



### Happy New Year!

We hope you enjoyed the holidays and are having a great start to your new year. THRU Project has exciting things planned for 2023, and we can't wait to share new memories and moments with you!

### Upcoming Events

January is **National Mentoring Month** and we want to celebrate our volunteers with a Mentor Mixer!

The event will be at **Paloma Blanca on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm**. Please join us for a free dinner and a night of celebrating all the hard work you do for THRU Project.

If you are interested in attending, please **RSVP to [alyssa@thruproject.org](mailto:alyssa@thruproject.org)**.

In honor of National Mentoring Month, please consider donating to THRU Project! Your donation will help bridge the gap between foster care and adulthood for San Antonio's current and former foster youth.

**[CLICK HERE TO DONATE!](#)**



## THRU PROJECT MENTOR MIXER



**January 18th**  
5:30PM

7:30PM



**Paloma Blanca**  
5800 Broadway, #300  
San Antonio, TX  
78209

*January is National  
Mentoring Month*

THRU Project wants to celebrate our amazing mentors this month. Please join us for a free dinner and celebratory night for our volunteers!

**RSVP to [Alyssa@thruproject.org](https://www.alyssaethruproject.org)**

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## Volunteer Opportunity



## PIT Count Volunteers Needed!

Hosted by the South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless

The Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, an annual census of people experiencing homelessness in San Antonio/Bexar County, is scheduled for Tuesday, **January 24th, 2023, 6:00 PM - 11:59 PM.**

Teams of volunteers will survey assigned zones and conduct questionnaires with those they encounter experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Interested volunteers can register at [bit.ly/SA2023PIT](https://bit.ly/SA2023PIT).

REACH OUT TO [GRANTS@SARAHOMELESS.ORG](mailto:GRANTS@SARAHOMELESS.ORG)  
WITH ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.



### PIT Count Volunteering Event

The South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless (SARAH) is in need of volunteers for their annual Point-In-Time (PIT) Count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. This year's PIT Count will be held on **Tuesday, January 24th from 6:00 pm - 11:59 pm.**

If you are interested in volunteering, you can register **HERE**. Registration to volunteer closes this Sunday, January 8th.

Click **HERE** to register for the required volunteer training on January 10<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm. SARAH will record the training and have a competency assessment sent out on January 11<sup>th</sup> for those who cannot attend. The competency assessment is required for all volunteers.

If you have any questions, or have trouble accessing the training registration, please email **[grants@sarahomeless.org](mailto:grants@sarahomeless.org)**.

### Mentor Spotlight



### **This month's mentor spotlight is Debra Sherill!**

Debra has been mentoring with THRU Project since April 2022. She became a mentor because she heard about the struggles that youth aging out of foster care experience and wanted to provide the kind of support that her own children had during that time in their lives.

Over the years, Debra has learned that giving young people positive reinforcement, helping them set goals and providing guidance can make a big difference in their success. Debra has put that mindset into practice while helping her mentee, Alex. Before the holiday break, Debra joined Alex on a tour of Texas State University. Debra understands that college admissions can be overwhelming, so she wants to work with Alex through the process.

Debra keeps in contact with Alex on a weekly basis; their favorite activity is to meet for brunch. They talk a lot about the future; Debra is great at encouraging Alex as she plans for college. One of Debra's favorite memories with Alex was meeting for an impromptu lunch one afternoon. Debra said, "It was so nice to see Alex light up when she talked about her future plans."

Debra shared, "Alex is beautiful inside and out, bright, and mature. I can tell that she is a compassionate friend to her friends. She is a hard worker with a great work ethic. I was impressed with her from day one."

We are lucky to have both Debra and Alex as part of our Mentorship Program. Thank you for everything you do for our organization, Debra!

**THRU Project Holiday Party 2022**






**THRU PROJECT HOLIDAY PARTY 2022**
  
 THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

Thank you to everyone who joined us at SeaWorld for our Holiday Party. We hope you enjoyed time with your mentee and the THRU Project team. You can look forward to more great events like this in the future!

## Get Connected!

### MENTOR FACEBOOK GROUP

THRU Project has created a Facebook group for our mentors to connect and interact with each other.

This is a space to seek advice, knowledge, and stay updated on the latest THRU Project events! If you are interested in joining, find us at "THRU Project Mentor Group."

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## QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT YOUR MENTEE?

Email [alyssa@thruproject.org](mailto:alyssa@thruproject.org) to schedule a Zoom meeting.

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