



# TEXAS WOMEN'S FOUNDATION RESILIENCE FUND

The New Year dawned and brought little relief from the ravages of the pandemic and economic crisis. We have witnessed the heavy burden and great risks borne by front-line workers, who are predominantly women. We see whole sectors of the economy decimated – workforces furloughed or laid off in retail, hospitality, entertainment, travel and more – and those most affected are women. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 2.2 million women have left the American workforce – and all of the jobs lost in December 2020 were held by women.

To bring this lens closer to home, remember that one in six women in Texas live below the poverty threshold – almost all are women of color with children. In November 2020, 20% of our Texas families with children reported difficulty in affording adequate food, compared with 15% nationally. A full 40% of Texas adults reported hardships in covering usual household expenses, compared with 34% nationally. And while working moms represent 20% of the 12.8 million in the Texas workforce, recent reports show that number could be greatly affected due to a projected closure of up to 50% of child care centers in the area unless they receive greater business support.

The story of 2021 is that these times are still tough and terrible. We'll continue to see more women out of work or leaving the workforce. And as those numbers rise, more women and families will experience food insecurity, health challenges, housing instability and eviction.

**We are compelled to do everything we can to change this story – and we need your help. Please [make a commitment to the Resilience Fund](#) so that together, we can support those at risk, now and in the months ahead.**

We are grateful to each of you for your support. Thank you for standing with us, so that we can stand for them – the vulnerable women and families facing the greatest challenges of these times.

**STRONG WOMEN. BETTER WORLD.**



# Texas Women's Foundation

## IMPACT

### January Resilience Grants

Family Gateway, Inc.

Spida, Inc. DBA Braswell Child  
Development Center

Inclusive Communities Project

Viola's House, Inc.



### SPIDA, Inc. DBA Braswell Child Development Center

Founded in 1994, Braswell Child Development Center provides the South Dallas Frazier neighborhood with safe, affordable, educationally-based and high-quality childcare, preschool and afterschool care for children through ages infant – 11. The Center also hosts two Dallas Independent School District preschool classrooms.

Developmentally appropriate activities enhance each child's interest to learn and ability to become an independent thinker. More than 90% of the children enrolled are subsidized through the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), so the changes made in October to TWC's reimbursement formulas and requirements significantly impacted Braswell's cash flow. Texas Women's Foundation provided a general operating support grant to help the Center stay open for low-wage earning single mothers who rely on its services.

## Texas Women's Foundation RESILIENCE FUND IMPACT



### Viola's House, Inc.

In 2008, Thana Simmons established Viola's House in South Dallas as a nonprofit "Maternity House." The agency provides temporary housing and support services to expectant mothers in the Dallas area ages 17-21 who are displaced, homeless or at-risk for homelessness. Expectant mothers receive practical education and training toward self-sufficiency, parenthood and hope for the future. To date, Viola's House has helped more than 175 homeless teen mothers through services including education, training and employment opportunities, and securing permanent housing for mother and unborn child. Texas Women's Foundation made a general operating grant to support increased community requests for material assistance and to offset higher costs for food and utilities, resident distance learning and part time staff to compensate for the closure of the agency's main daycare.

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## Texas Women's Foundation DONOR SPOTLIGHT



**Ellen Farrell**  
Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary  
Toyota Financial Services

Texas Women's Foundation appreciates Ellen Farrell for supporting the Resilience Fund.

"The effects of the pandemic are real and likely to be long-lasting for lower income women and children, particularly women and children of color. Texas Women's Foundation's Resilience Fund won't eradicate the pandemic or the inequities that it has amplified, but it does provide much-needed support to help these women and their families survive through it ... and lays a foundation for hope for the future."

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