



TEXAS BAR FOUNDATION

2023
IMPACT
REPORT

OUR 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 legal assistance for the underserved, the administration of justice, ethics in the legal profession, the encouragement of legal research, publications and forums, and education of the third branch of government.

GRANTS



Opportunity Center for the Homeless

Justice-Involved Homeless Recidivism Prevention Program

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded a \$20,000 grant to enable the Opportunity Center to provide intensive case management to its clients involved in the criminal justice system to prevent their re-offending. The grant will help the men and women at the Opportunity Center to comply with their obligations to the court and escape the cycle of homelessness and criminality, benefiting both the individual and society at large.

Formerly incarcerated individuals experiencing homelessness are particularly vulnerable to continued justice system involvement. They are at high risk of re-incarceration for failure to abide by the conditions of probation or parole due to lack of transportation, inability to maintain a stable address, lost or stolen property such as cell phones, and difficulty meeting regularly with supervision officers. The transition from incarceration to stability for homeless individuals is exacerbated by a lack of identification, Social Security cards, and birth certificates, making it extremely difficult to find stable employment or access public assistance. The Opportunity Center boasts its own fully-staffed social services office that assists shelter residents with identifying goals, navigating systems, assessing eligibility for government benefit programs, applying for identification documents, and accessing programs that can assist them. As such, the Opportunity Center is uniquely positioned to provide the necessary wrap-around support services for its justice-involved clients to break the cycle of repeated homelessness and criminal justice system involvement that ensnares too many of its clients.

Upon release from incarceration, homeless individuals encounter obstacles to employment, housing, medical treatment, and financial security, all of which impact their mental and physical well-being. A criminal record, the disclosure of criminal convictions on employment applications, criminal background checks for employment and housing, and the loss of a driver's license because of unpaid fines or certain convictions are all obstacles to self-sufficiency. Lack of education presents an additional barrier to reentry: nearly 70% of the U.S. prison population is functioning at the lowest literacy rates, and only 32% of those in state prisons earned a high school diploma. The Opportunity Center provides a safe and legal place to sleep, three hot meals a day, showers, clothing, identification recovery assistance, case management, and safe storage for personal belongings and documents. This includes administering needs assessments, reviewing re-entry and personal action plans, employment and housing search assistance, accessing wrap-around services both on-site and elsewhere in the community, conducting wellness check-ins, facilitating classes, conducting employment verifications, and other case management needs.

“Our goal is to help these men and women comply with their obligations to the court and escape the cycle of homelessness and criminality, benefiting both the individual client and society at large. Thanks to the Texas Bar Foundation’s generosity, we will be able to continue this important work.” – Dorothy Truax, Director of Social Services for the Opportunity Center

AccessHealth

Connecting Indigent Health Center Patients to Legal Resources

AccessHealth is committed to addressing the social and legal needs of its patients with a Medical Legal Partnership (MLP) with a \$25,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation. “Many of our patients have health harming legal needs that impact their care. The generous funding from Texas Bar Foundation has allowed us to create programs for Medical Legal Partnership that provide our patients with access to trusted legal assistance and advice, which in turn helps our patients to improve their overall health and wellbeing,” said Palak Jalan, Chief Operations Officer for AccessHealth.

The grant will build on a 2022 grant of \$40,000 from the Texas Bar Foundation. The first grant allowed AccessHealth to specially train a Community Health Worker (CHW) in legal assistance so that she could assist patients that indicate they have legal needs. Many low-income patients struggle with trusting their cases to others, the CHW has been integral in breaking down this barrier and linking patients with legal services available in the community. The CHW meets with each AccessHealth patient who screens positive for health harming legal needs and evaluates their unique case to refer them to either Houston Volunteer Lawyers, Lone Star Legal Aid or BakerRipley.

The continued growth of the MLP with the 2023 grant has enabled AccessHealth to expand the range of quality legal services and referrals available to low-income health center patients to address the factors that negatively affect patients’ lives such as divorce and domestic violence to landlord and eviction issues. The CHW, in partnership with local legal aid organizations who specialize in areas such as civil, custody, immigration, and housing, is using the funding for a mini legal education series. The monthly sessions educate and guide community members through the process of navigating the legal system.

“Our Legal Education Series has done so much toward building trust in our patients. During these monthly sessions, an experienced lawyer would present information on different legal topics, explaining to patients how to navigate the legal system and what to be aware of. Patients who attended these sessions left with questions answered and a clearer path forward in their legal journey.” – Julie Davidson, Community Centered Health Home Coordinator, AccessHealth



Austin Bar Foundation

Veterans Legal Assistance Program

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded the Austin Bar Foundation’s Veterans Legal Assistance Program (VLAP) \$15,000 to provide much-needed services to veterans. Since January 1, 2022, this small, but necessary program has proudly organized its first legal webinar for veterans and hosted twenty-five legal clinics, which were held in Austin, Pflugerville, Lockhart, and Fredericksburg. Students from around the country volunteered for this project. The grant award was used to update the program’s case management system and continue VLAP’s mission of expanding charitable legal aid services and educational programs to Austin’s local veteran community. With the support from the Texas Bar Foundation, applicants are now able to reach the program’s online intake module to complete and submit their application for pro bono legal services. The application is then transmitted electronically to program staff for review and eligibility determination. Once reviewed and accepted, the intake form is then given to a qualified, local attorney to review and provide direct legal services to the applicant.

“I am honored the Texas Bar Foundation recognizes our contribution and commitment to our veteran community. VLAP looks forward to providing dedicated services throughout

Central Texas in 2023. This award has helped us meet our objectives and goes a long way in supporting those who’ve given so much to our country.” – Doug Lawrence, Managing Attorney of the VLAP program



Notre Dame Law School students: Joe, Jared, Leo, and Andrew.

GRANTS AWARDED 2022-2023



The continued generosity and loyal support from its Fellows has allowed the Texas Bar Foundation to be instrumental in improving the lives of the people of Texas. The Foundation funds grants that relate to one of the five program areas:

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

During 2022-2023, the Texas Bar Foundation awarded funding to 100 organizations totaling, \$1,529,051. For a more detailed description of each grant, refer to the Texas Bar Foundation website at www.txbf.org

A Home Base for Transitioning Foster Youth Building a Legal Support Network for Former Foster Youth	\$30,000	Angel Reach Education for All Expansion	\$15,000
AccessHealth Connecting Indigent Health Center Patients to Legal Resources	\$25,000	Arlington-Mansfield Area YMCA Youth & Government	\$16,600
ACT - Advocates for Community Transformation New Community Advocate to Build Capacity and Scale Casework in Fort Worth	\$34,485	Austin Bar Association Austin Bar Association Council of Firsts	\$15,000
Advocates for Immigrant Survivors Immigration Legal Services for Survivors of Violent Crime	\$7,500	Austin Bar Foundation's Veterans Legal Assistance Program Veterans Legal Assistance Program	\$15,000
Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse Giving Victims a Break: Family Fun Day	\$3,500	Austin Classical Guitar Guitar Education in the Texas Juvenile Justice System	\$10,000
Alzheimer's Association - South Central Texas Chapter Legal & Financial Planning: Education & Resources in the Coastal Bend	\$8,000	Austin Free-Net Digital Navigators	\$10,000
Amarillo Area CASA Collaborative Family Engagement with Specialized Services for Aging out Youth	\$20,000	Avenue Community Development Corporation Educating residents about their Housing & Credit Rights	\$5,000

GRANTS AWARDED 2022-2023

Boys and Girls Club of Hill County Let's Shoot Hoops - Friend not Foe	\$10,000	Court Appt. Special Advocates of the South Plains Every Child Has a Chance: Advocacy Coordinator	\$5,000
Brazos Interfaith Immigration Network Building Program Capacity to Offer Legal Services	\$39,000	Crime Stoppers of Houston Safe Community Institute, Victim Services Program	\$10,000
CASA for KIDS Parenting Program	\$27,645	Dallas Area Rape Crisis Center Legal Advocacy Services for Victims of Sexual Assault	\$10,000
CASA of Central Texas, Inc. Information Security and Technology Assessment	\$5,250	Dallas Children's Advocacy Center Forensic Interview Program	\$10,000
CASA of Galveston County Increase Youth Advocacy and Independence In Preparation to Exit Foster Care	\$5,000	Dallas Urban Debate Alliance Using Debate to Teach Community Advocacy	\$6,000
CASA of Johnson County, Inc. Volunteer Awareness & Recruitment Campaign	\$7,000	DeliverFund Dallas Police Embedded Human Trafficking Analyst	\$5,000
CASA of Tarrant County Inc. CASA Volunteer Recruitment	\$10,000	Denton County Friends of the Family, Inc. Creation, Recruitment and Retention of Pro Bono/Low Bono Attorney Network	\$10,000
Catholic Charities Dallas ILS Language Fellow	\$25,000	Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy, Inc. Holistic Advocacy in Legal Operations (HALO) Initiative	\$10,000
Catholic Charities of Central Texas Pro Bono Legal Aid for Afghan Families	\$30,000	Education Based Housing Building Community Advocates & Legal Clinic	\$9,000
Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler Assisting Underserved Immigrants with Citizenship Applications	\$15,000	Equal Justice America EJA Pro Bono Legal Services	\$10,000
Center for Child Protection Forensic Interview Recording Equipment	\$30,000	Family Compass Connecting Children and Fathers	\$15,000
Cherish Our Children, Inc (COCI) GEMS Program Expansion for Middle School Students with Incarcerated Parents	\$25,000	Fe y Justicia Workers Center Community Consultation Services	\$30,000
Child Advocates Permanent Managing Conservatorship (PMC) Initiative	\$7,500	For the Sake of One Building Healthy Families Program Expansion	\$15,000
Child Advocates of Fort Bend Child Abuse Court Advocacy, Treatment and Prevention Services	\$10,000	Fort Bend Women's Center Legal Representation for the Survivors of Family Violence	\$31,292
Children 4 Tomorrow Integrated Development Software Expansion and Training Project for Child Abuse	\$17,964	Galveston-Houston Immigrant Rep. Project Holistic Legal Services for Immigrant Survivors in Galveston County	\$20,000
ChildSafe Foreign Language and Sign Language Interpreters for Victim Services	\$15,000	Genesis Women's Shelter and Support Client Legal Assistance Program	\$7,500
Communities in Schools Houston, Inc. Houston Bar Association (HBA)/ CIS Summer Legal Internship Program	\$10,560	Girasol Tx at the Texas Inst. for Child & Family Wellbeing Training and Consultation Program	\$10,000
		Girls Empowerment Network Girl Connect for Juvenile Justice Involved Adolescents	\$5,000

Grace To Grow dba Grace To Change Treatment Over Incarceration	\$20,000	Montrose Grace Place Legal Services for Youth Experiencing Homelessness	\$12,500
Habitat for Humanity of San Antonio Path to Homeownership: Credit Counseling Legal Assistance	\$5,000	Multicultural Family Center The New Americans Project	\$20,000
Harris County Domestic Relations Office Self-Represented Litigant Services	\$25,000	New Friends New Life NFNL Legal Barriers Removal Project for Survivors of Sex Trafficking	\$20,000
Heart of Courage Navigating the Child Welfare System Legal Clinic	\$10,000	Office of Dispute Resolution for Lubbock County Expanded Tool for Courts and Skills for Parents	\$15,000
Hope For Three Police Traffic Stops & Positive Driver Outcomes	\$5,640	One Voice Home Implement a Holistic & Trauma Informed Camp for Survivors of Sex Trafficking	\$7,500
Houston Area Women's Center HAWC Legal Services for Survivors	\$26,800	Opening Doors International Services, Inc. Pro Se Asylum Clinic	\$10,000
Innocence Project of Texas Legal Assistance Program	\$20,000	Opportunity Center for the Homeless Justice-Involved Homeless Recidivism Prevention Program	\$20,000
Johnson County Children's Advocacy Center Multi-Disciplinary Teambuilding & Training	\$11,550	Palo Alto College Project Cambio Scholarship Program	\$20,000
Justice for All Immigrants Survivors Assistance Program	\$5,000	Prison Entrepreneurship Program Take a Seat to Transform: Equipment Purchases for In-Prison Programs	\$25,000
Justice For Our Neighbors North Central Texas Unaccompanied No More	\$15,000	Regional Crime Victim Crisis Center (RVCC) Legal Counsel for Crime Victims for Positive Judicial Experiences and Outcomes	\$10,000
Justice Forward Clear Path Forward II	\$19,000	San Antonio Legal Services Association Don't Bully Me (DBM) Project [Collaboration with David's Legacy Foundation]	\$30,000
Lone Star CASA Innovative In-Home Child Advocacy in Response to New Legislation	\$22,315	Simply Grace Encourage and Promote Legal Assistance to Poor and Disadvantaged People	\$5,000
Lone Star Justice Alliance Juvenile Sentencing Project/Survivor's Project	\$37,500		
Memorial Assistance Ministries USCIS Filing Fees for Low-Income DACA Recipients	\$6,000		
Mercy Gate Ministries, Inc. Court Training and Court Appointed Adult Advocates for Sex Exploitation Victims	\$11,775		
Methodist Justice Ministry Professional Services needed to process DFV cases	\$5,000		
MiCreate Roadmap To Business	\$3,925		
Mil Mujeres, Inc. Mil Mujeres' Direct Legal Services for Underserved Latina Immigrants	\$5,750		



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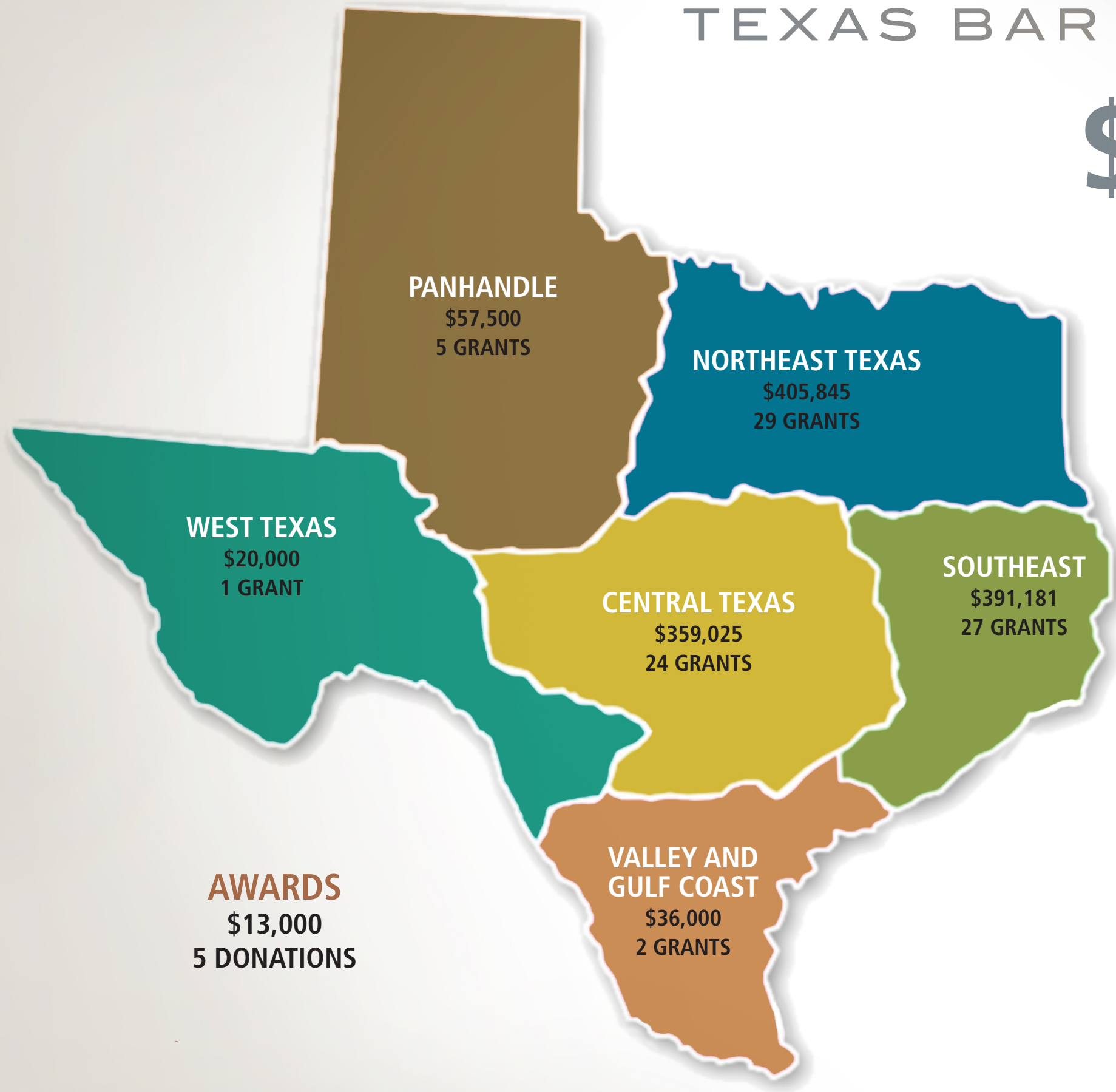
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TXBF
2023

\$1,542,051 TOTAL

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\$259,500
12 GRANTS

AWARDS
\$13,000
5 DONATIONS

105 TOTAL GRANTS AND AWARDS

St. Mary's University School of Law
St. Mary's Law Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowships

\$15,000

State Bar of Texas Legal Services Office
Access to Justice Internship Program

\$20,000

Tahirih Justice Center
Providing Legal Services to Immigrant Survivors of Violence in Fort Bend County

\$20,000

Texas Accountants and Lawyers for the Arts
Technology Upgrades

\$14,500

Texas Appleseed
Educating Vulnerable Youth on Resources and Their Rights

\$1,000

Texas CASA
Collaborative Family Engagement Symposium

\$10,000

Texas Center for the Judiciary, Inc.
2023 Annual Judicial Education Conference - Texas Bar Foundation Day

\$30,000

Texas Defender Service
Second Chances for Families Impacted by Incarceration

\$25,000

Texas Guardianship Association
Guardianship Outreach and Education

\$7,500

Texas Legal Services Center
Virtual Court Access Project Video Series

\$12,500

Texas Young Lawyers Association
Adulting

\$48,000

The Equal Justice Center
Replace and Upgrade Legal Aid Case Management System

\$21,000

The SAFE Alliance
SAFE Legal Services: Wills Clinic for Survivors of Violence

\$5,500

The Texas Tribune
Public Service Journalism on Texas Courts in 2022-2023

\$5,000

The Way Back
The Way Back's SAFPF Reentry Program for Dallas County Specialty Court

\$27,000

Traffick911
Legal Fees & Other Emergent Needs for Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking

\$10,000

Volunteer Legal Services of Central Texas
Pro Bono Legal Services for Low-Income Survivors of Domestic Violence

\$20,000

Voz de Ninos
Expansion of Advocacy Services for Vulnerable Children in the Foster Care System

\$18,000

Women's Empowerment Legal Center
Women's Empowerment Protection Services

\$5,000

YMCA of Greater San Antonio
YMCA Youth & Government Program

\$10,000

Youth Justice Alliance
YJA Fellowship

\$30,000



2023 Award Recipient Designated Donations

Each year, the Texas Bar Foundation honors those who exemplify the highest standards of the legal profession. To honor these award recipients, the following donations were given:

The University of Houston Law Center \$1,000
In honor of Quentin Brogdon, recipient of the Dan Rugeley Price Memorial Award.

YMCA of Greater Houston \$5,000
In honor of E. Marie Jamison, recipient of the Lola Wright Foundation Award.

The Texas Tech Law School Foundation \$5,000
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St. Mary's University School of Law \$1,000
In honor of Justice John Browning, recipient of the Outstanding Law Review Article Award.



Amarillo Area CASA

Collaborative Family Engagement with Specialized Services for Aging out Youth

The Texas Bar Foundation awarded Amarillo Area CASA \$20,000 to strengthen collaboration and enhance CASA advocacy by providing an increasing number of supportive people in a child's life through the Collaborative Family Engagement (CFE) program. CFE uses a structured approach that is built around the fact that children have many blood relatives and other important connections that can be identified, located, and engaged, to provide children and families with a dedicated support system that is meant to last even after permanency has been achieved. The program focuses on connections, and the CFE team will work together to explore potential positive connections identified by the family.

"We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Texas Bar Foundation for their unwavering support of AACASA's CFE initiative. Your commitment empowers us to champion the rights and well-being of children and families, fostering a brighter future for our community. Together, we transform lives with compassion, dedication, and the belief that every child deserves to be positively connected." – Jarah Mendoza, Executive Director, Amarillo Area CASA

STATEMENT *of Financial Position*

AS OF MAY 31, 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 664,046	\$ 580,860
Accrued interest receivable	60,733	50,427
Prepaid expenses and other assets	73,402	57,088
Operating lease right-of-use asset	400,655	-
Investments	34,083,190	35,692,357
Total assets	\$ 35,282,026	\$ 36,380,732
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 91,323	\$ 97,748
Deferred revenue	203,260	217,923
Operating lease liability	402,391	-
Total liabilities	696,974	315,671
Net assets		
Without donor restrictions	12,201,096	12,260,995
With donor restrictions	22,383,956	23,804,066
Total net assets	34,585,052	36,065,061
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 35,282,026	\$ 36,380,732

STATEMENT *of Financial Activities*

FOR YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES			
Contributions	\$ 1,513,231	\$ 11,050	\$ 1,524,281
Return on investments	(244,047)	(482,226)	(726,273)
Annual Dinner	219,115	-	219,115
Other revenues	2,286	-	2,286
Net assets released from restrictions	948,934	(948,934)	-
Total revenues	2,439,519	(1,420,110)	1,019,409
EXPENSES			
Program services	1,749,321	-	1,749,321
General and administrative	520,999	-	520,999
Fundraising	229,098	-	229,098
Total expenses	2,499,418	-	2,499,418
Change in net assets	(59,899)	(1,420,110)	(1,480,009)
Net assets, beginning of year	12,260,995	23,804,066	36,065,061
NET ASSETS End of year	\$ 12,201,096	\$ 22,383,956	\$ 34,585,052

Traffick911

Legal Fees & Other Emergent Needs for Survivors of Child Sex Trafficking

Traffick911 exists with the sole purpose of freeing youth from sex trafficking by building trust-based relationships. This is accomplished by a 24/7 crisis response with the Voice & Choice Program Team walking alongside child sex trafficking victims with Multi-Disciplinary Team partners. Traffick911 was founded in 2009 by community activists who discovered that child sex trafficking was happening in North Texas. Over its history, the organization's abolition efforts include training over 82,000 youth and adults face-to-face with prevention and awareness messages, training more than 18,000 first responders, and directly serving nearly 2,000 survivors.

Traffick911 was awarded a grant of \$10,000 by the Texas Bar Foundation to secure legal services and cover legal fees to assist victims of child sex trafficking in North Texas. Prior to the grant from the Texas Bar Foundation, the organization had never before sought or received funding designated for legal fees and relied on donations to help children as they sought justice. The grant funds helped to underwrite legal fees for child and youth survivors of sex trafficking.

“Traffick911 is honored to receive support from Texas Bar Foundation. It takes all of us working together to help fight child sex trafficking and support victims in our communities. These funds have been critical to helping the most vulnerable as they seek justice and healing past a life of exploitation.” – Lindsey Speed, Executive Director, Traffick911



St. Mary's University School of Law

St. Mary's Law Summer 2023 Public Service Fellowships

St. Mary's University School of Law received a \$15,000 grant from the Texas Bar Foundation to encourage pro bono legal work through public service fellowships. The grant provided financial support to six law students who worked in unpaid positions with legal services providers serving low-income clients or government agencies. More than 13,300 pro bono and community service hours were recorded by the students participating in the Public Service Fellows program in 2021. Many St. Mary's Law students seek work with nonprofit organizations or governmental agencies during the summer months to make a difference in their communities and to begin their legal careers in public service work. But the reality is that working in the public sector over the summer typically means committing to unpaid hours. Many law students do not have the means or financial support to accept unpaid positions.

“Without the fellowship, I would not have been able to complete my summer placement. As a first-generation student from a low-income background, pursuing my passions is a luxury I am usually unable to afford. The fellowship let me do something I loved during the summer without having to worry about how I was going to pay my rent or eat for the week.” – Leslie Espiricueta, St. Mary's J.D. student

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