreciation for their city and understand that every contribution, no matter how young, holds value."

Children drew artistic inspiration from visits to community landmarks, including Yanaguana Garden, Denman Estate Park, San Antonio Museum of Art, Ruby City, Muertos Fest, Woodlawn Lake, Semmes Library, the San Antonio Botanical Garden, Landa Library, and the University of the Incarnate Word.

27 local artists collaborated with classrooms to help them create art inspired by their explorations using paintings, collages, sculptures, drawings, textiles, mosaics, and mixed media works. 116 art pieces were sold.

"The generous support from Pre-K 4 SA directly strengthens our ability to provide life-changing services to survivors of family violence," said Crystal Chandler, BCFJC Executive Director. "By ensuring that more individuals can access these services, we are working together to break the cycle of abuse and create a safer, more resilient community for everyone."

Pre-K 4 SA will begin seeking artists for the 2025-2026 school year later this year in August.

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About Pre-K 4 SA

Pre-K 4 SA is a comprehensive early childhood initiative aimed at changing the education and



workforce trajectory of San Antonio in one generation. Pre-K 4 SA offers full-day prekindergarten for 3- and 4-year-olds living in the City of San Antonio. Pre-K 4 SA is free for qualifying students and accepts tuition-paying students. Breakfast, lunch and two snacks are included and free transportation is available to all students. Pre-K 4 SA has four Education Centers located throughout the city, and the Gardendale Early Learning Program, the first Pre-K 4 SA innovation site, was made possible through a partnership with Edgewood Independent School District. This program creates greater capacity for high quality early education with Pre-K through 2nd grade classrooms. Visit www.prek4sa.com for more information.