

**Our Mission** is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.



Every year, CIS helps over 5,000 students succeed both inside and outside the classroom. You, too, can make a difference in the life of a child and help end the dropout crisis. Here's how:

- ✚ Make a tax-deductible donation via our website: [www.cis-tx.org](http://www.cis-tx.org) or mail it in to our Central Office.
- ✚ Honor a friend, loved one, mentor or teacher with a special gift to CIS in his/her name.
- ✚ Shop using AmazonSmile and choose Communities In Schools of Greater Central Texas, Inc. as your charity.
- ✚ Host a School Supply Drive, Shoe & Sock Drive, or Winter Coat Drive.
- ✚ Raise your voice and urge your elected officials to invest in kids. We owe it to our youth to demonstrate that we are all in this together for their future success.

*"I'd recommend anybody who wants to achieve greatness in life or simply anyone who struggles in school, educationally or socially, to join CIS..."*

~12th Grade CIS Student



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United Way of Central Texas



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## OUR HISTORY

Founder Bill Milliken began CIS in New York City in the 1970's. He came up with the idea of bringing community resources inside public schools—where they are accessible, coordinated and accountable. "It's relationships, not programs, that change children," Bill once said. "A great program simply creates the environment for healthy relationships to form between adults and children. Young people thrive when adults care about them on a one-to-one level, and when they also have a sense of belonging to a caring community."

Forty years into our mission of surrounding students with communities of support, Bill's principle continues to guide our work and serves as a beacon for the next chapter in our history.

## THE ISSUE

Without community support, children throughout greater Central Texas are most at risk for missing school, dropping out and failing to earn a high school diploma.

## OUR SOLUTION

CIS positions highly qualified, professional Site Coordinators inside schools to assess student needs. After identifying challenges students face in class or at home, CIS coordinates with community partners to bring outside resources inside schools. From immediate necessities like food or clothing to more complex needs like supportive guidance or emotional support, Communities In Schools does whatever it takes to help students succeed!



**At Communities In Schools, everything we do is guided by the "Five Basics." Developed by our founder Bill Milliken, the Five Basics are a set of essentials that every child needs and deserves....**

- ◆ *A one-on-one relationship with a caring adult*
- ◆ *A safe place to learn and grow*
- ◆ *A healthy start and a healthy future*
- ◆ *A marketable skill to use upon graduation*
- ◆ *A chance to give back to peers and the community*

**In addition to the "Five Basics," CIS provides support in the following areas:**

- ◆ *Academic Support*
- ◆ *Basic Needs*
- ◆ *Behavioral Interventions*
- ◆ *College & Career Prep*
- ◆ *Community & Service Learning*
- ◆ *Enrichment*
- ◆ *Family Engagement*
- ◆ *Life Skills*
- ◆ *Mental Health*
- ◆ *Physical Health*



## CIS may be able to help with...

**Food** - By partnering with the Central Texas Food Bank, CIS is able to distribute food to students and families in need.

**School Supplies** - CIS requests school supply donations from businesses and individuals. These supplies are available to CIS students on school campuses throughout the school year.

**Shoes** - Donations received from CIS' annual Shoes 4 Kids drive allows us to provide students in need with new shoes. When students have comfortable, well-fitting shoes, they are better prepared to learn and able to attend school with dignity.

**Vision Vouchers** - Through our partnership with VSP Global's Eyes of Hope, students lacking vision insurance can receive access to eye care and eyewear at no cost.

**Emergency Financial Assistance** - Our financial resources are limited, therefore, we are only able to assist students and families in dire need. Students must be enrolled in CIS. All clients must complete a detailed application in order to be considered for assistance.

## COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS

By bringing the right people to the table, CIS is able to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. You can partner with CIS by volunteering your time, making monetary or in-kind donations or providing needed resources to our families.