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Poverty in San Marcos, Texas

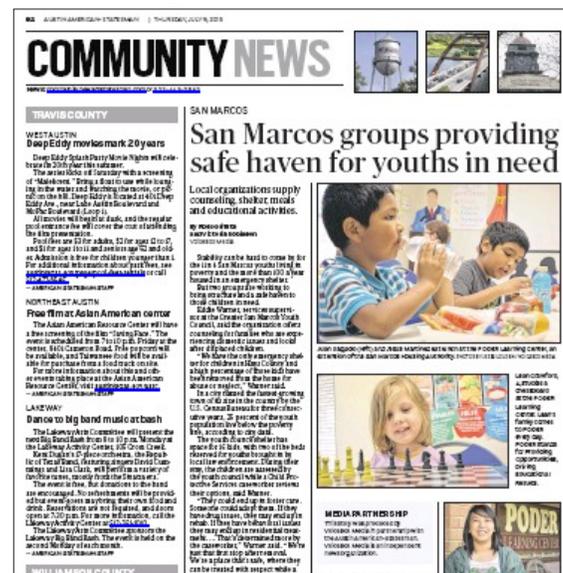
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The poverty in San Marcos is a serious problem. It will take everyone in the city, including city officials and those individuals affected, to lower the poverty rate. At 37%, it is one of the highest in Texas and that's pretty scary. VoiceBox Media's summer project looked at four different aspects of poverty including food, youth, housing and jobs. We visited numerous organizations in the city to see where poverty in San Marcos was coming from and why it was sticking around. Our goal of increasing awareness was not reached overnight, but with the help of the Austin American-Statesman and Latina Lista, we were able to expand our reach. With these partnerships, more people will be aware of this issue.

The big question was and still is: What needs to be done to help with this problem? Sustainable incomes and cheaper, decent housing would benefit those who are struggling, but that

is up to the City of San Marcos. Encouraging those who are less fortunate and raising expectations of all might reduce the number of people living in poverty. The problem starts with awareness.

To read the four-part series on poverty in San Marcos, visit our website.



The youth in poverty story in the Austin American-Statesman on July 9th

Meet the Summer 2015 interns



Named from left to right, Founder and CEO Holly Wise in middle

Jesse Loudon - Videographer/Photographer

Allison Borthwick - Public Relations

Victoria Robinson - Storyteller

Ross Griffith - Storyteller

Children on the Edge



Central America, Google Maps

This fall, the Voice-Box Media team will continue an in-depth special project that was started in the fall of 2014. Through extensive research, investigative reporting and methodical data collection, the team will continue bringing

this humanitarian crisis out of the shadows and into mainstream understanding. The project will tell the stories of the children and their mothers who have been detained after fleeing violence in their Central American countries.

Visit www.thevoiceboxmedia.org for updates covering Children on the Edge.

Mini Quiz!

Do you know all about San Marcos?

What is the percentage of people living in poverty in San Marcos?

- a. 37%
- b. 52%
- c. 12%

Which of these organizations help lower-income individuals/families?

- a. Southside Community Center
- b. Redwood Baptist Church
- c. All of the above

What is the average cost of a meal in Hays County?

- a. \$3.00
- b. \$1.54
- c. \$2.57

Answers on the bottom of the page!

#Throwback



Throwing it back to the time the VoiceBox Media team attended the International Symposium on Online Journalism in April 2015!