



# TEXAS WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

## RESILIENCE FUND

Over six months. That's how long it's been since we began sheltering in place. And now, the landscape around us is slowly changing. Many children are back in school – and many are not. Many people are back at their workplaces – stores, plants, restaurants and offices – and many are not. Those who are the farthest from embracing a "new normal" are women and families at the margins. They are the ones who have not been called back to work, or even if they have, are unable to return to work due to issues with transportation or child care. Or they are the ones with struggling small businesses who lack capital and resources to survive for weeks and months without customers.

Across our country and throughout our state and region, we continue to see the disproportionate impact of the pandemic and economic crisis of people of color – especially women of color and their families. For these, the impact has already been devastating, and sadly, there is no clear end in sight. And that is why we are focusing the Resilience Fund on women and families at the margins – working to support them now and to ensure we can provide ongoing resources in the months and even years ahead.

In September, we distributed **\$145,000** – and since April, more than **\$1.1 million** – in responsive grants supporting women in our community. In this report, we are highlighting two exceptional partners, both led by women of color, whose unique strategies address key disparities affecting women at the margins. One supports women-owned small businesses, which are especially fragile in the current environment and yet represent a critical part of the vital community. The other is an innovative effort to address the mental and physical health of marginalized women, whom studies show carry a much greater burden of stress. We are also proud and honored to have the generous support of two Resilience Fund donors who are featured here.

As each month has passed, we all feel an immense sense of gratitude to every donor to the Resilience Fund and to every friend of the Foundation. Your support makes this work possible – and together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of hundreds upon hundreds of marginalized women and their families. Please continue to [stand with us](#), so that we stand with them – the women and families who face the greatest challenges, now and in the months ahead.

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September Resilience Fund and COVID-19 Relief Grants

**Bishop Arts Theatre Center**

**Ignite**

**Family Independence Initiative**

**LiftFund Inc.**

**Girls Incorporated of Metropolitan Dallas**

**Simply Grace**



**Bishop Arts Theatre Center**

Bishop Arts Theatre Center's (BATC) mission is to cultivate a diverse and vibrant arts community, creating opportunities for local and emerging artists through performances and education. BATC is at the frontlines creating artistic programming, resources and creative digital content to allow for a more inclusive, meaningful contribution to the future of the people they serve. Texas Women's Foundation provided a grant to support programming requested by the community to improve mental and physical health through social emotional learning. Art-integrated techniques follow a therapeutic process to include storytelling, theatre improvisation, musical instruments, dance and more to relieve the emotional strain resulting from the pandemic. BATC's programs serve zip codes 75208, 75232, 75211, 75212 and 75216, and now reach more people through the organization's digital platform.

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### LiftFund Inc.

LiftFund's mission is to provide credit and services to small business and entrepreneurs who do not have access to commercial loans and leadership and innovation to the microlending industry. As a community development financial institution (CDFI), LiftFund financing helps to create and sustain jobs, stabilizing communities. In Dallas, LiftFund's DFW Women's Business Center is dedicated to supporting business owners, especially women and minorities, through business education and business consulting. Texas Women's Foundation provided a capacity building grant to support the DFW Women's Business Center in meeting the needs of women business owners impacted by COVID-19.

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## Texas Women's Foundation DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**Women's Finance Exchange**

Texas Women's Foundation thanks **Women's Finance Exchange** for supporting women and families.

"Women's Finance Exchange (WFE), an organization made up of "women who support women," is a non-profit professional networking organization for women in the Dallas Metroplex. WFE is proud to have partnered with Texas Women's Foundation for over 15 years through our donor advised fund. WFE is thankful for the opportunity to continue our support of TXWF through the COVID-19 health economic crisis, by supporting the Resilience Fund, and having a direct impact on the women and children in our community during this time of need."

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**Hattie Hill**  
President and CEO,  
T. D. Jakes Foundation  
TXWF Board Member  
Economic Leadership Council

Texas Women's Foundation appreciates **Hattie Hill's** investment in women and their families.

"The global pandemic continues to disproportionately impact women, especially women of color, whether because of lack of access to child care, the added responsibility of overseeing virtual learning for children in school, or the loss of a job. We need to recognize the additional burdens that women face today, and work collectively to address them. Our community is lucky to have Texas Women's Foundation and the Resilience Fund to lead local efforts to support and lift women to ensure that their needs are met and they can thrive."

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Texas Women's Foundation's 35th Annual Luncheon is Going Virtual

Texas Women's Foundation will bring together people from across the state for its 35th Annual Luncheon, presented by Toyota and powered by the Dallas Mavericks, and featuring keynote speaker, America Ferrara. This luncheon's theme - "Texas for All" - will lift up the importance of building inclusive communities across our state so that we have an equitable society. Led by Co-Chairs Bonnie Clinton of Toyota and Cynth Marshall of The Dallas Mavericks, this luncheon is an opportunity for all to participate at prices starting at \$35. Find out how you can join us for a lively virtual experience you won't want to miss: [txwfluncheon.org](http://txwfluncheon.org)

**2020 LUNCHEON CO-CHAIRS:**  
 BONNIE CLINTON, TOYOTA  
 CYNTH MARSHALL, DALLAS MAVERICKS

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER: AMERICA FERRERA**  
*"My identity is my superpower. Because the truth is, I am what the world looks like. You are what the world looks like. Collectively, we are what the world actually looks like. And in order for our systems to reflect that, they don't have to create a new reality. They just have to stop creating the one we already live in."*

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**ECONOMIC ISSUES FOR WOMEN IN TEXAS, 2020**

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