

# CASE FOR SUPPORT

2021-22

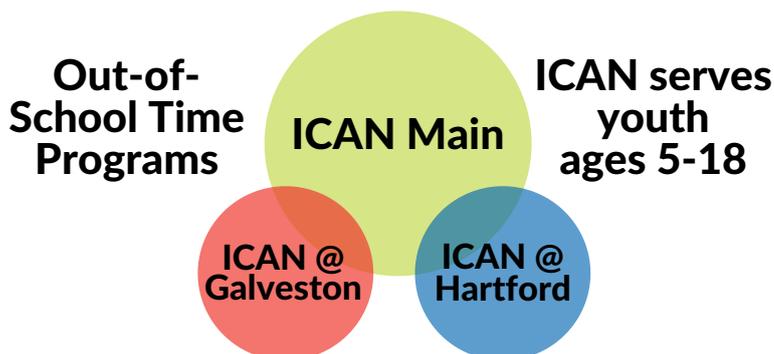


# OUR PROMISE TO THE COMMUNITY

*ICAN's mission is to provide free, comprehensive programs that empower youth to be productive, self-confident, and responsible members of the community.*

ICAN was founded in 1991 by a concerned citizen in Chandler, AZ. Henry Salinas was a humble man who saw gang violence taking over his Chandler neighborhood and decided to do something about it. Henry's initial investment of time and compassion to area teens has blossomed into a full-service youth center whose programs are still free to the Chandler community whom Henry held so dear, and now impacts youth, teens and their families across three sites.

## ICAN PROGRAMS



**PLUS PARENT SUPPORT AND IN-SCHOOL LIFE SKILLS TRAINING**



ICAN expanded in 2020-21, adding two new sites



# THE NEED FOR AFTERSCHOOL

*For every one child in an afterschool program, 3 are waiting to get in*



*The pandemic brought to light the need for fair and equitable childcare for all families, along with a focus on social and emotional support for vulnerable youth.*

According to ICAN's Fall 2020 survey, parents reported **access to education** and **childcare** as their biggest concerns.

The average cost for an afterschool program in the U.S. is **\$3,500 per year**, per child (America After 3pm, 2021).

89% of parents agree that having their child enrolled in afterschool programs help them **keep their jobs** (Afterschool Alliance, 2021).

ICAN serves **Title 1 schools**, where the percentages of youth qualifying for free & reduced lunch average 85%-90%.



**700,000**

Meals were served to youth last year

# 2020-21 IMPACT OF SERVICE

*ICAN's goal is to break the cycle of poverty, paving a new pathway for success*

ICAN stands apart from other afterschool programs, which are mostly recreational in nature, by taking a holistic approach that changes youth behavior. Prevention techniques that are taught to youth include social and emotional skill building that focuses on the 5 C's of Positive Youth Development:



**CONNECTION  
CONFIDENCE  
CHARACTER  
COMPETENCE  
CONTRIBUTION**



Program activities also include: STEAM, academic support, literacy skill building, sports & recreation, Youth receive healthy snacks and dinner daily, ensuring that their basic nutritional needs are met. ICAN's 2020-21 evaluations reported the following positive responses from ICAN youth as a result of their participation in ICAN's program:



ICAN received the Diversity Award from the Chandler Chamber of Commerce for 2021



ICAN was named "Outstanding Afterschool Program" for AZ in 2009 and 2013



ICAN is recognized nationally as an Exemplary Substance Abuse Prevention Program.

# A STORY OF IMPACT

## *ICAN opens site-based location at Galveston Elementary*

ICAN @ Galveston was ICAN's first expansion site to open. Galveston opened in October of 2020. Site lead LaTroy Burras did an incredible job with the pilot site – getting to know the teachers, families and youth at Galveston before the program opened. The first year at Galveston has been a tremendous success.

Mr. LaTroy shared this heartwarming success story from Galveston:

"I can't help but write about the growth of one of my students, Matthew, at ICAN Galveston. For the past two months I have watched him grow in his attitude about coming to the program. He used to come and sit in the back and look out the window for his parents to come as soon as programs started, but now he has completely changed. He comes in smiling, playful and willing to be super helpful. The coolest day was when we combined classes and I would assign older kids to be with the littles - but this day I forgot to assign, so he stepped up and assigned older kids to assist littles for the project. He helped his little and made sure they finished and cleaned up after the project. Just to see him be the leader that I knew he could be was awesome. This was so cool to see knowing where he was in the beginning."

