August is traditionally the "Back to School" month – the time for a fresh set of school supplies; new uniforms and clothes replacing outgrown ones; students of all ages coming back to classrooms and lecture halls, meeting old friends and new. Not this year. Instead, parents and students have had to navigate a whole new landscape filled with unknowns: Will our schools be open and when? Will classes be in person or virtual? Do we have the resources we need for either scenario?

This landscape of unknowns is difficult for every parent. But it is especially difficult for lower income single mothers. For the hourly wage worker who cannot return to her job unless her children are safely in school. For the mother whose children qualify for – and depend on – free and reduced school meals. For the mother whose ability to cope with the needs of her family has reached a breaking point.

This month, the Resilience Fund is focused on meeting the needs of these mothers, who literally live with crisis on a daily basis in some of the most underserved areas of our region. We are proud to partner with the outstanding agencies listed here that are providing key supports to stabilize at risk mothers and families; addressing the underlying issues that contribute to the high rates of maternal and infant mortality, especially among Black and Latina women; and delivering emergency services to vulnerable young mothers and their children. And we are honored by the support of generous donors like those featured here.

To all our donors and friends, know that we are deeply grateful for your support of the Resilience Fund. Since April, we have contributed over $1 million in responsive grants addressing the impacts of the pandemic and economic crisis. Please continue to stand with us, so that we stand with them – the women and families who are facing the greatest challenges, now and in the months ahead.
The 29 percent child poverty rate in Dallas means that a large number of young parents need help providing for their children. I Look Like Love Inc. offers services and programming to women on two vital issues: diaper insufficiency and single parent sustainability. Based in South Dallas, the agency is known for its mobile and pop-up diaper services.

Abide Women’s Health Services Inc.
Abide works to improve birth outcome in communities with the lowest quality of care, providing socially responsible services for women to address maternal and infant mortality, low birth weight babies, prenatal and postpartum care. Operating in South Dallas, Abide is addressing critical women's health care needs given that Texas' maternal mortality rates have doubled since 2000. Today, 35 women per 100,000 die during or after child birth; Black and Latina women die at higher rates – 80-100 Black women/100,000 and 20-40 Latinas/100,000. Texas Women's Foundation provided a grant to support the agency's life-saving pre- and post-natal care services.

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Texas Women's Foundation made a grant to both to support emergency services – baby needs, financial assistance, child care access, employment services; connecting women in the community with services available virtually; and refining existing programs to address the unique needs arising during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Texas Women's Foundation thanks Board Member Beverly Goulet for her investment in women and families.

"It's very clear that the pandemic is disproportionately impacting women, especially women of color, and the children who depend on them. So it's more important now than ever to help address their needs – whether in housing or child care or health care."

Beverly Goulet
Retired, American Airlines
TXWF Board Member
Economic Leadership Council
Texas Women's Foundation is grateful for the continued support of Board Alumna Brenda Jackson.

"Texas Women's Foundation supports worthy causes that uplift women and girls. In accordance with my faith tradition, I am a cheerful giver to the Foundation."

Brenda Jackson
Retired, Oncor
TXWF Former Board Member
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Texas Women's Foundation would like to thank Board Member Toni Muñoz-Hunt and Model Behaviors for investing in advancing women and girls.

"Texas Women's Foundation has always been a beacon of light in the community, supporting the work of organizations that provide for our women and girls, while conducting research on the most important issues affecting us all. In a time of muddled uncertainty and confusion, our voices and actions today must create a better tomorrow. With Texas Women's Foundation, we can meet the needs of lower income women and families by donating to the Resilience Fund and, together, overcome these unprecedented challenges to help build a truly better world for all."

Toni Muñoz-Hunt
CEO & Founder, Model Behaviors
TXWF Board Member

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