

Annual Report 2012



# MISSION

The Texas Bar Foundation solicits charitable contributions and provides funding to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice in Texas, especially for programs that relate to the administration of justice; ethics in the legal profession; legal assistance for the needy; the encouragement of legal research, publications and forums; and the education of the public.

# DEAR FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION,

**T**his has been a fantastic year at the Texas Bar Foundation! During the 2011-2012 grant cycle, the Texas Bar Foundation funded \$803,000 to 64 organizations. A complete listing of those grants follows in this report. These grants supported organizations in Texas through the mission of the Foundation – to enhance the rule of law and the system of justice. Our grant dollars provided legal assistance to the needy, education to the public of the third branch of government, and promoted ethics in the legal profession.

I am honored to work with a dedicated Board of Trustees that strive to be good stewards of the funds that have been entrusted to us. Because of the generosity of our Fellows, we continue each year to increase the amount budgeted to grant funding. For the 2012-2013 grant cycle, the Foundation is projected to award approximately \$825,000 to programs that further our mission of providing opportunities and protecting justice.

As evidenced in the grant descriptions showcased in this report, the work we do is having a direct impact on the lives of Texans. We could not achieve such wonderful outcomes without our dedicated and passionate group of Fellows. With a history steeped in tradition, the Texas Bar Foundation has been providing critical funding for projects that improve the lives of Texans for nearly 47 years. It is because of the hard work of our members, and our assets of approximately \$20 million that we have become the largest charitably-funded bar foundation in the nation. Since inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$14 million in grants to numerous organizations across the state.

I thank you for your commitment, confidence, and continued generosity. As a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, you are making a huge difference in changing lives for the people in Texas. We look forward to a year of growth and opportunities to continue to serve the people of Texas wherever the need is the greatest.

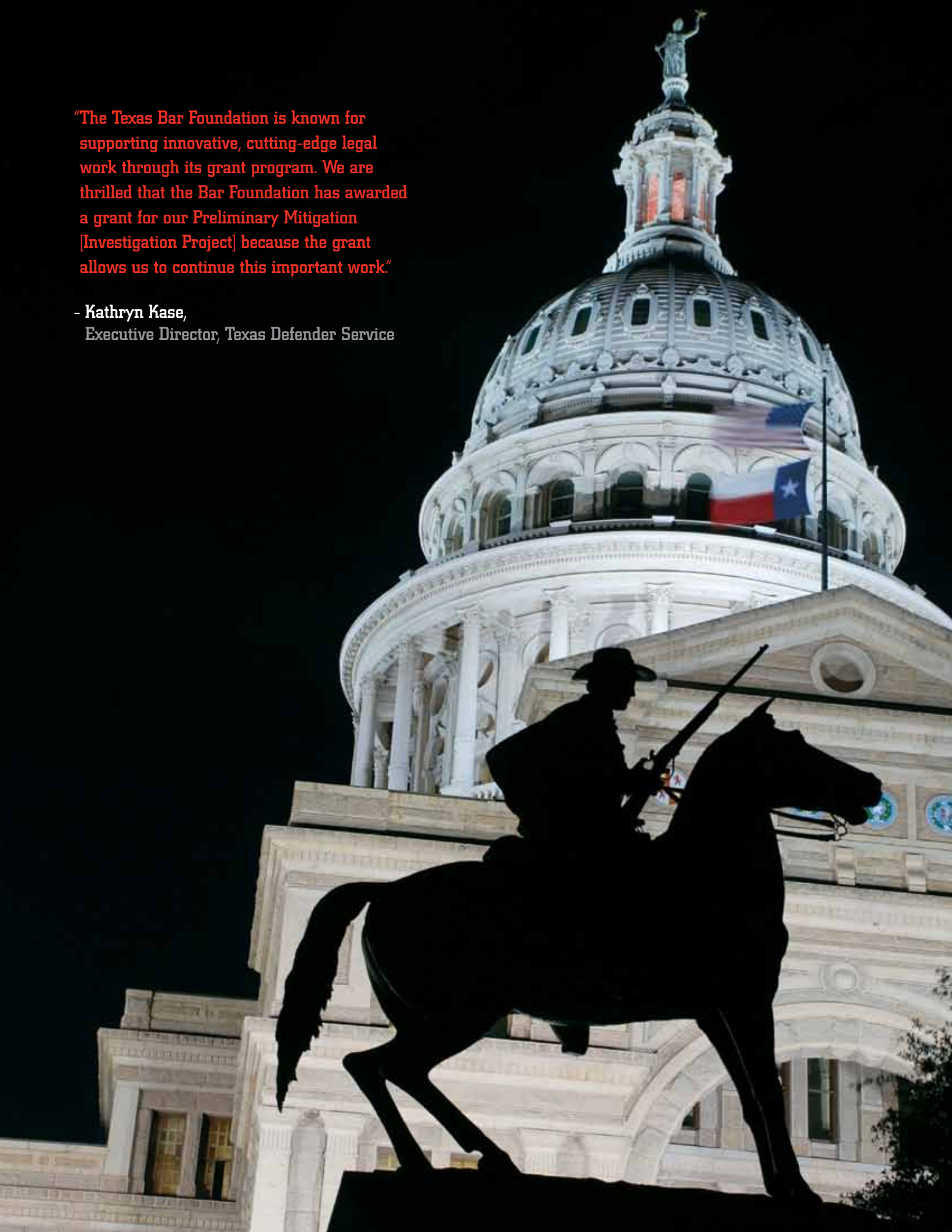


John D. Ellis, Jr.  
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"The Texas Bar Foundation is known for supporting innovative, cutting-edge legal work through its grant program. We are thrilled that the Bar Foundation has awarded a grant for our Preliminary Mitigation [Investigation Project] because the grant allows us to continue this important work."

- Kathryn Kase,  
Executive Director, Texas Defender Service





# TEXAS DEFENDER SERVICE (TDS)

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## Preliminary Mitigation Investigation Project

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Texas Defender Service (TDS) is a non-profit organization established in 1995 by experienced death penalty attorneys whose mission is to establish a fair and just criminal justice system in Texas. The goals of TDS are to improve the quality of representation afforded those facing the death penalty in Texas and advance reforms that work to provide access to competent counsel for all those accused of crimes. TDS incorporates three core programs: (1) trial case tracking, litigation, attorney training, and consulting; (2) post-conviction case tracking, litigation, attorney training, and consulting; and (3) policy reform, which includes issue advocacy, research, and public education.

The grant funded by the Texas Bar Foundation will allow Texas Defender Services to provide pro bono help to select capital defense teams. The Preliminary Mitigation Investigation Project will assist capital defense attorneys by providing essential information about the client's life history that the defense team can utilize to show decision makers why the death penalty is not an appropriate punishment.



**\$803,000**  
64 ORGANIZATIONS

For 46 years, the Texas Bar Foundation has relied on the generosity of its Fellows to improve the lives of the people of Texas. Beginning with a \$5,000 grant, the combined efforts of the Fellows over the years has resulted in the distribution of more than 970 grants throughout Texas totaling more than \$14,000,000. The financial support has grown, and the Foundation currently has five program areas:

## **5** PROGRAM AREAS

- Legal Aid for the Underserved
- Education of the Public
- Victim Services or Service for Moderate Income
- Administration of Justice
- Professionalism/Research/Publications/Forums

For a more detailed description of each grant, refer to the Texas Bar Foundation website at [www.txbf.org](http://www.txbf.org).

# GRANTS AWARDED

2011-2012

<b>AIDS Services of Austin</b> Capital Area AIDS Legal Project (CAALP)	\$7,500	<b>Child Advocates of Fort Bend</b>	\$5,000
<b>American Gateways</b> Immigrant Women Education and Assistance Program	\$25,864	<b>Children at Risk</b> Safe House Now Initiative	\$18,500
<b>Arc of the Capital Area</b> Future Care Guardianship Program	\$9,009	<b>Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County</b> Kids in Court	\$15,000
<b>Bexar County Partners for Youth</b> CHAPS - Children and Horses Always Produce Success	\$7,002	<b>Communities in Schools Houston, Inc.</b> Summer Legal Internship Program	\$10,500
<b>Big Brothers Big Sisters Lone Star</b> Amachi Texas	\$5,000	<b>Community Justice Foundation</b> Community Justice Program	\$1,000
<b>Bluebonnet Children's Center Tri-County CASA</b> Child Advocate Recruitment and Training Project - CASA Volunteers	\$6,640	<b>Crime Victims First</b> Step Up Now! Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Campaign	\$3,000
<b>Casa de Esperanza</b> Adoption Program	\$7,000	<b>Dallas Children's Advocacy Center</b> 24th Annual Crimes Against Children Conference	\$20,000
<b>CASA for the Highland Lakes Area, Inc.</b> Outreach for Program Growth	\$5,000	<b>Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services, Inc.</b> Padilla v. Kentucky Legal Assistance Project	\$750
<b>Casa Marianella</b> Immigration Legal Services	\$20,000	<b>GENaustin</b> The 180 Program	\$5,000
<b>CASA of Bastrop County, Inc.</b> Volunteer Advocate Recruitment and Retention	\$5,000	<b>Healthcare for the Homeless</b>	\$5,000
<b>CASA of Central Texas, Inc.</b> Court Program Services	\$4,000	<b>Hope's Door, Inc.</b> Legal Advocacy for Victims of Family Violence	\$5,000
<b>CASA of Grayson County, Inc.</b> Casework Management/Advocacy	\$4,500	<b>Houston Urban Debate League</b> 2012 Summer Student and Coach Workshop	\$12,000
<b>CASA of Tarrant County</b> Transitioning Youth Specialist	\$9,000	<b>Human Rights Initiative of North Texas, Inc.</b> Human Rights Curriculum	\$25,000
<b>CASA of the South Plains, Inc.</b> Permanent Managing Conservatorship Advocate	\$14,000	<b>Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center</b> The Asylum Project	\$11,500
<b>CASA of Travis County</b> Transition Court Youth Advocacy	\$10,000	<b>League of Women Voters - Texas Education Fund</b> 2012 Texas Voters Guides (Judicial Elections)	\$2,625
<b>Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas</b> Victim Assistance Awareness Program	\$7,405	<b>Legal Aid of NorthWest Texas</b> Pro Bono Mobility Project	\$22,550
<b>Catholic Charities, Diocese of Fort Worth, Inc.</b> Immigration Consultation Satellite Office - Cooke County	\$15,000	<b>Lexi's Place</b> Transitional Housing & Services for Disadvantaged Girls Aging Out of Foster Care	\$31,000
<b>Center for Family Relations d/b/a San Antonio Kids Exchange</b> Monitored Exchange Scholarship Program	\$7,500	<b>Lone Star Legal Aid</b> Foreclosure Prevention and Home Protection	\$15,000

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*"We wish to extend thanks and gratitude to the Texas Bar Foundation for the generous grant on behalf of the Texas Civil Rights Project. TCRP will use this money to support our new Disability Rights Program in West Texas. Thank you, again, for your generous support. Now, more people within the disability community will know their rights, learn of our services, and receive help because of this gift."*

**- Amanda N. Hill,**  
Director of Community Outreach and Development,  
Texas Civil Rights Project





# OFICINA LEGAL DEL PUEBLO UNIDO., D.B.A. TEXAS CIVIL RIGHTS PROJECT

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## Disability Rights Program

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The mission of the Texas Civil Rights Project (TCRP) is to promote racial, social, and economic justice through community education and litigation. TCRP strives to foster equality, secure justice, ensure diversity, and strengthen communities. Through funding from the Texas Bar Foundation, TCRP will increase disability rights advocacy in West Texas not only through litigation, but also through additional community building, involvement and education.

Since 1990, TCRP has handled more than 450 disability suits all around the state and conducted more than 30 community education forums. They have worked with local communities and disability organizations throughout Texas to bring legal assistance for people with disabilities.

The efforts of TCRP have brought about actions such as requiring deaf interpreters to be provided at hospitals and clinics as well as having made numerous facilities, services, and programs substantially more accessible, including, but not limited to, city streets and sidewalks, state and federal courthouses, restaurants, retail stores and shopping malls, public transportation providers, public buildings and schools.


# GRANTS AWARDED

## CONTINUED

2011 – 2012

<b>Mosaic Family Services, Inc.</b> Multicultural Legal Services: Language Access Program	\$10,000	<b>Texas Access to Justice Commission</b> Pro Bono Spring Break	\$21,965
<b>Office of Court Administration</b> Supreme Court Advisory Committee Meeting Materials Digitization and Website Initiative	\$7,500	<b>Texas Advocacy Project, Inc.</b> Access to Attorneys for Sexual Assault Survivors Program	\$11,960
<b>Oficina Legal del Pueblo Unido.,</b> D.B.A. Texas Civil Rights Project Disability Rights Program	\$6,000	<b>Texas CASA, Inc.</b> Advocacy for Children Training Video	\$12,000
<b>Opening Doors Immigration Services, Inc.</b> Project Good Citizen	\$7,700	<b>Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.</b> Annual Judicial Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day	\$30,000
<b>Pharr Community Outreach Project</b> Justice for Our Neighbors South Texas	\$19,960	<b>Texas Defender Services</b> Preliminary Mitigation Investigation Project	\$10,000
<b>American Bar Association Fund for Justice and Education</b> ProBAR	\$50,000	<b>Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc.</b> Legal Services for Victims of Family Violence with Special Language Needs	\$11,520
<b>Refugee &amp; Immigrant Center for Legal Services, Inc.</b>	\$10,000	<b>Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc.</b> Outreach to Low-Income Domestic Violence Survivors and Domestic Workers in Texas	\$7,750
<b>SafeHaven of Tarrant County</b> Enhanced Legal Services for Clients with Limited English Proficiency	\$18,000	<b>Texas Young Lawyers Association</b> The Unconscious Truth – The Physical and Legal Effects of Underage Binge Drinking	\$43,800
<b>SAHELI for Asian Families</b> Legal Advocacy for Limited English Proficient Survivors of Domestic Violence	\$8,000	<b>The Women's Center of Tarrant County</b> Play It Safe!	\$20,000
<b>SMU Dedman School of Law</b>	\$1,000	<b>University of Texas at El Paso</b> CASA Service for Undergraduate Students	\$10,000
<b>State Bar of Texas</b> Oyez, Oyez, Oh Yay! Civics Resources for Texas Students and Teachers	\$35,000	<b>University of Texas Law School Foundation</b>	\$1,000
<b>State Bar of Texas Committee on Law Focused Education</b> We The People...The Citizen and the Constitution State Competition	\$25,000	<b>University of Texas School of Law</b>	\$1,000
<b>Tarrant County Bar Foundation</b> Tarrant County Pro Bono Summit	\$5,000	<b>Voices for Children Inc. - CASA of Brazos Valley</b> Guardian ad Litem Representation	\$5,000
<b>Texas Access to Justice Commission</b> Access to Justice Summer Internship Program	\$20,000	<b>Women's Protective Services of Lubbock, Inc.</b> Regional Outreach/Community Education Project	\$10,000
		<b>YMCA of Metropolitan Dallas</b> YMCA Texas Youth and Government Program	\$6,000





"It has been a long journey. Partners for Youth has worked diligently to raise community awareness and support for the equine assisted program. The generous grant from the Texas Bar Foundation for the round pen means that we can now move the therapy program to the new site, meaning more children will be able to participate and benefit."

- David Reilly,  
Chief Probation Officer



# BEXAR COUNTY PARTNERS FOR YOUTH

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## CHAPS-Children and Horses Always Produce Success

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Thanks to a grant from the Texas Bar Foundation, the Bexar County Partners for Youth was able to fund the “CHAPS” program (Children and Horses Always Produce Success). CHAPS utilizes horses as part of the youth mental health services at the Krier Juvenile Correction and Treatment Center. Using principles and ethics from the Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association, the program provides cognitive behavioral therapy for incarcerated youth. Equine facilitated therapy is an innovative and research based approach to cognitive behavioral therapy. Horses easily sense apprehension and fear in these youths, and success can only be achieved by relating to the horse in a more genuine, honest, and authentic way. Success in this program enhances the youth’s self-awareness, confidence, emotional regulation skills, and capacity to develop genuine social relationships.

The CHAPS program design consists of an onsite therapist and horse specialist that facilitate the process for the youth. The true partnership is between the horse, the facilitators and the youth. A main component of the program provides youth with an environment that allows them to build their own trust and confidence in the process. The youth participating in equine-assisted psychotherapy are provided weekly skill cards that require them to focus on trust, empathy, problem solving, communication, internal dialog, triggers and other social skills that they will need as they move forward.

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of May 31, 2012

	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$384,739	\$445,559
Investments	18,531,391	20,191,410
Accrued interest receivable	55,242	47,705
Promises to give	50,000	–
Prepaid expenses and other assets	9,411	9,478
Cash surrender value of life insurance	140,933	140,369
Life estate interests	41,274	133,399
Property and equipment	9,345	2,380
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$19,222,335</b>	<b>\$20,970,300</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$45,536	\$39,000
Deferred revenue	79,760	37,750
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>125,296</b>	<b>76,750</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		
Unrestricted	4,823,048	5,401,017
Temporarily restricted	748,799	2,058,651
Permanently restricted	13,525,192	13,433,882
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>19,097,039</b>	<b>20,893,550</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$19,222,335</b>	<b>\$20,970,300</b>

# 64 GRANTS AWARDED

Fiscal Year 2011-2012

GRAND TOTAL  
**803,000**  
41% STATEWIDE  
\$330,000



# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

As of May 31, 2012

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	2012	2011
				Total	Total
<b>REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>					
Contributions	\$969,212	\$61,000	\$91,310	\$1,121,522	\$1,131,187
Return on investments	(397,863)	(1,229,825)	-	(1,627,688)	3,408,122
Change in cash surrender value	564	-	-	564	(790)
Special events	87,150	-	-	87,150	74,860
Other income	2,778	-	-	2,778	1,010
Net assets released from restrictions	141,027	(141,027)	-	-	-
				-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>	<b>802,868</b>	<b>(1,309,852)</b>	<b>91,310</b>	<b>(415,674)</b>	<b>4,614,389</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Program services	861,825	-	-	861,825	881,634
General and administrative	311,958	-	-	311,958	314,627
Fundraising	207,054	-	-	207,054	132,153
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>1,380,837</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,380,837</b>	<b>1,328,414</b>
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>(577,969)</b>	<b>(1,309,852)</b>	<b>91,310</b>	<b>(1,796,511)</b>	<b>3,285,975</b>
Net assets, beginning of year	5,401,017	2,058,651	13,433,882	20,893,550	17,607,575
<b>NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR</b>	<b>\$4,823,048</b>	<b>\$748,799</b>	<b>\$13,525,192</b>	<b>\$19,097,039</b>	<b>\$20,893,550</b>



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*"The Texas Bar Foundation has shown their commitment to CHILDREN AT RISK and the children we represent, aiding our goals of establishing legal and logistical guidelines to develop safe houses for victims across Texas."*

- Dr. Bob Sanborn,  
President and CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK





# CHILDREN AT RISK

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## Safe House Now Initiative

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The mission of CHILDREN AT RISK is to improve the quality of life of Texas' children through strategic research, public policy analysis, education, collaboration, and advocacy. The organization's Public Policy and Law Center, which houses the Center to End the Trafficking and Exploitation of Children, works to improve the lives of Texas' children at a macro-level through: (1) legal and policy research and advocacy; (2) legislative and administrative rule drafting; (3) drafting of amicus briefs and impact litigation; and, (4) continuing education for attorneys and other professionals on children's legal and policy issues. The Safe House Now Initiative is a new effort for CHILDREN AT RISK that falls under the work done through the Center to End the Trafficking and Exploitation of Children.

The Safe House Now initiative, funded by the Texas Bar Foundation, provides law students with a glimpse into the way Public Interest Attorneys can make a tremendous impact in combatting trafficking of American children through policy and directly working with victims. Guided by the Center to End the Trafficking and Exploitation of Children, law students will develop a blueprint and tool kit on how a community or organization can establish a safe house for victims of human trafficking. Once a safe house is established, the focus shifts to rehabilitative services for the victims, enabling them to regain control of their lives.

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**"We are truly grateful for this generous grant from the Texas Bar Foundation, which will allow us to increase the legal services available to our clients. This grant not only provides for an attorney to serve our clients, but also helps to further establish our Foundation as an organization worthy of support from the mainstream funding community."**

**- Hind Jarrah, Founder and Executive Director, Texas Muslim Women's Foundation**



# TEXAS MUSLIM WOMEN'S FOUNDATION

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## Legal Services for Victims of Family Violence with Special Language Needs

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The Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, Inc. (TMWF) was formed in 2005 with the mission to empower and support women and their families through educational, philanthropic and social services in the greater Dallas area. The grant from the Texas Bar Foundation will allow TMWF to expand its legal services for victims of domestic violence with special language needs.

The Texas Muslim Women's Foundation provides domestic violence programming in conjunction with relief services specifically targeting the underserved population of Muslim women and children who, without the presence of a culturally and linguistically capable agency, have virtually no access to resources and services. TMWF's social services programming promotes healthy families and effectively combats domestic violence through a crisis hotline, consultations, emergency financial assistance, referrals to other service agencies and retail vouchers.

*“Currently five-hundred immigrant women are being detained at the Hutto Detention Center. Many are victims of human trafficking, domestic abuse, or in fear for their life, fled from their home country. This grant will allow us to continue providing presentations and workshops designed to give these women the necessary tools to represent themselves when legal representation by us or a pro bono attorney is unavailable.”*

– **Elizabeth Hartman,**  
Executive Director, American Gateways







# AMERICAN GATEWAYS

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## Immigrant Women Education and Assistance Program

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American Gateways is a non-profit organization located in Central Texas that provides immigration legal services and education to secure justice for new Americans and enrich communities in Central Texas. American Gateways runs the Immigrant Women Education Assistance Program (IWEAP) during weekly visits to the T. Don Hutto Detention facility. The program provides Know-Your-Rights presentations, individual orientations, self-help workshops and referrals to staff and pro bono attorneys who volunteer their services. In 2011, over 3,300 women were served by this program. With the assistance of a Texas Bar Foundation grant, American Gateways has increased the number of women served and the depth of services provided.

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