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34TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

DON’T MISS OUR ANTICIPATED SELL-OUT EVENT

NOVEMBER 14

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“It is our honor to join forces as co-chairs for this year’s event to amplify the important work of Texas Women’s Foundation. We are committed to making history by raising more funds than ever before to accelerate powerful, positive change for women, girls and families in order to create more equitable communities across our state.”

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ELAINE WELTEROTH

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Throughout her magazine career, Welteroth broke new ground as the youngest person and the second African-American to be editor-in-chief in Condé Nast’s 107-year history. Under her leadership, Teen Vogue notably increased coverage of news and politics, encouraging readers to become civically engaged. She’s now a leading expert, advocate and voice for the next generation of change-makers.

Texas Women’s Foundation’s 34th Annual Luncheon is our signature leadership event that attracts more than 1,500 of North Texas’ most influential leaders. Funds raised will provide resources that advance our mission to strengthen women’s economic security and leadership across Texas.
I feel such great pride and excitement in taking on the role of Chair of the Board of Texas Women’s Foundation, because the mission of Texas Women’s Foundation touches me, my life and my family’s life in many important ways.

First, while there are organizations that address specific challenges faced by women and girls, Texas Women’s Foundation is the one organization that works across the spectrum to drive toward real and lasting solutions. Texas Women’s Foundation works on the critical issues for women and families – economic security, leadership, education, housing, safety and health. The Foundation uses its research to create shared understanding of the issues and their implications among broad audiences throughout the state; it directs its efforts and resources to identify and support the most effective, impactful programs through grants as well as its own initiatives; and it seeks to change systems and structures through public policy advocacy.

Second is Texas Women’s Foundation’s deep and abiding commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. It’s really in the organization’s DNA, given the diversity of its 19 founders who represented every race, culture, ethnicity, gender identify, political affinity and financial wherewithal. Over the past eight years, the Foundation has worked intentionally and consistently to increase the diversity of its Board and staff. Today, we all take great pride in being one of the most diverse Boards of any organization of our size and scope in Texas: our Board is 47 percent women of color and LGBTQ. Our staff is over 50 percent.

Like every study on the impact of diversity, equity and inclusion on organizations, diverse Boards and management groups make better decisions, are stronger teams and consistently outperform their competition. I have no doubt that the strength and power of Texas Women’s Foundation’s Board, staff and programming are a direct reflection of our intentional and explicit commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. And I know we take that same commitment with us into every place we enter – whether that is recruiting a new partner or donor, or engaging new members of our committees and XIX Society, or resourcing our broad group of grantees, or supporting our growing number of giving circles. When Texas Women’s Foundation says, “Welcome all,” that’s exactly what we mean.

Texas Women’s Foundation is proud to welcome eight new board members, who will serve three-year terms from 2019-2022. Their diverse talent and expertise will be instrumental in the success of transforming Texas for women and girls.

“We are thrilled to have these talented women join our board, which is one of the most diverse and inclusive in the region. These new members, along with our executive committee and other board members, bring their expertise, passion for our mission and networks of influence to support our work throughout North Texas and the state.”

- ROSLYN DAWSON THOMPSON
Community gatherings around the next edition of Right now, we are planning our convenings and research on the status of women and girls. Frequently since November 7 when we announced "What's different, now that you are Texas Women's Foundation?" That's a question we've heard "Some things haven't changed at all!

As many of you know, we began using the name Texas Women's Foundation in 2014, as the umbrella for our statewide research and advocacy efforts. In 2014, and again in 2017, we took our research – Economic Issues for Women in Texas – "door to door" to communities across the state. In Texas cities where there are women's funds and foundations – Austin, Amarillo, El Paso, San Antonio and Tyler – we worked in collaboration with these groups to convene members, donors, nonprofit partners and decision makers to present our research and inspire action based on the findings in the research. And in cities where no women's fund or foundation exists, we worked with other partners on convenings in Fort Worth, Houston and McAllen. Around the state since 2014, we've been known as Texas Women's Foundation and as the source for respected research on the status of women and girls. Right now, we are planning our convenings and community gatherings around the next edition of Economic Issues for Women in Texas, which will be published in April 2020. Just like our business model shows (see illustration), our strategy is to lead with our research and convene in collaboration, in order to create a common understanding of the issues and recruit advocates to advance a policy agenda that can Transform Texas for Women and Girls.

With relationships established through our research and convenings, Texas Women’s Foundation is being invited into communities to provide our innovative programs and solutions that we continue to deliver here in North Texas. An example of that is in Houston, where we have received a lead gift to establish our Young Women's Initiative there, and we are also in active discussions with an energized group of women corporate leaders to form an Economic Leadership Council for Houston that will support both the Young Women's Initiative, including #BestSelf, as well as the Women's Leadership Institute. We anticipate seeing our giving circles expand into other Texas communities as well and stand ready to support this important grassroots community-based grantmaking.

So, what stays the same? The fact that our philanthropy is predominantly local and place-based – and that the money we raise in any community will be invested in that community, just like we’ve done for 34 years in North Texas. Of course, there are some wonderful organizations that operate in multiple communities across Texas, and our hope is that we can also raise funds to support these, as well.

In fact, with our goal of mobilizing more capital for women and girls, we made the strategic commitment that all our investments – from our invested assets to our grants and programs – will serve our mission. And as of October 1, that goal will be realized when we move all our invested assets – endowments, donor advised funds and operating investments – into a 100% gendered impact portfolio designed to deliver at- or above-market financial returns as well as measurable social impact returns. We believe this bold step by Texas Women’s Foundation will set an example in our state and beyond – and we are pleased to welcome our existing and new donor-advised funds on this exciting journey with us.

From our own backyards to the backyards of our neighbors across this great and diverse state, our goal is to be the trusted source for reliable research, powerful collective advocacy, responsive community grantmaking, effective programs and solutions – and a catalyst to inspire deeper commitment and greater investment in women and girls, and the powerful and positive change they will lead in making a better Texas for all.
BestSelf: 500 Girls Enjoy a Day of Leadership Development

On May 18, nearly 500 girls from schools and girl-serving organizations across Texas came to University of North Texas at Dallas to enjoy a day of empowerment. Texas Women’s Foundation hosted girls ages 11-16, along with their educators and allies, to learn leadership skills, healthy conflict resolution and goal setting, so these girls can embrace and become their “best selves.”

#BestSelf is a program organized by Texas Women’s Foundation to help young girls find their voice and self-confidence. The program is led by the Young Women’s Advisory Council (YWAC). The YWAC is the center of the Young Women’s Initiative, a program of Texas Women’s Foundation for young women of color, ages 16-24, empowering them to make change in underserved communities. The YWAC members provided content development for the #BestSelf workshops and shared their community insights, involvement and impact with the attendees during each workshop.

BESTSELF EMCEE
Marty McDonald, Founder of Boss Women Media

SURROUNDING YOURSELF WITH THE BEST
Girls learned the core functions of a healthy relationship with friends, parents and partners by walking through real-life scenarios and exploring healthy solutions.

Dr. Jessica Gomez (top), Momentous Institute Leader, EveryDayBlackGirl Founder
Courtney Roberts (bottom), Founder, EveryDayBlackGirl

REPRESENTING YOUR BESTSELF
This session focused on teaching girls how to represent themselves positively in all environments – especially on digital platforms.

Brooklyn and Mindy McKnight, YouTubers (Cute Girl Hairstyles)

LIVING MY BEST LIFE
This session examined self-esteem and insecurities by talking about how girls feel about themselves, how they think and feel about their bodies, and body and emotional changes and developments.

Tori Dixon (above left), MS, LPC, Counselor, Graceful Journey Counseling; Dr. Jessica Shepherd (above right), OB/GYN, Baylor Medical Center at Dallas and Founder; Her Viewpoint Featuring YWAC Fellows Christian Jefferson (top right) & Cimajie Best (bottom right)

BEING YOUR BEST ADVOCATE
Girls learned best practices to be powerful advocates for themselves and others. They learned to build and create a campaign around issues such as bullying, mental health and immigration.

Brooke Lopéz (below left), Program Facilitator, IGNITE National Featuring YWAC Fellow Da’Shayla Foard (below right)
On May 2 at the Omni Dallas Hotel, Texas Women’s Foundation held its Leadership Forum & Awards Dinner, presented by AT&T. Nearly 800 attendees, along with co-chairs Thear Suzuki and Retta Miller, gathered to celebrate and elevate the voices of women leaders. The event featured notable keynote speaker, Sallie Krawcheck of Ellevest, and honored seven women for their leadership and service.

More than $630,000 was raised to help Texas Women’s Foundation continue its mission to transform Texas by advancing the economic security and leadership of women and girls across our state.

“We (women) need to network, find our squad and learn how to invest because our strength is in our numbers. We are 51% of the workforce controlling 85% of the consumer spending.”

Sallie Krawcheck

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VIEWPOINTS: Women in Leadership

Texas Women’s Foundation hosted its quarterly Viewpoints (formerly Breakfast Club) series on May 9 in Collin and Dallas counties. Each event featured a panel of women leaders who shared their perspectives on what it’s like to lead at various levels, break down barriers and create opportunities for other women to have a seat at the table. The panels, moderated by Texas Women’s Foundation President & CEO Roslyn Dawson Thompson, also included a Q&A portion where attendees asked the panelists about their experiences overcoming obstacles, how to seek out mentors and adapting in various work cultures.

Texas Women’s Foundation seeks to increase the number of women in leadership across every sector. Each year $3 million is invested into programs that provide unique and effective opportunities for women and girls to acquire, refine and strengthen their leadership skills and potential. In addition, we host forums and convenings, such as Viewpoints, to bring communities together to share issues and provide solutions for ways to work together to help drive positive change.

VIEWPOINTS: UNLOCKING ASSETS

COLLIN COUNTY
October 10, 2019, 8:00 AM

DALLAS COUNTY
October 10, 2019, 11:30 AM

TARRANT COUNTY
October 24, 2019, 9:00 AM

Wealth inequality is a central challenge facing U.S. women, stemming from a variety of complex and often intertwined discriminatory and systemic factors. One key source of this disparity is the gender gap in business ownership and business growth.

This Viewpoints series will highlight current research on women's business ownership, its connection to wealth and some of the challenges that prevent more women from starting and growing businesses to the point where they produce wealth for their owners.

We will also be talking with women business owners from the North Texas community to hear their first-hand experiences.

VIEWPOINTS | COLLIN COUNTY
PANELISTS: ANITA PAXTON, VICE PRESIDENT OF TALENT MANAGEMENT, AXXESS; MARIA LOPEZ, YOUNG WOMEN’S ADVISORY COUNCIL FELLOW AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT; BONNIE CLINTON, CHIEF PEOPLE OFFICER INDIRECT PROCUREMENT, TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC.
MODERATOR: ROSLYN DAWSON THOMPSON

VIEWPOINTS | DALLAS COUNTY
PANELISTS: MARIA LOPEZ, YOUNG WOMEN’S ADVISORY COUNCIL FELLOW AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT; TANYA WINECHEL, SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CORPORATE TAX DIRECTOR, HILLTOP HOLDINGS INC.; NEENA NEWBERRY, PRESIDENT, NEWBERRY EXECUTIVE SOLUTIONS
MODERATOR: ROSLYN DAWSON THOMPSON

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
https://www.txwf.org/events/viewpoints/
On May 14, Texas Women’s Foundation Board Alumnae gathered for their annual spring reception, hosted by Lisa Singleton. They enjoyed catching up with fellow board alumnae and hearing of the new developments and impact that Texas Women’s Foundation is making across the state.

Through their continued support of the Virginia B. Whitehill Board Alumnae Endowment at Texas Women’s Foundation, formed for the board alumnae to make annual investments in the work of Texas Women’s Foundation and its mission, the board alumnae presented a $30,000 donation to Mosaic Family Services. Mosaic Family Services is an organization that supports survivors of human rights abuses, including human trafficking and domestic violence. Their donation provides funding for the Multicultural Family Violence Program, which is designed to meet the needs of immigrant and refugee women and girls who are escaping abuse.

Board Alumnae Support Mosaic Family Services

Texas Women’s Foundation’s XIX Society members went on a Collin County-focused nonprofit outing on June 6. They boarded the bus to tour City House, a shelter that is dedicated to providing homeless children and teens in North Texas with emergency shelter and transitional residential services. They also toured Agape Resource & Assistance Center Inc., an organization that provides stable and safe support services to homeless women, moms and children, and empowers them to move from crisis and poverty to fulfilling self-sustaining lives. Each agency led attendees through a tour of their facilities and talked about their programs and how they support vulnerable women and children in Collin County.

The bus tour was followed by a social gathering of XIX Society members at Urban Rio in Plano.

XIX Society members support Texas Women’s Foundation’s mission to make a meaningful impact on the economic security and leadership development of women and girls in North Texas and across the state. Members contribute annually at various levels to create positive change in our communities.

To find out how you can become a member, contact Natalia Brownfield, Annual Giving Manager, at nbrownfield@txwf.org or 214-525-5313.
Texas Women’s Foundation Welcomes H100 Latina Giving Circle

The Hispanic 100 is a network of trailblazing Latina leaders in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. On June 19, at Latino Arts Project, the Hispanic 100 officially launched the H100 Giving Circle at Texas Women’s Foundation, joining three other giving circles hosted at the Foundation: Orchid Giving Circle, HERitage Giving Fund and The Village Giving Circle.

The H100 Latina Giving Circle was formed to further engage Latinas in philanthropy, and to expand resources for local organizations whose missions are to empower, educate and support Latinas in the community. The Hispanic 100 Network has contributed $50,000 as a matching gift to launch the Circle, so all gifts are being matched up to that amount.

The H100 Latina Giving Circle provides grants to eligible North Texas area nonprofits that reflect the mission of The Hispanic 100 and primarily serve the needs of Hispanic women and girls in low and moderate income communities.

To learn more about giving to the H100 Latina Giving Circle, visit www.txwf.org/h100latinagivingcircle/ or email H100latinagc@txwf.org

“As a leading organization, the Hispanic 100 is proud to be partnering with Texas Women’s Foundation in our philanthropic efforts by establishing the H100 Latina Giving Circle. For over a decade, we have supported many nonprofit organizations through our annual grants cycle. We have witnessed the life-changing impact that funding makes in the daily lives of the women and girls served through our funding. We also know that when women do well, the entire community does well. Through the collaborative relationship at Texas Women’s Foundation, we are positively impacting the future of Latinas, especially young Latinas, and that is good news for the North Texas community and beyond.”

– PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ CHRISTIAN, H100 LATINA GIVING CIRCLE CHAIR

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Texas Women’s Foundation engages in advocacy – both in local communities and at the state level – where innovation and investment can help empower women, lead to positive economic and social change, and achieve equity for Texas women and girls. We share research on key issues impacting women, girls and their families to provide lawmakers and decision-makers with timely, targeted information to shape policies relating to women and girls. Texas Women’s Foundation also supports alliances and coalitions that bring together leading voices to advance our key issues. With our Advocacy committee, we encourage action by our Board members, key donors and supporters.

Texas Women’s Foundation has been active in several advocacy efforts this past year. We started our Army of Advocates updates via email and social media that included “calls to action” around issues effecting women and girls. A letter of support was also submitted to the Dallas City Council regarding the use of HUD block grant funding to help support out of school time programming. This was done in conjunction with Texas Women’s Foundation grantee, After the Bell Alliance, and in late June it was announced that the Dallas City Council approved the use of $300,000 from the HUD grant driving additional government funding to out of school time. Texas Women’s Foundation also wrote, submitted, as well as attended the voting meeting, in support of Dallas ISD adopting a new comprehensive sex education curriculum for grades 5 through 12. This was passed and will be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year.

Other activities included hosting the initial ReflectUS convening in Dallas for women working to advance the representation of women in elected office. This was a bipartisan event and over 70 women, including current and former board members and founders of Texas Women’s Foundation, were in attendance. The fourth Dallas County Family Violence Prevention Council candidate forum was also hosted by Texas Women’s Foundation and included candidates for county judges, commissioners, sheriff, district attorney and Congress.

Advocacy is a key part of our strategic plan. First is in our vision, where we see an equitable society for women and girls, and then through raising our voices to promote social and economic change at the local, state and national levels. By combining all of our voices, we drive social change on important issues across Texas, while also increasing awareness of Texas Women’s Foundation as a resource on issues impacting women and girls. Driving meaningful change in public policy is a powerful way to make real progress in advancing our vision – and a better Texas for all.
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Leadership Forum & Awards Dinner
APRIL 30, 2020 | OMNI DALLAS HOTEL
Our Leadership Forum & Awards Dinner celebrates and elevates women leaders through the presentation of the Maura Women Helping Women and Young Leader Awards.

2020 Leadership Award Nominations Are Open. Nominate a deserving woman for the Maura Women Helping Women or Young Leader Award. Nomination deadline is October 25, 2019. Submit your nominations here: www.txwf.co/mauraawardnomination or www.txwf.co/youingleaderawardnomination

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