



# TEXAS WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

## RESILIENCE FUND

More than four months ago, we all went home, if we had a home to go to. We began working from home, if our work could be done there. And we began, intricate juggle of becoming teachers to our school-age children, being caregivers to other family members and meeting the demands of our jobs. That is, if our jobs can be done from home.

Women who are low-wage workers in restaurants and bars, in hair and nail salons, in hotels and non-essential retail, can't work from home. Yet, they must fulfill their caregiving roles for children and elders, and with schools out of session or potentially a hybrid of online and in person when schools do start again, many women will not be able to return to their jobs. These women workers not only face barriers in accessing unemployment benefits but also face an increasing risk of not being able to pay the rent or mortgage. A recent headline in *The Dallas Morning News* said there's a coming "Tsunami of Evictions When Restrictions Are Lifted" – and we know those most affected will be low income women of color with children. They already are the most vulnerable..

That's why we have expanded our focus – now fundraising for the Resilience Fund as well as strategic initiative for women's housing, the Housing Stability Fund. This report provides a link at how, through the generosity of our donors, the Resilience Fund, along with the Housing Stability Fund, distributed 10 grants totaling \$100,000 in July. Many of these grants show how we use a gender lens to address the unique housing needs of women. This report gives you a view of some of the outstanding organizations we are supporting and the generous donors who stand in partnership with us.

We are deeply grateful to our donors and friends for your support of the Resilience Fund, and now the Housing Stability Fund. Since April, the Resilience Fund has contributed over **\$900,000** 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 most at risk and vulnerable in this time .

**STRONG WOMEN. BETTER WORLD.**



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## July Resilience Fund and COVID-19 Relief Grants

### Community Outreach Housing

Housing Crisis Center Inc.

International Rescue Committee Inc. –  
Dallas

Legacy Counseling Center

Our Friends Place

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Shared Housing Center

Sharing Life Community Outreach Inc.

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### Sharing Life Community Outreach Inc.

One of the few nonprofits serving Southeast Dallas County – Pleasant Grove and Mesquite – as well as Rockwall and Kaufman Counties, Sharing Live offers basic life necessities and job skills education to low-wage earning individuals and families. Like many human services agencies, Sharing Life has experienced increased requests for services from existing and new clients. Among the 20 percent of new clients are women who are self-employed as hair stylists, nail technicians and estheticians and finding it difficult to access unemployment benefits. Texas Women's Foundation awarded a grant to meet the increased need for rental and utilities assistance.



### International Rescue Committee - Dallas

The International Rescue Committee responds to some of the world's most humanitarian crises. In Dallas, the IRC has operated since 1975 to provide affordable housing and other economic supports to low-wage earning refugees. Since the COVID-19 crisis, the agency has experienced a significant increase in requests for financial assistance from

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### International Rescue Committee – Dallas *cont.*

Rohingya women, victims of ethnic cleansing, who face many barriers accessing traditional assistance including limited English proficiency, access to transportation, the responsibility of child care and cultural expectations for elder care. Texas Women's Foundation's support will fund rental assistance for women who have lost their employment, cannot find employment or are unable to maintain employment due to caregiving responsibilities..

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## Texas Women's Foundation DONOR SPOTLIGHT



### Trea Yip

TY Commercial Group  
TXWF Advisory Council Member  
TXWF Former Board Chair

Texas Women's Foundation thanks Trea Yip for her investment in the Housing Stability Fund.

"At the time the pandemic hit, my concern for low income women and their families extended from immediate to long term. Understanding that there would be further ramifications, and thanks to the brilliance of my most trusted ally, Texas Women's Foundation, the Housing Stability Fund gave me hope and assured me that these women and their families would receive the help they need."



**Karen Simon**  
TXWF Board of Directors

Texas Women's Foundation would like to thank Karen Simon for supporting women and girls.

"I gave to the Resilience Fund as the need to help those affected by the current pandemic is greater than ever and the call on traditional resources limited. It is time to support those less fortunate and potentially more adversely impacted by this horrible epidemic, particularly women and children."

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