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Communities In Schools CEO, Suki Steinhauser, Celebrates 25 Years of Service

Austin, Texas – November 4, 2019 – Suki Steinhauser, Chief Executive Officer of Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CIS), is celebrating her 25th year of service. Suki’s nonprofit career began after being inspired to serve others as a Peace Corps volunteer in Swaziland, Africa, where she taught math for three years. Suki started her work at Communities In Schools in 1994, then went on to become CEO in 2006. In Suki’s time at CIS, the nonprofit went from serving 16 schools in two districts to serving 85 schools in seven districts today.

“For over twenty-five years, Suki has led the charge in Central Texas on behalf of students”, says Nikki Graham, Austin Market President for Bank of America. “She has tremendous compassion and understanding of the many challenges students in our community face. Her leadership at Communities In Schools of Central Texas has resulted in much needed expertise and resources at the campus level to help students overcome challenges and achieve success.”

Suki has a B.A. from Syracuse University and an MBA from the University of Texas at Austin. She is also a graduate of the 2007 Leadership Austin Essential class and was featured in the Austin Business Journal’s annual Profiles in Power. She is currently active in the nonprofit community where she has used her experience and business acumen to improve the lives of disenfranchised youth and families.

This spirit of service is shared by her husband, Chester, and their children, Annie and Nick.

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About Communities In Schools of Central Texas

Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CIS) works directly inside K-12 schools full time in partnership with teachers and administrators to address immediate student needs. Whether it is clean clothes, help with school work, or emotional support and counseling, CIS connects students to the relationships and resources they need to succeed.

When students are hungry, experiencing homelessness, or are preoccupied with concerns for an unemployed parent or violence at home, they can’t learn. That means they’re disengaged in the classroom themselves, and can be a distraction to their classmates. CIS ensures that students are connected to resources to help meet basic needs like food, shelter, counseling, and clothing. The result is reduced discipline referrals and more engagement in learning, for them and their peers, letting teachers teach, and improving outcomes for all students.

The mission of Communities In Schools is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. Last year, we served over 40,000 individuals in 85 schools with services ranging from mental health counseling to crisis intervention, basic needs assistance, mentoring, and academic intervention. Learn more about our programs online at ciscentraltexas.org and connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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