SANDY SPRINGS MISSION:

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TRANSFORMING GENERATIONS OF AT RISK FAMILIES

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Our story began in 1999 when the number of Latino immigrants moving into Sandy Springs significantly increased. These families endured many challenges like learning English, a lack of job opportunities, and low education. A group of thoughtful neighbors and members of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church saw a need in our community, formed the Sandy Springs Mission, and began lending support to these families. Originally, The Mission provided financial assistance to meet urgent needs. Over time, the focus shifted to education: improving high school graduation rates, advancing English language skills, and providing access to higher education for at-risk Latino children. In our early years, we partnered with one elementary school to provide after school academic enrichment programs to 12 English learners. Now, in our 25th year, we are honored to positively impact more than 425 students annually through partnerships with six elementary, middle, and high schools in Fulton County and two local colleges. Together, we are investing in the future of our community, one student at a time.

5,035 FAMILIES SERVED

4,000 VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED

6 FULTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

OUR PROGRAMS

- After-School Academic Enrichment
- Language Support Programs
- High School Advancement Program
- Dual Enrollment College Classes
- Summer Camps
- Mission Sports and Recreation

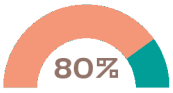
IMPACT ON LOCAL STUDENTS



95% of SSM students graduated high school on time (compared to 66% of English learners in GA)



91% of SSM Dual Enrollment students went on to college (compared to 53% of hispanic graduates in GA)



80% of SSM students showed outstanding progress in English proficiency



ALESSANDRA

Alessandra and her family moved from Mexico to Sandy Springs when she was in elementary school. During this time she was learning English and translating for her parents. She had very little resources to support her school work and was held back a year. She and her family were relieved to find hope in the Sandy Springs Mission and her English began to improve. Alessandra participated in the Dual Enrollment program and graduated from HS with 9 college credits. Thanks to her grades in HS and Dual Enrollment credits, she received a full scholarship to Oglethorpe University, where she is currently finishing her sophomore year. Alessandra is grateful for the motivation and support she received from The Mission!