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## 'Funding fiesta' brings attention to library

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Several Uvalde County non-profits were big winners during Big Give S.A., as they will receive a share of the \$1.8 million raised so far.

This was accomplished despite technical difficulties with the website that made it hard for people to donate. Because of these website issues, the deadline was extended though 8 p.m. yesterday. But as

of 9 a.m. yesterday, the seven participating Uvalde County non-profits raised an estimated \$6,705.

El Progreso Memorial Library (14 gifts totaling \$2,980), Community Health Development Inc. (five gifts, \$650), Elim Christian Fellowship (0 gifts, \$0), Keep Utopia Beautiful (14 gifts, \$1,630), Humane Society of Uvalde (11 gifts, \$465), Kate Marmlon Rides to Radiation (11

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Three members of a Uvalde folklorico group learn how to make paper flowers from Kay Brieden, Good Egg and local volunteer. The girls were part of Tuesday's event.



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Three Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps members (left to right) Lisset Fernandez, Calthyn Castro, and Erika Gonzales (leaning) check out a 3D printer while volunteering their time at the El Progreso Memorial Library's Big Give S.A. funding fiesta. The printer was making parts for a toy catapult.

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gifts, \$660), and the Native Plant Society of Texas-Uvalde Chapter (five gifts, \$270) each participated in a local funding fiesta held Tuesday evening.

Over 100 people attended the fiesta, which featured a special story hour narrated by Olga Charles. The young children in attendance also enjoyed a piñata, played games of lotería, and watched a demonstration on how to make paper flowers.

The Uvalde High School mariachi band played several songs, and ballet folklórico dancers entertained the crowd in the rotunda with three

dances.

During refreshments, three library memorial bricks were dedicated to the Friends of El Progreso, Union Pacific, and Uvalde attorney Paul Tarski for the money-saving services he provides to the library.

People in attendance had different reasons for giving, from feeling it is the right thing to do to wanting to give back to a specific organization that had a profound influence on their lives.

Several community members made matching challenges, where they made donations equal in amount to what community members donate. Elise Kirchoff with

NPSOT matched all \$10 dollar donations, Nancy Feely with the library matched several \$20 donations, and Mendell Morgan, library director, walked around with several Monopoly bills to let everyone know he was matching any \$100 donations.

The Big Give S.A. is part of a nationwide giving movement that brings together community members to support local non-profit organizations. This 24 hours of online giving unites donors with non-profits that make a difference in their community.

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