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ATMOS ENERGY DONATES \$125,000 TO COMMUNITIES IN SCHOOLS OF TEXAS HELPING AT-RISK STUDENTS STAY IN SCHOOL AND ACHIEVE IN LIFE

The donation includes gifts to seven local CIS Affiliates in Texas impacting the lives of our most vulnerable public school students.

AUSTIN, Texas (Feb. 15, 2024) – Communities In Schools of Texas (CIS of Texas), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting at-risk students in public schools, announced Atmos Energy donated \$125,000 to support their work that helps students overcome challenges in their lives to succeed in school and go on to reach their full potential. This partnership extends the work of CIS in Texas enabling us to meet student’s basic needs, support them with a caring adult, and keep them on the path to academic achievement.

“Students attend school every day without their basic needs met like food or clean clothes. They are expected to perform and learn but haven’t slept or eaten,” said Adam Powell, President of the Board for CIS of Texas. “CIS services reach into the lives of these vulnerable students, identify their struggles, meet their needs, and ensure they are staying on the path to learn and graduate with a plan to achieve in life. The support of Atmos Energy will enable us to provide these essentials and walk with students to succeed in school and life beyond.”

“As part of our focus on fueling bright minds and healthy futures for kids, Atmos Energy is committed to supporting organizations who provide sustainable, local solutions that will increase student success and help communities thrive for generations to come,” said Kelly Biegler, Atmos Energy Vice President of Public Affairs. “This gift is one of hundreds made by Atmos Energy as part of an enterprise-wide [Fueling Safe and Thriving Communities](#) drive to invest in education, literacy, helping our neighbors in need, and providing food security resources across the 1,400 communities we serve.”

Across Texas, CIS served over 127,000 students in the 2022-2023 school year with one-on-one case managed services and impacted the lives of over one million students in the 1,550 campuses where they operate. “Partners like Atmos Energy make our work possible,” said Elizabeth Johnston, Director of Network Development for CIS of Texas. “We are grateful for their support and share in their commitment to changing the trajectory of at-risk students in Texas.”

Research shows that when students have a caring adult and their basic needs met, they are more likely to stay in school and go on to be productive adults. Education has been shown to be the biggest indicator in lifetime income levels and economic independence in adulthood.

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About Communities In Schools of Texas

Communities In Schools of Texas is a nonprofit organization made up of 27 local Texas CIS affiliates that support students at-risk of dropping out by surrounding them with a local community of support to ensure they stay in school and achieve in life. CIS of Texas is part of a national organization that ensures every student, regardless of who they are, their ability, zip code or socioeconomic background, has what they need to realize their potential in school and beyond. Working directly inside more than 1,500 schools across Texas, we connect students to caring adults and community resources that help them overcome the barriers that stand between them and a brighter future. Together, we serve over 127,000 vulnerable students in Texas public schools and work to ensure they graduate high school with a plan to succeed. Find us online at <https://www.cissoftexas.org/>, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).