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As your 2021-2022 Fellows Chair of the Texas Bar Foundation, I witnessed the Foundation’s inspiring, flexible, and resilient responses to the trials of a year like no other in recent history. The Foundation awarded 88 different grants totaling $1,218,841 last year, which profoundly bettered the lives of thousands of Texans. These grants helped non-profit providers and local bar foundations continue their services to those in most need. Your generosity and commitment to this organization were the sole cause for this accomplishment.

The waning darkness of the past year serves to illuminate our priorities and emerge with greater confidence to confront future challenges. We shall continue adhering to our mission knowing the need remains great, the cause is worthy, and the duty is ours as Texas lawyers; blessed with talents and skills possessed by no other profession.

Your unwavering support throughout the pandemic gives us more hope than ever before. As we move forward, we do so with optimism and enthusiasm. The Foundation will again give more than $1,000,000 to nonprofits across Texas, enabling them to address critical community needs and make a lasting difference in the lives of the people they serve. Without you this would not be possible, and for this I thank you.

I hope you will proudly tell others that you are a Fellow in the Texas Bar Foundation and encourage others, who are eligible, to become a Fellow.

It is my greatest privilege to be your humble servant this year. I look forward to all we will accomplish on behalf of the Foundation, working together, as one.

In Fellowship and with gratitude,

Carlos Eduardo Cárdenas, Fellows Chair
Before celebrating at the Annual Dinner, Fellows Chair Mark Shank conducted brief business items including recognizing the new Board of Trustees Officers and electing the new 2021-2022 Fellows Officers:

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- Audrey Mullert Vicknair, Chair-elect
- Patrick Keel, Secretary-Treasurer
- Mark A. Shank, Past Chair

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**Increase Your Impact**

There are many ways to increase the impact of your donations and we encourage you to take advantage of them. Please contact the Foundation for arrangements or more information.

- **Matching Gifts**
  Ask your company if a matching gift program is available. Matching gifts may be applied to your pledge.

- **Donor-Advised Funds**
  Please consider the Texas Bar Foundation when you choose to donate from your donor-advised fund.

- **Campaign Funds**
  Our organization accepts pledge payments made from campaign funds.

- **AmazonSmile**
  Select TBF as your charity of choice and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible purchases to TBF.
  smile.amazon.com/ch/74-6074796

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Now accepting nominations for the 2022 Texas Bar Foundation Awards Program.

Download instructions and an application for an award nomination by visiting www.txbf.org/nominate/ or look for this icon on our website.

Congratulations to the 2021 Texas Bar Foundation Award Recipients!

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Terry Bentley Hill, Dallas
Save the date!

We hope that you can join the celebration in 2022. Please save the date for the 2022 Annual Dinner in Houston.

Friday, June 10, 2022
Marriott Marquis Houston

If you are interested in securing a sponsorship, please reach out to Baillie Hearne at bhearne@txbf.org or (512) 480-8014.

2021 Annual Dinner

On June 18th, Fellows from across Texas and their guests gathered in Fort Worth to celebrate another successful year of achievement for the Foundation. The black-tie event honored the recipients of the most prestigious legal awards in Texas, the contributions of all Fellows, and the remarkable history of the Foundation.

Thank you to our 2021 Annual Dinner Sponsors!

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Do you know an outstanding attorney? Nominate them to the Fellows class of 2021-22. Reach out to Baillie Hearne, bhearne@txbf.org or your local district Nominating Chairs.
**Disaster Grant Funds**

The Texas Bar Foundation is proud to announce the launch of our permanent Emergency Disaster Relief Fund! This fund will allow us to stay prepared for the outcomes of a natural disaster should it occur. In the event of a natural disaster, 501(c)3 organizations and Bar Associations serving the state of Texas can apply immediately for emergency funds if their project meets the mission of the Foundation.

For more information, visit [txbf.org/emergency-disaster-relief](https://txbf.org/emergency-disaster-relief). You may contribute to the fund by visiting the Donate Now! section of our website and choosing Disaster Relief Fund as the gift designation.

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**Grant Application Deadline**

Next grant deadline: January 15, 2022, 5 pm central

Please encourage non-profit organizations in your area whose work aligns with our mission to apply for a grant. Apply online for grant funds by visiting txbf.org/grants.

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**Making a Difference!**

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded a total of $1,218,841 in grants to 88 organizations during the 2020-2021 grant cycle.

The devotion of its founders and continued Fellows support has made the Texas Bar Foundation the largest charitably funded bar foundation in the nation. During its five decades the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than $22 million in grants to charitable organizations across Texas.

The Texas Bar Foundation is pleased to announce the Board of Trustees voted and approved a grant and award budget of $1,280,000 for the 2021-2022 bar year! The generosity of our Fellows ensures the work of the Foundation will continue well into the future.

For a full listing of grants with project descriptions, visit www.txbf.org.
**Fellows Appreciation Receptions**

It’s official...we’ve missed you! During the 2020-2021 bar year, the Foundation was unable to host Fellows Appreciation Receptions. We are excited to announce Fellows Receptions are again being scheduled.

These receptions allow Fellows to learn more about the Foundation, welcome new Fellows, and mix & mingle. At each reception a representative from a recent grantee organization in the area shares how Texas Bar Foundation grant dollars helped to achieve their mission. Fellows are welcome to attend all receptions, so please check our website for upcoming receptions throughout the year. We look forward to seeing you again!

**Tyler**
Thursday, October 21, 2021

**Corpus Christi**
Tuesday, November 9, 2021

**Houston**
Thursday, January 27, 2022

**San Antonio**
Tuesday, March 29, 2022

Election to the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed upon a member of the State Bar of Texas. Our organization has recognized excellence in the profession for over fifty years. Selection is based on an outstanding record in the legal profession as well as a proven commitment to support the community at large.

We hope you are as proud of this recognition by your peers, as we are proud to have you as a Fellow.

If you would like to promote your status as a Texas Bar Foundation Fellow you may use the appropriate badge of honor on your website, email or other printed communications.

Please contact info@txbf.org to request the badge file.

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