The mission of Horns Helping Horns is to provide financially independent students with a network of support and resources that help them succeed at UT Austin.

WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY ABOUT HORNS HELPING HORNS

“Simply put, the support from HHH made my education possible. I will always be grateful to the HHH directors, donors, and partners and hope that they can continue to do their great work for many years to come.”

-Naomi Tamez, Class of 2017, BS in Public Health

“More than anything, HHH has given me a sense of security and stability during my time at UT. There have been several times that HHH has assisted me in stressful, unexpected situations that may have otherwise negatively affected my academic performance.”

-Emily Collins, Class of 2017, BA in Classics
Mentor Program

- In Fall 2017, the HHH mentor program was redesigned and relaunched.
- All 22 HHH participants were successfully paired with an on-campus faculty or staff mentor.
- Mentors serve as the first point-of-contact and support for students, empower students to set and follow through with goals, guide students through the adjustment to college, help students locate necessary resources, model and teach life-skills, and build confidence within students.

“I have been really feeling more attached to my school since I’ve been meeting with my mentor.”

Service Projects

- **Austin Diaper Bank**: Sorted donations received after Hurricane Harvey.

- **Austin Empty Bowl Project**: Volunteered in various roles, such as serving soup, managing the parking lot, and cleaning bowls.

- **Project Transitions**: Prepped soil for a remodel of the yard at the hospice facility.
Workshops

Workshops are held each semester to provide life-skills education, facilitate familiarity with campus resources, and promote community among the students.

**Personal Branding:** Presented by the Leadership and Ethics Institute at UT Austin. Students gained insight into their leadership identities and learned how to effectively work with others.

**Financial Literacy:** Presented by the Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas. Students learned about credit, loans, budgeting, and savings in this two part series.

**Time Management:** Presented by the Sanger Learning Center at UT Austin. Students learned how to better use their time to make the most out of every minute and find balance between work and play.

Financial Assistance Provided

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"HHH has been beneficial to me [by] helping to alleviate the financial burden of student costs."
**Student Successes**

**Timothy Cavalieri** was selected to be a Resident Assistant in Jester West.

"HHH truly has helped me adjust to college and excel in college. I came to college not knowing many people and being scared of my financial situation. HHH turned both of these around for me, and I am truly grateful for this program!"

**Calep Smith** was awarded the Gail McKay scholarship and will study abroad in Ghana during Summer 2018.

**Samantha Paradiso** was selected to be an Orientation Advisor.

"Horns Helping Horns is a safe space which made me feel comfortable...You truly care about us and it shows. I am so glad I got to meet everyone in HHH this year. It really helped with my transition!"

**William Clark** studied abroad in Madrid after studying abroad in Canada in the previous academic year.

"Over the past three years, Horn Helping Horns has helped me grow as a student and supported me to grow as a person. Through workshops and a community of students that have faced the same difficulties as myself I can see that I'm not alone as a first generation student that has faced homelessness."

**Mirka Mendez** will complete an internship at Haliburton as a field engineer.

"This past semester has been the most stressful so far, not only because of classes and job searching but also due to many difficult personal situations and people. Having my mentor was a great help because I felt the freedom to opening up about my issues and she was always willing to listen and to provide feedback."
Horns Helping Horns celebrated 4 graduates this year.

Brittney Akpunku  
BA in Health & Society

Sulaiman Noor  
BS in Public Relations

Brittany Ransom  
BS in Social Work

Calep Smith  
BS in Communication Studies

Outreach

Graduate Assistants for New Student Services presented at the 2018 Professional Development Day Conference for student affairs practitioners at UT Austin.

The goal was to raise awareness about financially independent students and former foster youth in higher education and to provide tools for best supporting the population.
The program typically raises about $45,000 per year. With a larger budget, Horns Helping Horns would be able to serve more students in need and provide a more comprehensive range of services. About $170,000 in gifts annually would make this possible.