



## Firstmark Hosts Second Annual Supply Drive for Schools

Firstmark, its members, as well as many other generous contributors, donated school supplies to 12 school districts, following the organization's second annual classroom supply drive for educators and their students!

The supplies for those 12 school districts were distributed throughout San Antonio, La Vernia, and New Braunfels, Texas, with a focus on schools facing resource challenges. From clipboards to pencil sharpeners, to dry erase markers, folders, and items that help stockpile their inventory, the donations helped to support educators within our community in providing the resources they need for their classrooms.



*"We are thrilled our members and everyone who contributed to the drive came together to make a difference in our education community. If we're able to play a role in supporting our local schools, and more specifically educators and their students, we want to help in any way we can."*

**Marisa Pérez-Díaz**  
Executive Director / Firstmark Foundation

Firstmark is thankful for the opportunity to collaborate with local schools, Spurs Sports & Entertainment, and other partners to make a positive difference in the communities it serves. Rooted in education, Firstmark remains committed to carrying out the legacy established by its founding ten teachers. The donations would not have been made possible without Firstmark members, employees, and the countless people within the community who selflessly contributed to the drive.

To learn more about Firstmark and the ways it supports the education community on behalf of its members, visit [firstmarkcu.org/foundation](http://firstmarkcu.org/foundation).

## Academic Planner Distribution



The **2024-25 Academic Planners** are a hot off the press! Firstmark delivered over 60,000 planners to schools across San Antonio, La Vernia, and New Braunfels, Texas. Designed to help teachers navigate their school year calendar-style, it's truly amazing to see the positive impact it has within our education community, and how resourceful the planner can be! Firstmark plans on continuing this annual giveback in 2025.

## Educator of the Month



Susana Hernandez - September  
San Antonio ISD  
Fenwick Academy

## Educator of the Quarter



Cynthia Sutton  
La Vernia ISD  
La Vernia High School

## Teachers' Classroom Setup



For the first-time ever, Firstmark was excited to help local teachers set up their classrooms in preparation for the 2024-25 school year! From assembling cubbies to decorating bulletin boards, to sorting boxes and organizing classroom resources, we were delighted to make a difference at our local schools! Looking forward to doing this again next year!





# Education Grant Season



On September 1, applications opened for our **2024-25 Education Grant season!** At the end of this year, we look forward to awarding 20 deserving educators \$1,000 each for their innovative project idea. This marks the third consecutive year the Foundation has been able to pledge \$20,000 in total for education grants, thanks in large part to Power of the Dollar® members.

Are you an educator with an innovative project idea? We invite you to apply by **October 27** at:

[firstmarkcu.org/foundation/education-grants](http://firstmarkcu.org/foundation/education-grants)



# Firstmark FOUNDATION™

These contributions would not be possible without Firstmark's Power of the Dollar® members, who continue to provide a stream of resources to fund important initiatives that help create sustainability within the education system. Through the Firstmark Foundation, we will continue to make a tangible, positive impact in the education community through the collective giving of the credit union's membership.