



**CIRCLE
OF EXCELLENCE 2026**



San Antonio Chapter

Excellence in Chapter Community Education and Public Service

Guided by AACN's 2026 theme, "On Purpose," the San Antonio Chapter, Texas, mobilized critical care nurses to advance community health, professional education and disaster response across South Texas. Members contributed more than 400 volunteer hours through eight service initiatives addressing food insecurity, school readiness, disaster recovery and workforce development. The chapter delivered Stop the Bleed training to more than 200 community members, conducted health screenings for 150 students, and partnered with local and national organizations to expand outreach and strengthen collaborative impact. A regional Patient Safety Conference brought together 150 nurses to explore how artificial intelligence can enhance clinical decision-making and outcomes. Through Beacon Award mentorship, high-school career pipeline programs and emergency relief efforts, the chapter elevated professional standards while serving vulnerable populations. These purposeful actions reflect AACN's vision of a healthcare system transformed by nursing leadership, excellence, inclusion and compassionate service beyond the bedside.

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