

2019-2020



BYNUM SCHOOL
...Celebrating Success

Annual Report

Mission

With God's grace, Bynum School, remaining committed to the ideals of dignity and respect, will provide personalized educational programs to meet the academic, behavioral, and vocational needs of individuals of all ages with special needs.

Vision

We imagine a safe and productive learning community where individuals of all ages grow together and work together to serve God and benefit others.

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A Message from our Executive Director

Families and Friends:

Bynum School responded to unique challenges during the 2019-2020 school year. We did not, however, let COVID-19 disrupt our focus on the School's mission and we continued to experience notable success.

Most importantly, all Bynum students made demonstrated progress. Services were expanded so that essential therapies could be provided on campus. Wood shop was added to the vocational program along with a pecan grove. Bynum School's 35th anniversary was celebrated by the success of "Diamonds & Derricks," the only major fundraiser of the year. The annual financial audit was "clean" with no exceptions.

Because of COVID-19, Bynum School, along with all schools in Texas, was required to close for several weeks in March. Modified, instruction and therapies continued using distance learning and learning packets. The instructional division quickly adapted to the situation, although we missed daily personal contact with students.

For the health and safety of students and staff, and to minimize the possibility of additional disruptions, Bynum School adopted new protocols to reduce risk of exposure. These protocols comply with guidelines from the Texas Education Agency and the Centers for Disease Control. With your cooperation, Bynum School was able to provide its summer program, serving as a "practice run" for a new school year.

On August 17, Bynum School successfully opened the 2020-2021 school year. All teaching positions have been filled with qualified staff. Eighty-six percent of students returned for another year—excellent retention considering current economic conditions and health concerns. We have already met our enrollment projections for the year.

Bynum School acknowledges faith as important in a program dedicated to serving children and adults with special needs. We recognize commitment to our students and families as lifelong. We know trusting relationships with families support our ability to meet the goals we have for students and the goals we have for Bynum School.

Thank you goes to parents for the privilege and honor of serving their children. Thank you goes to generous donors and supporters who enable Bynum School to meet the needs of deserving children and adults. Thank you goes to staff and administrators for delivering quality programs. We are grateful for all the blessings that we have, most importantly, the opportunity to continue good work.

Do not hesitate to visit, call, or send an email if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Executive Director at Bynum School



A Message from our Head of School

Dear Bynum School Families and Friends,

We celebrated success during the 2019-2020 school year. Working through the theme “Bee Amazing,” we had no idea what “amazing” would look like. We faced staffing challenges, structural issues with the building, and then of course a pandemic!

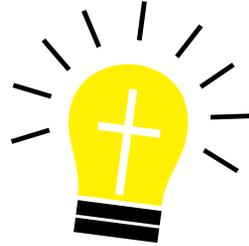
Let's focus on the blessings:

- Enrollment increased to 89 students
- 4 new staff members joined us in the spring semester
- Diamonds & Derricks was a success
- Staff jumped on board with virtual classrooms
- Bynum School was given permission to open for the summer session
- God has protected us
- We achieved 100% retention in staff

Hooray!

Phrases that help us through:

Faith over Fear
Facts, not what ifs
God is in control



We are so grateful for staff, families, volunteers, donors and community support. Bynum School exists because of the support we receive from so many stakeholders. Our mission to meet the needs of individuals through God's grace still rings true! We will NOT be defeated!

Bynum School will continue to celebrate success!

This year's theme: Whole Llama learning going on!

Scripture: We will walk by faith not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7

Standing Firm In Him,

Keri St. John

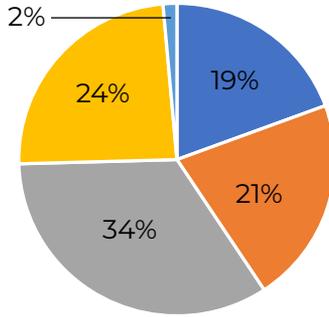
Head of School at Bynum School



2019-2020 Operations

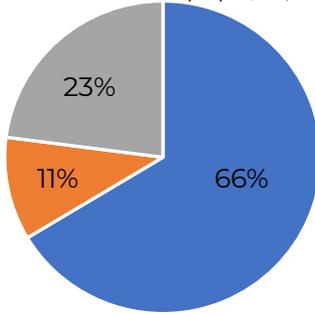
Bynum School Financials (Unaudited)

Revenue \$ 3,124,180.00



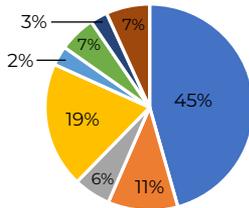
■ Restricted ■ Fundraising ■ Tuition ■ Unrestricted ■ Other

Expense \$ 3,089,955.00
Per student cost (89) - \$34,719



■ Program ■ Fundraising ■ Operating

Program Expense \$ 2,051,107.00



■ K-12 ■ Pre-K
 ■ Health Services ■ Vocational
 ■ Music, Speech, Mneme ■ Adult Day
 ■ P.E., Aftercare ■ Music, Occupational, Speech Therapies

Investing in Results

Ways to Give

Gifts to Support the Student Grant Fund

Each year, Bynum School has a growing number of students needing student grants. Currently, 40% of our students receive student grants to help afford the costs of attending Bynum School. We want every parent to be able to exercise school choice options, and the student grant program exists because the Bynum School Board of Directors and administrators believe that tuition costs should not determine a child's future.

Unrestricted Gifts

Any unrestricted gifts go toward the general program account. These gifts are so important because they allow Bynum School the flexibility to direct the donation where it is needed most.

Endowment Endeavors

Bynum School drives to grow endowment funds and sustain a level of excellence. Endowment funds are gifts in perpetuity. The funds are invested to achieve a high return on investment for endowment donors. Bynum School depends upon the vision and generosity of individuals, foundations, and corporations to ensure its future through support of existing and establishment of new endowment funds. We welcome contributions and planned gifts in the form of cash or receivable income, appreciated stock, retirement accounts, real estate, oil and gas interests, life insurance, and charitable trusts.

Matching Gifts

Many businesses and corporations offer a matching gift program to their employees. By including your company's matching gift form with your donation, you can double, or even triple, the size of your gift.



To make a donation today, you can scan the PayPal QR code below, visit www.bynumschool.org/donate-now, donate by check, or donate through Venmo to @Bynum-School



Scan. Pay. Go.

BYNUM SCHOOL = BIG ACHIEVEMENTS!

Since moving to our new campus in August of 2018, Bynum School has....

- Grown our student population by 65% - and we're not slowing down!
- Hired an additional 22 staff members
- Added new services such as Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, and a collaboration with Starlight Therapeutic Riding Center
- Expanded the Health Services to welcome 2 full-time nurses on staff
- Added a wood shop in the Vocational Department



Beverly delivering Meals on Wheels

Community-based instruction is composed of outings in the community as well as volunteering with our community partners! In the 2019-2020 school year, Bynum School students volunteered many hours with

- Meals on Wheels = 201 hours**
- Midland Medical Lodge = 12 hours**
- West Texas Food Bank = 90 hours**
- Helping Hands = 94 hours**



Elijah in Music Therapy



Students at the AirSho

Bynum School provides the following services:

- An integrated preschool program that serves children with and without special needs
- Kindergarten–12th grade with graduation options
- A highly acclaimed Vocational Department
- Academic instruction
- An on-campus reading and math interventionist to work 1-on-1 or in small groups with struggling students
- Physical education
- Neuro-music therapy
- Mneme™ therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Community-based instruction
- Life-skills training
- Self-help training
- Vocational training
- Workplace training and placement



Liam in Occupational Therapy

Every student at Bynum School has an individualized program plan and receives therapy services on-campus according to his or her needs! In the 2019-2020 school year, here's how many therapy hours students received:

- Music Therapy = 700 hours**
- Speech Therapy = 575 hours**
- Occupational Therapy = 440 hours**
- Mneme™ Therapy = 920 hours**

Stories of Love

Meet Marty and Beverly....

The Bynum School Vocational Department has enriched Marty and Beverly's Life. They receive compassionate, direct support from the staff. They have so much fun working and learning at Bynum School. We keep them enrolled not only in Spring and Fall semesters, but also in the Summer Session. Their friends and teachers make all the difference!

— Nancy, Marty and Beverly's Mom



Meet Julien....

Julien has been attending Bynum School since the first grade and now he is in junior high. Bynum School has been a blessing to Julien and our whole family. He has grown into the most kind-hearted and wonderful young man. He has had an amazing journey at Bynum School with the great teachers, staff, and friends. Bynum School is not only his school, they are our family!

— Daniella, Julien's Mom



Stories of Hope

Meet Will...

St. Paul tells us that in the body of Christ, we are individually members one of another, with each person having “gifts that differ according to the grace given to us” (Romans 12:5). Bynum School is deeply committed to this idea. We would be contented enough with the innovative instructional practices and diverse array of therapies which the School offers, but what ultimately sets it apart is that everyone at Bynum School knows our son William’s name, and everyone believes the best about him and his future. The Morelands have a saying: God knows what we want better than we do. When we first enrolled at Bynum School nine years ago, we just thought we had found a school for William. But God, by His grace, gave us something even better: a family.

— Clark, Will’s Dad

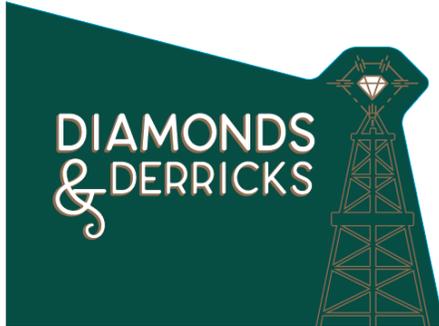


Fundraising 2019-2020

Diamonds & Derricks

Bynum School celebrated our 35th Anniversary at Diamonds & Derricks along with our Honorary Co-Chairs Susie and Don Evans and Brenda and Travis Stice.

Thanks to our Diamond Sponsors The Brenda and Travis Stice Family Foundation and Jennissa and Ryan Anwar and Leslie and Matthew Bruner, our guests enjoyed a night of celebration with dinner, dancing, and a fabulous live auction. A hearty thanks goes to all of our supporters!

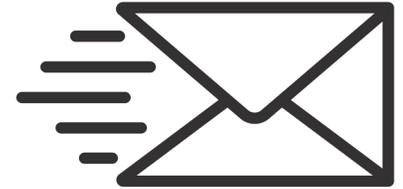


Income \$488,724

Newsletters

Bynum School newsletters are intended to update our community about all that is going on at school. We are blessed to also receive gifts in return. These funds, unless otherwise designated, are used for general program expenses. Thanks so much for supporting our students!

Income \$62,931



Student Grants

Student grant funds are raised each year by endowment distributions, grants, and restricted donations from our community. In 2019-2020 43% of our students required assistance to attend Bynum School. Your gift in support of student grants allowed 39 students out of 89 to receive the personalized education they deserve.

Income \$145,823

Giving Tuesday

Each year, nonprofits, small businesses, corporations, schools, and faith-based organizations all over the world celebrate the global day of giving. On December 3, 2019 we celebrated and joined other organizations to raise money for our music therapy program. Our goal was \$10,000.

Our students love music therapy!!

Income \$30,040



Bynum School Students Also Give Back to the Community! Student Donations

Bynum School students “zipped” up fundraising for the Chris Davidson Opportunity Park by holding our own fundraiser for 2 zip lines. Our students know they will enjoy the park as much as the community and wanted to give back. Bynum School students cannot wait to go play at a park where they can enjoy all the equipment!

Income \$10,953

Bynum School Wish List

All donations are greatly appreciated!

See the Bynum School registry on Amazon.com for a list of campus supplies that is updated on a continual basis. Visit <https://www.amazon.com/wedding/home> and search for Bynum School Wish List.

Thank you!

Common items that the school always needs include:

Thermal Laminating Pouches	Clorox Wipes
Crayons	Glue Sticks
Washable Markers	Small Bottles of Glue
Colored Pencils	Card Stock (white)
Dry Erase Markers,	Card Stock (multi-color)
Adult Scissors	Construction Paper
Child Scissors	Permanent Marker

We need your help collecting sanitizing supplies!

Due to COVID-19, sanitizing supplies from our usual providers are severely limited. If you have extra Clorox wipes, disinfectant spray, and paper towels that you are willing to donate, please bring them to Bynum School for use on campus!