

STARTLING STATS

Children who don't read well by the end of 3rd grade are

4X less likely to graduate on time.

In San Diego County, **38% of 3rd graders don't read at grade level.** Children whose families can't afford summer learning programs lose knowledge and skills acquired during the school year, which puts them behind their peers.



If kids aren't in school, they can't learn. It takes a day and a half to make up the work a child misses after an absence. Many fall behind and never catch up.

ONLY 41% of children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade read at grade level by 3rd grade.



Teens can't aspire to careers that they don't know exist! Many local students graduate high school with few of the skills needed for viable employment.

In some high schools, just

50% of graduating seniors complete the A-G class requirements needed for admission to UC/CSU schools.



33% of San Diego County's working families can't make ends meet.

25% of all families in the San Diego region still have earnings too low for the basic costs of living — even if two people in a family work, or at least one works full-time all year.



WHAT YOUR \$ DOES

\$50

annually expands our successful **Every Student, Every Day attendance intervention program** countywide, helping more families remove barriers to attendance and supporting their basic needs so students can come to school every day, ready to learn.

\$100

provides high school and community college students with a school year's worth of real-world job experience and internships, preparing teens for careers in high-skill, high-wage industries, right here at home.

\$500

supplements San Diego's union members and their families with a **"safety net" of emergency assistance**, including rental, mortgage and utility help, plus food to keep families stay stable during tough times.

\$1,000

supports our summer reading initiative, **Readers in the Heights**, which promotes a lifelong love of reading through tutoring, literacy games, and engaging activities for 400 kids in four City Heights locations.

Help us change their odds. Please give today at uwsd.org/donate.



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