



TEXAS WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

RESILIENCE FUND

What we have learned from the past year is that each crisis produces – or reveals – other crises. And Winter Storm Uri was no exception.

First the power went out. Then the pipes froze. Throughout the region and state, home-based and facility-based child care providers had to notify the families that depend on them: “We have to close. We can’t keep the children here without power or water.” And then it got worse. Pipes burst, and water damaged buildings as well as furnishings, toys and supplies.

This week, the Resilience Fund is providing \$105,000 to three organizations that will deploy resources directly to child care providers affected by the crisis from the winter storm. Child Care Associates (Tarrant County), the ChildCareGroup (Dallas County) and Educational First Steps (Collin, Dallas, Denton and Tarrant Counties) will deliver financial support and technical assistance – including assessment of damage; support in applications to FEMA, SBDC or insurance providers; assistance in covering insurance deductibles; and replacing damaged furnishings and learning supplies.

Most of the child care centers receiving support are owned and operated by women of color – who provide essential service to working moms and families, particularly in communities of color. Women cannot work without access to child care – and getting these providers back in business is a critical priority.

This week, and in the weeks to come, the Resilience Fund will focus on mitigating the impact of the winter storm on women and families – especially low-income women of color – who have already borne the greatest burdens from the pandemic and economic crisis. The needs are monumental – and we need your continuing help to address them. [Donate here to support the Resilience Fund.](#)

Thank you for your generosity and for being part of a caring community that will not let the needs of our neighbors go unanswered.

Gratefully,

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Child Care Associates

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Educational First Steps



Child Care Associates

Child Care Associates reaches more than 14,000 children across Tarrant County, easing the burden on low-income families with no-cost CCA campuses and offsetting the high cost of child care. Resilience Funds will provide financial support to Tarrant County area child care centers that have experienced damage from the February winter storms.



ChildCareGroup

ChildCareGroup champions a strong two-generation system that teaches children and parents, trains early childhood professionals and assists families. The agency's early childhood center programs serve more than 627 children annually. Following an assessment of needs from the February storms, ChildCareGroup prioritized their damaged centers most in need and Resilience Funds will help these centers resume operations.

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Educational First Steps

Educational First Steps seeks to create and support high-quality early learning environments that ignite the minds of children from birth to age five. With 158 independent partner center preschools in North Texas, Educational First Steps is critically important to the region's early childhood education network. Resilience Funds will provide financial support to child care centers that sustained damage from the February storms including plumbing, flooding and/or structural damage.

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Martina McIsaac
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