



More than 200 guests attended the 2019 breakfast, and over \$44,000 was raised.



Center: Shelby Pedersen, CEO of ICAN  
Left and right: Deanna & Kurt Mangum of CoupleFit.

## community impact

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# ICAN Building Bright Futures Breakfast

*Giving Youth the Tools They Need to Build a Brighter Future for Themselves and Our Community*

For the third year in a row, the ICAN Breakfast provided an opportunity for community members to gather and learn about prevention programming for local youth who live in extreme poverty. Testimonials given on the campus that morning highlighted how the real-life skills that the children gain at ICAN equip them for both personal and academic success.

Attendees arrived that morning with varying levels of familiarity with the ICAN mission. Board members, staff, volunteers, members of the Henry Salinas Society and other champions of the non-profit invited friends to hear impact stories and tour the facility.

Guests came to understand the organization through speakers, games, and activities. One exercise asked the attendees to think back to a time when they were struggling in their youth. Next, they imagined going through that same experience while being deprived of basic human needs. They then wrote letters of encouragement to the ICAN kids. Over 200 notecards were collected.

The next fundraiser for ICAN will be hosted at QuartHaus in Downtown Chandler. The Henrys Classic is an evening of beer pong and corn hole on Friday, May 10, 6:00 pm-10:00 pm. Please visit <http://icanaz.org/thehenryclassic> for registration and sponsorship opportunities.

ICAN is also recruiting volunteers to be Big Brothers and Big Sisters of ICAN youth. ICAN is partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters on a mentoring program that will take place Wednesdays on campus. For more information, please visit <http://icanaz.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/BBBS-Meet-Sire-1.png>.



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Anthony Canecchia celebrating his induction into the Henry Salinas Society with the kids while Denise McCreery MCs.



Guests played an ICAN favorite, Zip Zap Pop, a game that fosters communication and inclusivity.



Carla Cantrell, a CUSD retiree with over 30 years' teaching experience, now volunteers at ICAN, teaching reading and literacy.



Domenick Kaufman Sr. and Natalie Kaufman.



137 individual donations were collected at this year's event.



Kids enjoying their morning at the free youth center.

**Breakfast attendees who joined the Henry Salinas Society by donating \$1,000+:**

- Alison Abramson
- Anthony Canecchia
- Tina and Jim Sweet
- Deann and David Woodruff
- Commander Ed Upshaw
- John Patchett
- Kristy Morgan
- Heather and Matthew Shaughnessy
- Judy and Michael Chalker
- Shannon Clark
- Susan Miller
- Neil Jones
- DHM Landscaping
- Wendy and Rob Zacowicz
- Denise and Andrew McCreery