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RESILIENCE FUND

May is traditionally the end of the school year, and the annual rite of passage to the next grade or to graduation. This school year was anything but traditional – beginning with most schools being closed and teachers, families and children trying to adapt to virtual learning. Again with respect to education, just as it has with so many other issues, the pandemic revealed the great disparities and challenges for low-income families. And these were not only the lack of technology in the home, but also the lack of technology infrastructure in low-income neighborhoods. Beyond the implications of educational challenges and learning loss, low-income families also faced a host of attendant issues: economic insecurity, risk of eviction, stress, lack of access to physical and mental health care. These issues were revealed, not resolved – and there are still tremendous unmet needs for low-income women, especially women of color, and their children, now and for many months, if not years, to come.

In May, we are focusing the Resilience Fund support on addressing issues with a longer-term lens. Funds totaling \$197,800 are going to nine exemplary organizations that are responding to their constituents with services and solutions for the long-term. Five of these are specifically aiming to meet the educational, social-emotional, physical and mental health needs of low-income girls and young women. We are very proud to partner with each of these organizations, three of which are highlighted in this report.

As we have said since last April 2020, the phenomenal generosity of our donors and friends has enabled us to invest, as of today, \$2.67 million through Resilience Fund grants that are meeting the needs of our community's most vulnerable women and families. Thanks to recent gifts from our dedicated donors, we have almost met our goal: we are only \$150,000 away from having enough to support all the unfunded requests to the Resilience Fund by the end of June! We are so close!

We look forward to making our final report to you at the end of June on the impact of your gifts to the Resilience Fund. We have stewarded your gifts to ensure that every dollar has made a difference in the lives of those who most needed, and continue to need, our support. We appreciate all who have given, and if you have not, we ask you to please [join us now](#), in this final stretch. The women and families we serve are depending on us, and on you.

With gratitude,



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Communities in School of North Texas Inc.

Serving at-risk students in Denton County, the mission of Communities in Schools of North Texas is to surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated risk factors among North Texas students, including increasing mental health and social-emotional needs, housing insecurity, homelessness, lack of engagement in school, heightened food insecurity, and growing numbers of students facing economic barriers to school success. According to Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath, Texas students have experienced an average of 3.2 months of learning loss because of pandemic disruptions. Added to the 2.5 months of “summer slide,” the significance of this learning loss has been reiterated to CISNT leadership by both district and school administrators.

Texas Women's Foundation provided a Resilience Fund grant supporting CISNT's case management services for 2,310 girls who are at-risk of dropping out of school during the 2021-2022 school year, including the services necessary to address heightened barriers resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Gateway of Grace

Founded in 2010 by Dr. Samira Page, a former Iranian refugee, Gateway of Grace mobilizes Americans to volunteer and alleviates refugee fear or prejudices. With a mission to mobilize churches to reach refugees, services include teaching work and small business management skills so clients can run their own small businesses and earn income independently. Gateway of Grace clients are primarily Asian American/Pacific Islanders living in Dallas County.

Texas Women's Foundation provided a Resilience Fund grant to launch Phase 2 of Bloom Handcrafted Design, an economic empowerment initiative serving refugee women with basic level English classes, advancing through the ESL program and onto Self-Advocacy education where they learn principles in leadership, citizenship and financial literacy.



Zan Wesley Holmes Community Outreach Center

The mission of Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. Community Outreach Center is creating self-sustaining pathways out of poverty for young people and families in Dallas through education and job placement. Training, workforce placement and other services are provided free of charge to the community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the agency placed individuals in jobs, provided technical assistance to businesses for the Paycheck Protection Program and COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program.

Programs address the psychological aspects of spending habits, growing savings and economic mobility underlying financial literacy. Texas Women's Foundation made a Resilience Fund grant to support the Financial Wellness Village, Success Coaching Program as well as case management and therapeutic wellness classes to help women deal with the trauma and loss of income due the pandemic.

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