



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER 145415
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DATE: 7/01/2025

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF FISCAL YEAR 2025 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE
CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE VARIOUS SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS
OF TARRANT COUNTY**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider the following FY 2025 public assistance contracts to provide various services to the residents of Tarrant County as approved in the FY 2025 Tarrant County budget.

<u>Organizations</u>	<u>Contract Amounts</u>
The Women’s Center of Tarrant County, Inc.	\$100,685.00
Safe Haven of Tarrant County	\$ 50,000.00
Safe City Commission, Inc. (One Safe Place)	\$100,000.00
MHMR of Tarrant County	\$ 50,000.00
Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.	\$ 49,000.00
City of Fort Worth, Texas (CAPP)	\$ 30,000.00
Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society	\$ 3,500.00
Arts Council Northeast	\$ 5,000.00
Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County	\$ 5,000.00
Alliance for Children, Inc.	\$220,840.00
ACH Child and Family Services	\$300,000.00

BACKGROUND

THE WOMEN’S CENTER OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC. \$100,685.00

The Women’s Center of Tarrant County, Inc. provides victims of sexual assault with counseling, support, and education, as well as aid securing necessary prosecutorial information for law enforcement agencies.

SAFE HAVEN OF TARRANT COUNTY \$50,000.00

Safe Haven of Tarrant County provides domestic violence intervention and prevention services primarily focusing on intimate partner violence. Services include decreasing the prevalence of violence within the community, as well as providing professional staff for populations impacted by domestic violence, interpersonal violence, sexual assault, stalking, child abuse, elder abuse, and human trafficking.

SAFE CITY COMMISSION, INC. (ONE SAFE PLACE) \$100,000.00

One Safe Place provides is a crime prevention agency devoted to preventing crime and violence in Tarrant County with the core values of safety, respect, justice, hope, and excellence.

SUBMITTED BY	Budget and Risk Management	PREPARED BY:	Kadey Heidrich
		APPROVED BY:	Helen H. Giese



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MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY (YOUTH RECOVERY) \$50,000.00

MHMR of Tarrant County's Youth Recovery Campus provides drug and alcohol rehabilitation services to youths and their families.

DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH, INC. \$49,000.00

Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. is a Public Improvement District (PID) and contracts with the City of Fort Worth to provide public space management to the downtown area. The PID is involved in the provision of security services. The PID also contracts with the Day Resource Center for the Homeless for outreach services in downtown Fort Worth

CITY OF FORT WORTH, INC. (COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS PROGRAM) \$30,000.00

The City of Fort Worth's Community Action Partners Program (CAPP) assists County residents with food, shelter, clothing, and utilities, as well as social services and medical needs through direct and referral services. Additionally, eligible individuals may obtain assistance with transportation needs to enable job searches and medical appointments. The County's financial assistance is used to offset neighborhood facility rent and utilities in two (2) centers located in southeast and northwest Tarrant County.

TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY \$3,500.00

The Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society provides a permanent archive for manuscripts, photographs, artifacts, and memorabilia related to Black history. Institutions throughout the United States have used the archive for historical information that is not available elsewhere.

ARTS COUNCIL NORTHEAST \$5,000.00

Arts Council Northeast is an organization that supports artistic expression by providing grants, information and assistance to artists, arts organizations, and the general public within the communities of Northeast Tarrant County.

ARTS COUNCIL OF FORT WORTH AND TARRANT COUNTY \$5,000.00

The Arts Council supports and promotes arts and educational programs for youth in Tarrant County.

ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, INC. \$220,840.00

Alliance for Children, Inc. provides services to victims of child abuse and child sexual abuse in three child-friendly centers located in Tarrant County. Various governmental entities maintain staff and supplies at these centers in order to efficiently conduct investigations of abuse and further protect children.

ACH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES \$300,000.00

ACH Child and Family Services provides crisis intervention, family counseling, residential services, and community-based care. The organization has protected children and preserved families since 1915.



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FISCAL IMPACT

Commissioners Court previously approved funds for public assistance in the FY 2025 Tarrant County Budget.

Funding for the following contracts has been allocated in 10000-2025 / 5410100000 / Public Assistance: The Women's Center, City of Fort Worth (CAPP), Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society, Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Arts Council Northeast, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc., MHMR of Tarrant County (Youth Recovery).

Funding for the remaining contracts has been allocated in T8500-2025 Opioid Epidemic Settlement/5410100000 Public Assistance: One Safe Place, Safe Haven, ACH Child and Family Services, and Alliance for Children.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, **THE WOMEN’S CENTER OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC.**, acting by and through its Rape Crisis & Victim Services Program provides assistance to the various law enforcement agencies of **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS** in providing victims of sexual assault with counseling and support, education and in securing necessary prosecutorial information for such law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the various law enforcement agencies and residents of Tarrant County, Texas benefit from the assistance, counseling, education and rape prevention programs provided by the Rape Crisis & Victim Services Program of **THE WOMEN’S CENTER OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC.**, and hereby declares that this agreement is one of a professional service;

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **THE WOMEN’S CENTER OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC. (“WOMEN’S CENTER”)**, acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS (“COUNTY”)**, acting by and through its County Judge.

WOMEN’S CENTER and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

- 1. WOMEN'S CENTER** hereby agrees to continue providing the Rape Crisis & Victim Services Program, which it has provided, and to continue providing programs of public information intended to educate the community regarding rape awareness and prevention and to continue assisting the various law enforcement agencies and residents of Tarrant County, Texas, in the prosecution of criminal acts involving sexual assaults.
- 2. COUNTY**, for and in consideration of the services provided to **COUNTY**, and the various law enforcement agencies located within the **COUNTY**, hereby agrees to pay **WOMEN'S CENTER** a lump sum payment of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$100,685.00) for the year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.
- 3. TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, WOMEN'S CENTER HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF ITS PROGRAM. SAID INDEMNIFICATION WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL AMOUNTS OF ALL CLAIMS, ATTORNEYS’ FEES, AND COSTS OF COURT.**

4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

5. This **Agreement** shall not be interpreted to inure to the benefit of a third party not a party to this **Agreement**. This **Agreement** may not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, including governmental and sovereign immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility, or damage of any party to this **Agreement**, party's agent, or party's employee, otherwise provided by law.

6. The parties to this **Agreement** will not sell, assign, transfer or convey any benefits or obligations of this **Agreement** in whole or part without the prior written consent of both parties.

7. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this **Agreement**, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of this **Agreement**.

8. This **Agreement** constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and any and all prior negotiations are merged into this **Agreement**. Any amendment, change, or addition to this **Agreement** shall be made only in writing and signed by both parties.

9. This **Agreement** will be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any action or claim arising from this **Agreement** will be in Tarrant County, Texas, as to state court actions, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, as to federal court actions.

10. In providing the services required by this **Agreement**, **WOMEN'S CENTER** must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. **WOMEN'S CENTER** shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.

11. **WOMEN'S CENTER** agrees to provide **COUNTY** all records relating to the programs performed by **WOMEN'S CENTER** upon written request of **COUNTY** and to provide a final report detailing the manner in which such funds are expended and the program details of its services.

12. **WOMEN'S CENTER** must submit to **COUNTY** a final report as to the program outcomes achieved within sixty (60) days of the end of the requested funding year [by November 30, 2025] by providing the following:

- (a) a program update on all outcomes accomplished and client populations served; and,
- (b) an accounting of all expenditures of **COUNTY** funds (salary, rent, training, etc.). *Any funds not used for the specified purposes or not used within the time limits specified in this contract are subject to be returned to **COUNTY**.*

Until receipt of this final report by **COUNTY**, all subsequent funding will be held in abeyance.

13. **THE WOMEN'S CENTER OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC.** verifies that it does not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The term "boycott Israel" is as defined by Texas Government Code Section 808.001, effective September 1, 2017.

14. **THE WOMEN'S CENTER OF TARRANT COUNTY, INC.** acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295, and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

15. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by electronic transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted or executed electronically shall be deemed to be their original signatures for any purpose whatsoever.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.



**AUTHORIZED AGENT
THE WOMEN'S CENTER OF
TARRANT COUNTY, INC.**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

**By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Criminal District Attorney's Office*

***By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.**

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

_____ **Date:** _____

**Vendor Certification Addendum to Tarrant County Contracts
Entered Into on or After September 1, 2021
Required by New Texas State Laws
[Not required if all contracting parties are governments]**

This Addendum relates to the following contract: Agreement between Tarrant County, Texas and The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc. (FY 2025)

FISCAL FUNDING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, Vendor acknowledges TARRANT COUNTY is a governmental entity and agrees TARRANT COUNTY (customer) may terminate this Agreement for future fiscal years if sufficient funding is not appropriated or allocated.

For All County Contracts Entered into on or after September 1, 2021, Vendor Must Certify:

Vendor is EXEMPT from Certification regarding Energy Companies and Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations:

Vendor is a sole proprietorship OR is a non-profit entity OR Vendor is a company that does NOT have 10 or more full-time employees AND/OR this contract does NOT have a value of \$ 100,000.00 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

If the Vendor Cannot Certify that it is EXEMPT as Above, Vendor Must Certify as Follows:

Vendor is NOT EXEMPT and Certifies as follows:

Boycott of Energy Companies Prohibited. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 13), Vendor verifies that it does not boycott energy companies and will not boycott energy companies during the term of the above-described contract. "Boycott energy company" is defined in Section 809.001(1) (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 13) and means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by subsection (A).

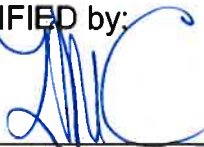
Discrimination against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations Prohibited. In compliance with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 19), Vendor verifies that it does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and will not discriminate during the term of the above-described contract] against a firearm entity or firearm trade association. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" is defined in Section 2274.001(3) (added by 87th Legislature, S.B. 19) and means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; the term *does not include*: (i) the established policies of a merchant, retail seller, or platform that restrict or prohibit the listing or selling of ammunition, firearms, or firearm accessories; and (ii) a company's refusal to engage in the trade of any goods or services, decision to refrain from continuing an existing business relationship, or decision to terminate an existing business relationship: (aa) to comply with federal, state, or local law, policy, or regulations or a directive by a regulatory agency; or (bb) for any traditional business reason that is specific to the customer or potential customer and not based solely on an entity's or association's status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Vendor Hereby Certifies (Mark Applicable Certification):

Vendor is EXEMPT from Certification as set out above.

Vendor is NOT EXEMPT from Certification as set out above, and Vendor Certifies that it does not and will not Boycott Energy Companies and that it does not and will not engage in prohibited Discrimination against Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations.

CERTIFIED by:



Signature of Certifying Person

Laura M. Hilgart

Printed Name of Certifying Person

President/CEO
Title of Certifying Person

The Women's Center of Tarrant County
Name of Vendor Company

4/10/2025
Date Certified

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Certificate Number:
 2025-1272551

Date Filed:
 02/21/2025

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

The Women's Center of Tarrant County
 FORT WORTH, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County, Texas

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

FY 2025 Contract
 Provision of Rape Crisis & Victim Services

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.


6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Laura M. Hilgart, and my date of birth is 01/06/1958.

My address is 1723 Hemphill St. Fort Worth TX 76110 USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 21st day of February, 2025.
(month) (year)



 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)



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Tarrant County**

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October 28, 2024

Kadey Heidrich
Management Analyst
Tarrant County
100 East Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

RE: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Program and Financial Report

Dear Ms. Heidrich,

On behalf of The Women's Center, I would like to express appreciation for Tarrant County's continued investment in our Rape Crisis & Victim Services (RCVS) programming. The County's partnership has helped us provide critical, life-changing services to child and adult victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and other violent crime and their significant others. These services include:

- 24-hour Crisis Intervention provided by trained staff and volunteer Victim Advocates via our Crisis Hotline and at local hospital forensic rape exams
- Client Accompaniment to criminal justice proceedings related to clients' victimizations
- Clinical Counseling, including individual and group therapy, provided by licensed Master's-level therapists for victims and their significant others
- Comprehensive Legal Services to address the numerous legal issues that victims of violence face including, but not limited to criminal, employment & family law
- Play it Safe!®, an age-appropriate, classroom-based child sexual abuse prevention program that teaches children how to recognize abuse, resist abuse if possible, and report abuse to a trusted adult
- Other prevention education efforts that 1) teach adults how to reduce their risk of sexual assault and 2) teach professionals, including medical and criminal justice personnel, about victimization issues.

Together with the District Attorney's Office, numerous Tarrant County Law Enforcement agencies, and county hospital systems, The Women's Center continues to collaboratively build and improve county-wide victim support systems. This work enables us to effectively identify victims, help them heal, prosecute perpetrators, and introduce best practices in victim restoration in the community.

PROGRAM SUMMARY

Direct Victim Services

Crisis Intervention In 2024, The Women's Center's RCVS staff and volunteer Victim Advocates provided crisis intervention (crisis counseling, information, and referrals) to **2,066** victims at sexual assault and other violent crime forensic exams at Tarrant County hospitals. We also answered over **4,283** calls from **1,956** unduplicated callers to our 24-hour Crisis Hotline.

Clinical Counseling: Last year, our licensed, Master's-level therapists provided clinical counseling to **611** child and adult victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and other violent crime, and significant others. In addition, **326** individuals participated in group therapy. Using evidence-based practices, therapists provided individual, group, and/or play therapy (in The Women's Center's state-of-the-art play therapy rooms) for these victims and their parents, guardians, and/or significant others to help them heal and recover from the trauma of their experiences. In 2024, clients received over **8,601** counseling hours of service from our clinical counseling staff.

Legal Services Last year, our legal team reached **294** victims with information and referral, brief legal services and/or court case representation. Legal Services helps victims achieve legal remedies so they can stabilize their lives and focus on healing from trauma.

Play it Safe!® (PIS): In 2024, The Women's Center's Play it Safe!® child sexual abuse prevention program reached **94,720** children in over **216** schools in Tarrant and surrounding counties. As a result of the program, **71** children and adolescents reported past or current abuse to a Play it Safe!® program trainer and were able to begin their healing process. (Please note that this statistic does not include the number of children who disclosed their abuse to another trusted adult like a parent or teacher, so this statistic underestimates the impact of the Play it Safe!® program.)

Play it Safe!® is mandated in eight (8) local school districts: Azle, Grapevine/Colleyville, Birdville, Eagle Mountain-Saginaw, Kennedale, Lake Worth, White Settlement, and HEB elementary schools, and is "highly recommended" in Fort Worth, Crowley, and Castleberry schools. We also provided sexual assault awareness and risk reduction training to **5,422** adults and worked with **3,709** professionals in criminal justice, law, medicine, and related fields to improve systems of care and services for victims in the Tarrant County community.

Thank you again to Tarrant County for your continued support of our important work with child and adult victims of sexual assault, sexual abuse, and other violent crime. Your continued investment allows us to provide high-quality services to those in need. Attached are program service and financial expenditure summaries for Tarrant County's Fiscal Year 2024. Please contact me at (817) 927-4006 or lhilgart@womenscentertc.org if you have any questions or need additional information.



Sincerely,
Laura M. Hilgart
President & CEO

The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc.
Rape Crisis & Victim Services

Financial Expenditure Summary for Tarrant County
October 2023-September 2024

Expense	Cost
Salaries & Fringe Benefits	\$ 66,047
Communications (Telephone, email, Crisis Hotline, 24-hour answering service)	\$ 545
Staff training, professional fees, marketing	\$ 13,013
Supplies & Printing & Client Assistance	\$ 2,740
Local Travel, membership, misc	\$ 1,425
Occupancy (Utilities, maintenance, insurance)	\$ 16,915
TOTAL	\$ 100,685

**The Women's Center of Tarrant County, Inc.
Rape Crisis & Victim Services**

**Program Service Summary for Tarrant County
October 2023-September 2024**

Service	Number served
Hospital Crisis Interventions	
Total Survivors	1675
Total Significant Others	391
Hotline Calls	
Total Unduplicated Callers	1956
Total Number of Calls Answered	4283
Clinical Counseling	
Individual Counseling - Adults & Significant Others	458
Individual Counseling - Children & Significant Others	153
Group Counseling - Total number of group participants	326
Violence Prevention & Awareness Education	
Play it Safe! Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education	94,720
Sexual assault/abuse prevention education for adults	5422
Sexual assault/abuse prevention education for professionals	3709
Comprehensive Legal Services	
Victims of Sexual Assault, Relationship Violence &/or Stalking Served	294
Total Persons Served (October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024)	109,104



2024

ANNUAL REPORT

OCTOBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



111,907

WOMEN, MEN AND CHILDREN SERVED

OCTOBER 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2024



HOPE STARTS HERE

Our mission is to inspire and empower women, men and children to overcome violence, crisis and poverty.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR & PRESIDENT



The people who come to The Women's Center come from extremely hard places. Yet we never cease to be moved by what people, whose problems seem so overwhelming and whose lives seem so broken, can achieve if someone will only believe in their capacity to overcome and invest in that capacity. And so at The Women's Center, year after year, a generous community of donors, an exceptionally talented and tenured staff, a committed and involved Board, and over 400 volunteers do invest in helping the people who come to us for help and in addressing the devastating problems that those people bring—rape and child sexual abuse, unemployment, wages too low to keep a family together, deep depression, and desperate situations created by violence, crisis and poverty.



What happens as a result is miraculous. With help and through their own courage, determination, hard work and resilience, families are reconnected and strengthened, troubled spirits are healed, victims of violence recover, and poor families earn income, move out of poverty and create more stable lives for their children.

We are proud to present this annual report to the community which lays out the extensive work of The Women's Center and presents the stories of individual people whose lives are changed as a result of their time here. These stories echo the travails and triumphs of all the people and families served by The Women's Center over the last 45 years, and ultimately they are the reason that we keep giving—our time and talent, our financial support, our hearts and hands.

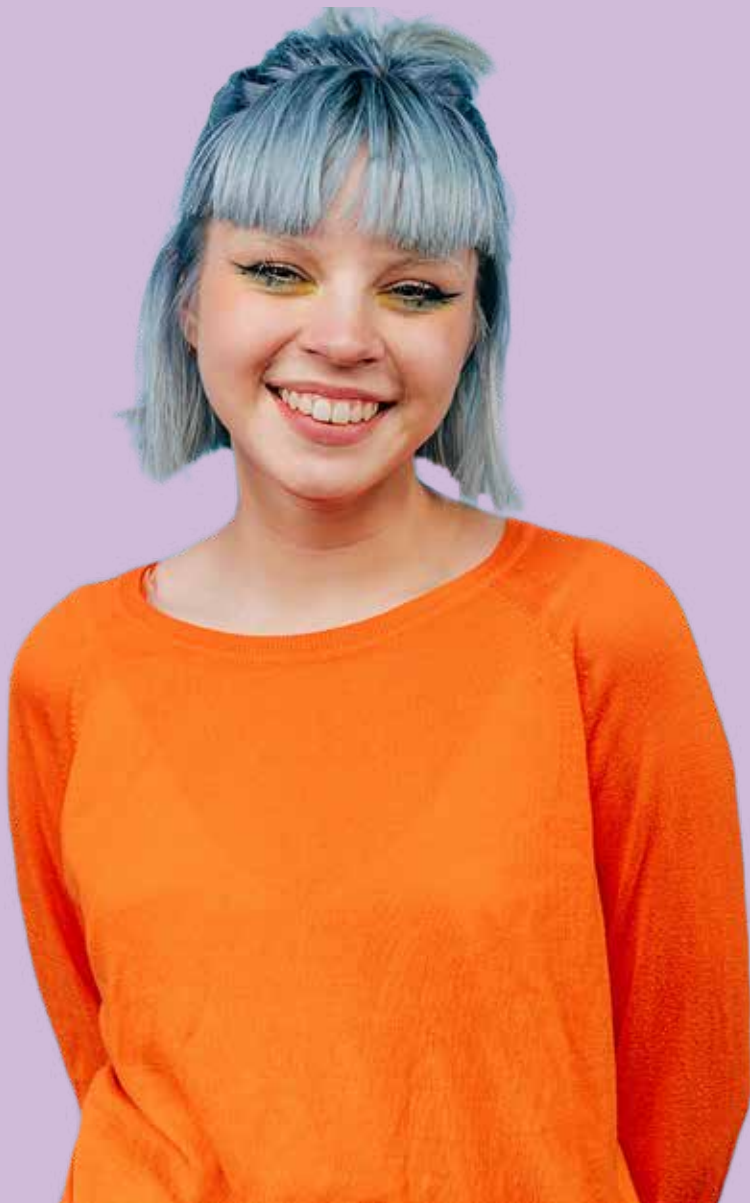
Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our work, and thank you for considering how you can help.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Baggs Kamacioglu
Board Chair

Laura Hilgart
President/CEO

RAPE CRISIS & VICTIM SERVICES



“My advocate at the hospital was incredible. She made me feel safe and provided me with information and gentle education. When I look at the supply bag and teddy bear she gave me, it represents safety to me. Her presence made all the difference in the world during the forensic exam process.”

• Ariana, sexual assault survivor •

BY THE NUMBERS: 4,869 CHILDREN & ADULTS SERVED

 **1,956** people called the Rape Crisis and Victim Services 24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline.



1,675

survivors and their **391** significant others were counseled at local hospital forensic exam sites.



458

women and men received therapy to overcome the trauma of violence.



103

children and their **50** parents/guardians received therapy to overcome the trauma of abuse.



326

adults participated in group counseling.



294

victims received legal assistance from the Center's in-house attorney.



A LIFE REHABILITATED

Sloan is now an advocate for women who are overcoming trauma, modeling that change is possible with help and encouragement. But she didn't always feel empowered. Raised in a dysfunctional home by her stepfather, she was sexually abused by several family members as a young girl. Having been sexualized young, as a teenager, she was extremely vulnerable in relationships. "I thought if I did sexual things with others, I'd have friends."

At 13, she started a cycle of running away to escape the abuse. However, in spite of disclosing her abuse, law enforcement returned her home due to her history of delinquent behavior. Sloan left home permanently at 16 and moved in with a friend. An unplanned pregnancy led her to drop out of school. The baby was placed for adoption, and Sloan fell in with the wrong crowd. She became addicted to drugs and participated in criminal activities.

This behavior became the catalyst for her transformation. Incarcerated and four months pregnant with her second child, a judge referred her to the Tarrant County RISE Program (Reaching Independence through Self-Empowerment). RISE identifies vulnerable women who have a history of sex trafficking, expedites them through the criminal justice system and helps them reach their full potential through education and resource connection—enabling them to live healthy, productive, drug-free and non-criminal lives. Women's Center therapists counsel RISE participants to help them overcome the trauma of their victimization.

"The program was so powerful, meeting women that actually cared. My therapist surrounded me with love and saw something in me that I never saw in myself. She encouraged me to allow the past to be something to grow from. I learned about triggers, addictive thinking and how to set healthy boundaries," said Sloan.

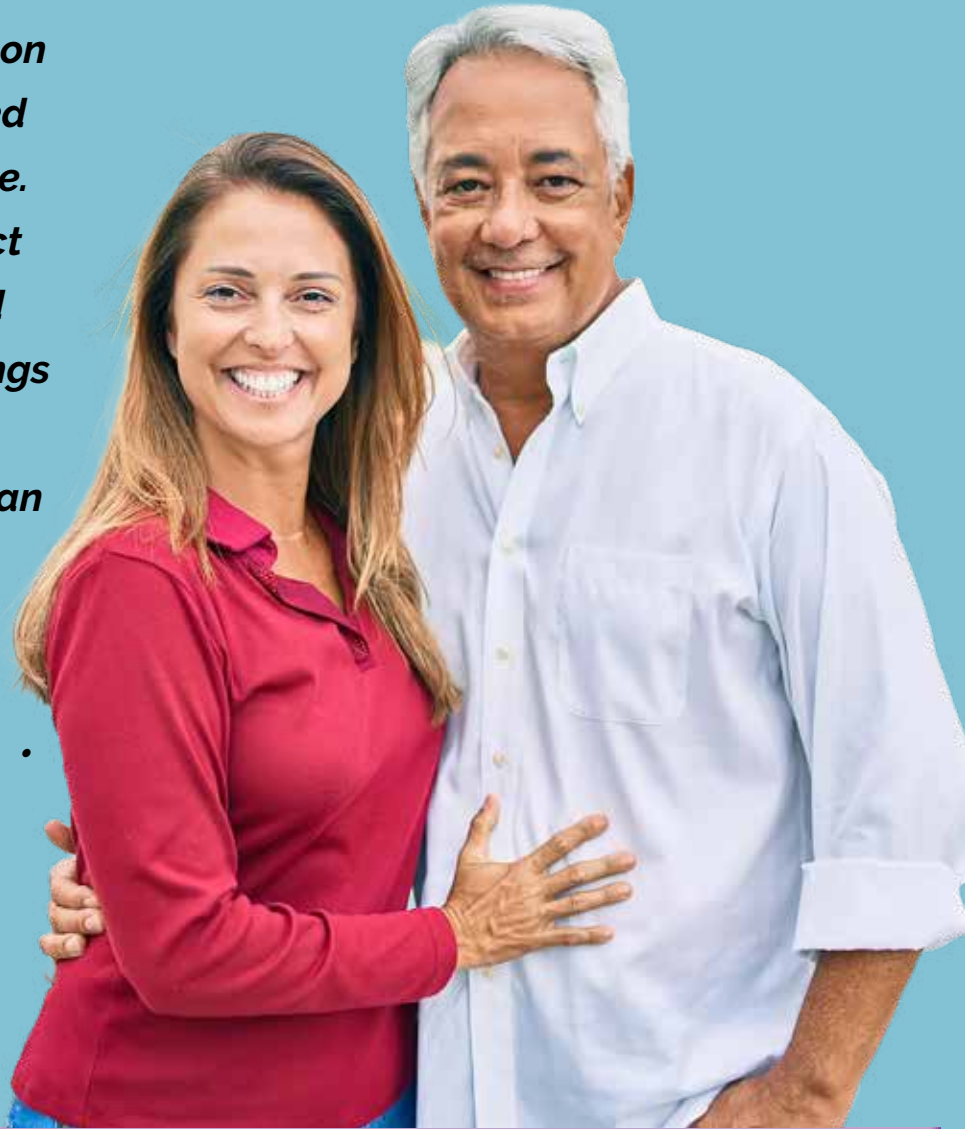
Sloan is now sober and living independently with her toddler. A culinary school graduate working as a chef, she decided to further her education and is a sophomore in college studying to earn a bachelor's degree in nutrition and dietetics. She has cultivated a relationship with the baby she gave up for adoption. And, she became a trained survivor leader in RISE, teaching other survivors the skills she learned so they can lead healthy lives.

"When I started therapy, I was ashamed, angry, depressed and felt very vulnerable. Then I started rising up. My therapist let me learn, adapt, and grow. It's been a journey. *My biggest lesson has been self-compassion—being kind and allowing myself to feel loved by no one other than me. I want other women to know that there is help, and there is a way out. Learn to love yourself. You are in charge of your happiness.*"

VIOLENCE PREVENTION & EDUCATION

“After hearing your presentation on sexual violence, my wife disclosed her childhood sexual abuse to me. The presentation made me reflect so much on our life together, and learning this makes so many things make sense. We started couples counseling and are now hosting an informal support group for Spanish-speaking survivors of sexual violence.”

• Miguel, community advocate •



BY THE NUMBERS: 104,054 CHILDREN & ADULTS SERVED



94,720

children and adolescents participated in the Play it Safe![®] child sexual abuse prevention program.



71

children disclosed their current or past abuse to a Women's Center trainer. This does not include children who may have disclosed to another trusted adult.



5,632

adults received sexual assault prevention training.



3,702

professionals were trained in victimization issues to best help survivors.



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Lexi, a Play it Safe![®] trainer, made a presentation to a middle school class—reinforcing the message that abuse is never the victim's fault, and it is never too late to tell a trusted adult. Mackenzie, a student in the class, pulled Lexi aside after the Play it Safe![®] presentation and disclosed that she had been sexually abused by her mother's ex-boyfriend when she was 4-6 years old.

After hearing the presentation, Mackenzie was confused because Lexi contradicted what her mother said after she disclosed the abuse—which was since it happened years ago, it was too late to make a police report. Mackenzie said she was encouraged to just "move past it." As a result, she was experiencing sadness, self-hatred, and even contemplated suicide. Mackenzie expressed her hope that Lexi could get her the help that was discussed in the presentation.

Lexi reiterated that it is never too late to tell and reminded Mackenzie that the abuse was not her fault. She got the necessary information from Mackenzie and reported the abuse to the authorities. Lexi also reached out to the school counselor. Together, they were able to get Mackenzie into respite services for adolescents suffering with depression and having thoughts of suicide.

Today, Mackenzie is getting the help she needs to overcome the trauma of her abuse and lead a healthy, happy life.

GENERAL COUNSELING



“I thank you for never giving up on me and encouraging me. Thank you for listening to me and reminding me of who I am. You know sometimes we all need to hear that we are heard. I thank God for you.”

• Nancy, therapy client •

BY THE NUMBERS: 2,027 CHILDREN & ADULTS SERVED



1,288

people called the Helpline for crisis counseling, problem solving assistance and resource referral.



244

people received therapy to address crisis and improve emotional well-being.



141

older adults received in-home counseling through the PEARLS Program to help them reduce depression and isolation and lead more active lives.



54

people received assistance through the legal clinic.



288

homeless children and their **138** parents living in shelters received support to meet emotional and physical needs as they transitioned out of homelessness.



BREAKING THE CYCLE

Lauren was a single mother of toddler twins. A survivor of childhood sexual abuse, she struggled with maintaining a job and was living in a homeless shelter. At the shelter Lauren met a social worker from The Women's Center who, through a joint program with Cook Children's, taught parenting classes and coordinated resources to help parents transition out of homelessness.

Initially, Lauren struggled with anger issues and was disengaged during parenting classes. She expressed feeling extremely overwhelmed and under supported. And, she was resistant to therapy, feeling like it wouldn't help her situation.

Four months after her initial meeting with the social worker, Lauren was transformed. Her demeanor was drastically different. She spoke calmly, taking time to think about what she said before speaking and making sure her words were meaningful. Lauren told her social worker that she thought about all the positivity and hope the social worker would always bring into the room and her words of encouragement. Lauren worked to harness that positivity and overcome her anger and depression.

When she left the shelter, Lauren started individual therapy at The Center, where she began to process her childhood trauma. She took responsibility for her actions and worked diligently to make better choices so that her children could have a different outcome. To help her emotionally disconnect from her abuser and reclaim her power, she took the significant step of legally changing her name.

Lauren is now employed, lives independently and is looking forward to returning to full-time work once her children are old enough to start school. *"I conquered barriers I never imagined could be overcome. I am very happy! Most importantly, I am confident that I have broken the cycle of trauma and am a great mother to my twins."*

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

“I know my life will change, and it won't always be this way. But this time in my life has been difficult. I've seen how ugly some can be to those in need, and it caused me to start to hate people. But then you came along. You are a treasure. Thank you so much for your kindness, your understanding and your help.”

• Raina, Employment Solutions client •



BY THE NUMBERS: 957 ADULTS SERVED



85%

of clients became employed.



\$19.49

average wage per hour at placement for clients.



80%

of clients were still employed after one year.



82%

of clients receiving Temporary Assistance for Needy Families achieved three or more personal and financial stability goals.



FROM INCAPABLE TO ACCOMPLISHED

Shelby is a young woman with autism who had a difficult childhood, repeatedly being told by her mother that she was a failure and would never succeed in life. Still living at home, she came to The Women's Center with no confidence, severe depression and anxiety, and suicide ideation.

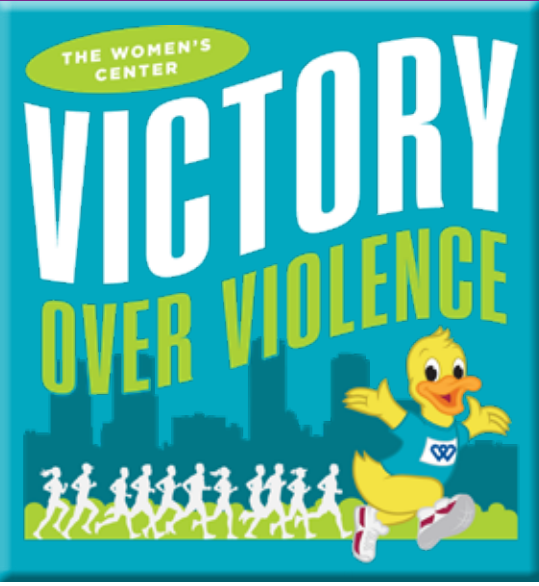
She began her journey at The Center in General Counseling. Working with a therapist, she learned to manage her depression and anxiety and ultimately felt ready to seek employment and work towards self-sufficiency.

Shelby's therapist connected her to The Center's Employment Solutions program. With positive reinforcement and coaching from her career coach, Shelby identified that she liked working with specimens and lab work, and her dream was to become a doctor. Her job search was not easy, and her resilience was tested through a number of financial and emotional crises. However, whenever self-doubt resurfaced, her therapist and career coach helped her refocus her energy, reframe her challenges, and find solutions to difficult problems.

And she did it! During her time with The Women Center, Shelby got a full-time job to support herself while simultaneously completing a certification as a Medical Assistant/Phlebotomist. She and her brother moved out of their family home into an apartment, and she saved up enough money to purchase a car. Upon certification, Shelby developed enough confidence to negotiate a schedule adjustment with her employer so she could complete an externship with a lab. She recently finished her externship and is looking for a job as a phlebotomist.

Shelby's career coach calls her "Star" when recounting her journey, highlighting Shelby's incredible determination and resilience in overcoming numerous obstacles. Her astounding progress has led her to a new, successful life she once thought was impossible.

"I feel accomplished when for most of my life, I felt inferior and incapable. I couldn't have done it without the support of The Women's Center and my brother."



More than 2,400 runners, 100+ volunteers, and the energetic Dallas Mavericks ManiAACs made for another great Victory Over Violence Walk/Run. The race is a way for members of our community to unite, take a stand against violence, and support survivors.



Everyone had a frightfully great time at this year's Haunted Mansion Monster Mash! This event was one for the history books—a fa-boo-lous time for all. There were no tricks, but what a treat that we raised over \$250,000!

Monster Mash Haunted Mansion 2024





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Thank you to each volunteer who faithfully served our clients or gave their time at our events.

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\$304,663 value of volunteer hours

88% of volunteer hours were in direct service to clients

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We do our best to ensure that our donor lists are accurate and complete. We apologize for any oversights. If your name has been omitted in error, please bring it to our attention.





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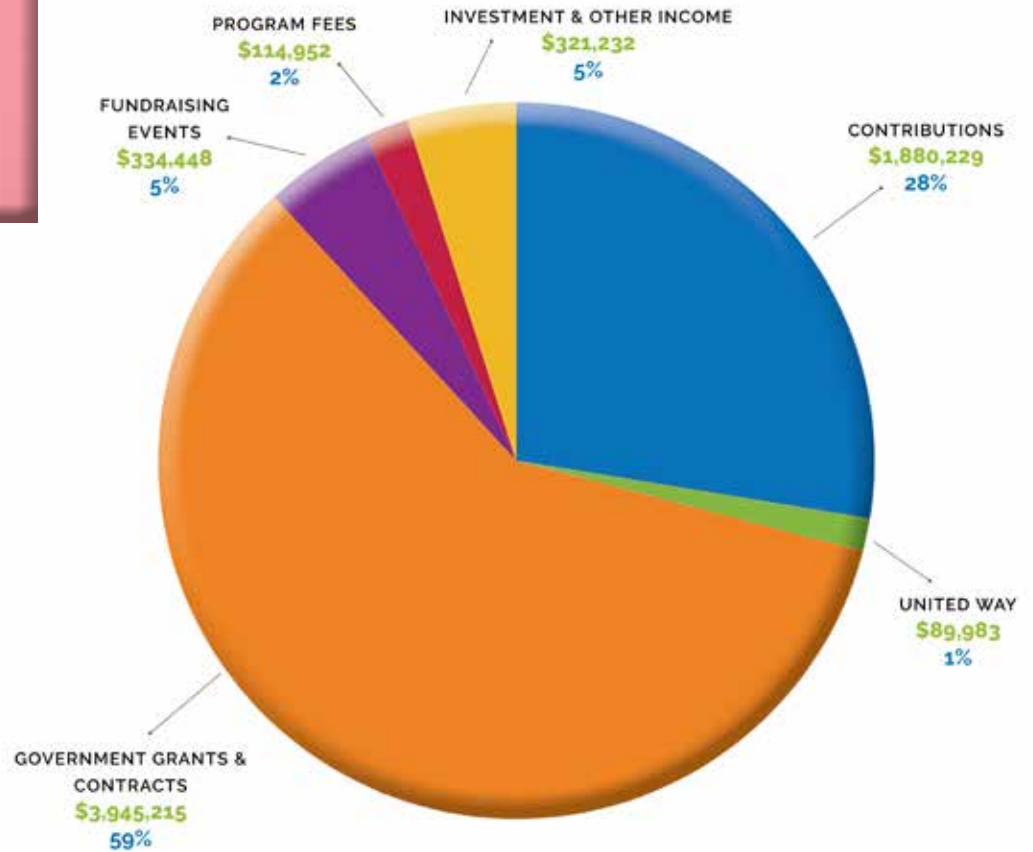
For the period ending September 30, 2024*

*Unaudited financial statements. Audited statements will be available on our website in June.

REVENUE

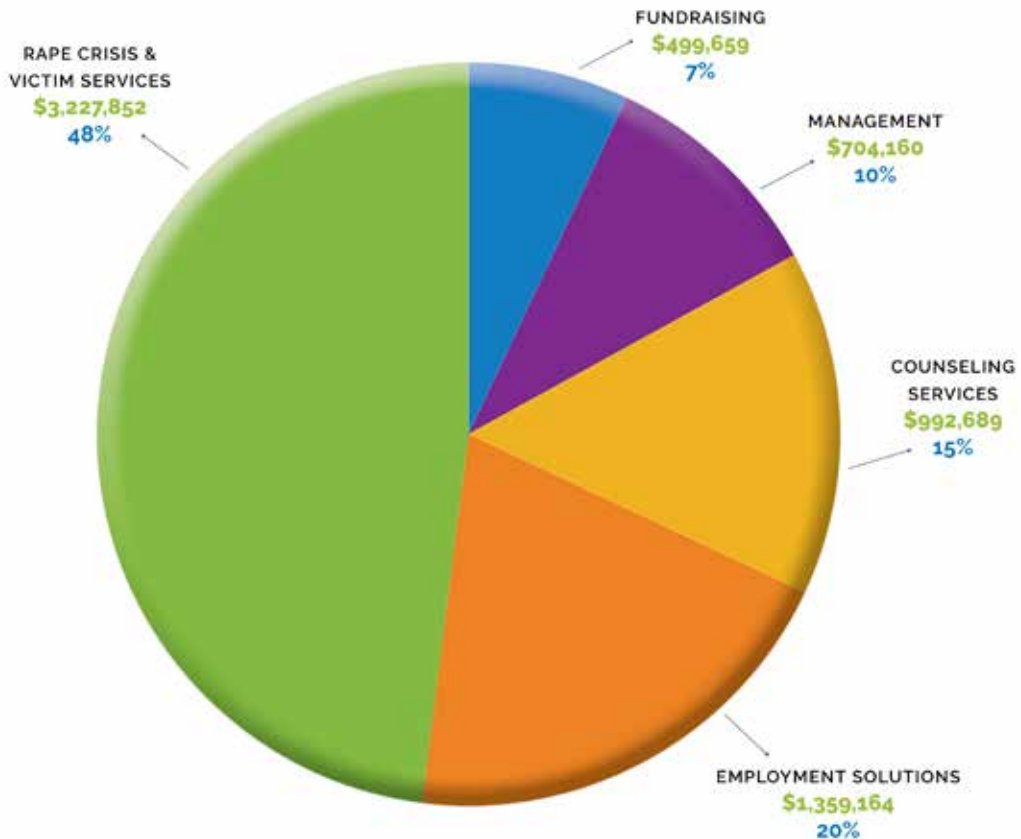
\$6,686,059

(Does not include gain/loss on investments)



EXPENSES

\$6,783,524



NET ASSETS
\$12,056,919

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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. (“SOCIETY, INC.”), is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, located at 1020 East Humbolt, Fort Worth, Texas 76104, and is dedicated to the preservation of materials and memorabilia relating to Tarrant County’s African American history and culture;

WHEREAS, SOCIETY, INC. makes these materials available to the public;

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the programs and activities provided by **SOCIETY, INC.** benefit the citizens of the **COUNTY** by sharing and preserving an important part of Tarrant County’s cultural history; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **SOCIETY, INC.**, acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS (“COUNTY”)**, acting by and through its County Judge.

SOCIETY, INC. and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

1. **SOCIETY, INC.** agrees to use the funds as provided by this **Agreement** for the benefit of the residents of Tarrant County, Texas.
2. **COUNTY**, for and in consideration of the services provided, agrees to pay to **SOCIETY, INC.** a lump sum payment of THREE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$3,500.00) for services rendered to the residents of Tarrant County, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.
3. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY TEXAS LAW, SOCIETY, INC. HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF ITS PROGRAM. SAID INDEMNIFICATION WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL AMOUNTS OF ALL CLAIMS, ATTORNEYS’ FEES, AND COSTS OF COURT.**
4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

5. This **Agreement** shall not be interpreted to inure to the benefit of a third party not a party to this **Agreement**. This **Agreement** may not be interpreted to waive any statutory or common law defense, immunity, including governmental and sovereign immunity, or any limitation of liability, responsibility, or damage of any party to this **Agreement**, party's agent, or party's employee, otherwise provided by law.

6. The parties to this **Agreement** will not sell, assign, transfer or convey any benefits or obligations of this **Agreement** in whole or part without the prior written consent of both parties.

7. If any one or more of the provisions contained in this **Agreement**, for any reason, be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other provision of this **Agreement**.

8. This **Agreement** constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and any and all prior negotiations are merged into this **Agreement**. Any amendment, change, or addition to this **Agreement** shall be made only in writing and signed by both parties.

9. This **Agreement** will be governed by and construed according to the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any action or claim arising from this **Agreement** will be in Tarrant County, Texas, as to state court actions, and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, as to federal court actions.

10. In providing the services required by this **Agreement**, **SOCIETY, INC.** must observe and comply with all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including, without limitation, workers' compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and non-discrimination laws and regulations. **SOCIETY, INC.** shall be responsible for ensuring its compliance with any laws and regulations applicable to its business, including maintaining any necessary licenses and permits.

11. **SOCIETY, INC.** agrees to provide **COUNTY** all records relating to the programs performed by **SOCIETY, INC.** upon written request of **COUNTY** and to provide a final report detailing the manner in which such funds are expended and the program details of its services.

12. **SOCIETY, INC.** must submit to **COUNTY** a final report as to the program outcomes achieved within sixty (60) days of the end of the requested funding year [by November 30, 2025] by providing the following:

- (a) a program update on all outcomes accomplished and client populations served; and,
- (b) an accounting of all expenditures of **COUNTY** funds (salary, rent, training, etc.). *Any funds not used for the specified purposes or not used within the time limits specified in this contract are subject to be returned to **COUNTY**.*

Until receipt of this final report by **COUNTY**, all subsequent funding will be held in abeyance.

13. **SOCIETY, INC.** verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The term "boycott Israel" is as defined by Texas Government Code Section 808.001, effective September 1, 2017.

14. **SOCIETY, INC.** acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295, and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

15. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by electronic transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted or executed electronically shall be deemed to be their original signatures for any purpose whatsoever.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.



AUTHORIZED AGENT
TARRANT COUNTY BLACK HISTORICAL
AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC.

COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Criminal District Attorney's Office*

***By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.**

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

_____ Date: _____

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Certificate Number:
2024-1242386

Date Filed:
11/22/2024

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.
Fort Worth, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County Texas

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

FY2025
FY2025 - \$3500.00

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Brandi Sanders-Wise and my date of birth is 03-29-1949
 My address is D. J. Box 00483 (street) Fort Worth TX (city) TX (state) 76106 (zip code) USA (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 22 day of Nov., 2024.
 (month) (year)

Brandi Sanders-Wise
 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)



**TARRANT COUNTY BLACK
HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**

P. O. BOX 50483
Fort Worth, TX 76105
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November 26, 2024

Tarrant County Commissioners
County Administration Building
100 E Weatherford – Suite 404
Fort Worth, TX 76196
Attn Kadey Heidrich

Dear Ms. Heidrich:


We are very grateful for the generous support of our organization through the Public Assistance Contract that was initiated by our founder, Mrs. Lenora Butler Rolla. This financial support makes it possible for us to continue generating quality programming for a diverse community in Tarrant County.

Enclosed you find Form 1295 and an annual report as of November 26, 2024 with a monthly report of the activities, programming and daily operations of our organization from January 2024 through November 26, 2024.

We would like to extend an invitation to the Tarrant County Commissioners to visit the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum and witness the vast collection of African American history in Tarrant County. We have four unique gallery spaces that displays the legacy of the citizens who made significant contributions to Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

2025 will mark our 48th year of operation. We are looking forward to new opportunities and challenges. We will keep trying to increase our efforts to improve upon the legacy and vision of our founder, Mrs. Rolla, by researching, collecting, preserving, and sharing our history with everyone.

Sincerely,


Brenda Sanders-Wise
Executive Director



Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

Executive Director's Report for January 2024

January 2024 – 61 individuals visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum as of January 23rd. The museum re-opened on July 1, 2021, but due to the global pandemic known as COVID-19 (and now the Delta, Omicron and more variants still being discovered), affecting almost every part of life on a global scale, and in response to the declarations from federal, state, and local officials, **the museum will accommodate tours/visitations Monday-Friday during normal hours of operation or by appointment. Masks are still encouraged for all visitors.** COVID-19 and its variants are still around – Everyone is advised to wear a mask because the new variant is more deadly and not easily detected.

January 2, 2024 – The Opal Lee Vintage Doll Collection Exhibit and Reception is still on display at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum but will be taken down this month.

January 2, 2024 - Art Show Committee met via Zoom to discuss **in-person art show** February 1 thru March and reception on February 15th from 6-8pm – Location 400H Gallery Downtown FW at 3rd and Houston – Theme – “African Americans and the Arts” - Collaboration with Ms. Sasha Bass and the Sundance Square team re details – TCBHGS acting as attendants from 12-8pm, Wednesday-Sunday – no cost for TCBHGS. **That partnership has been solidified.** We will need to supply a copy of our **COI (Certificate of Insurance)** to Sundance Square. **Our art show partnerships include Amon Carter Museum of American Art, The Kimbell Art Museum and the Modern Museum of FW. Our honorary chairpersons are Drs. John and Arlene Barnett. Our judges are Kelsha Reese, Amon Carter Community Artist - a multidisciplinary artist and middle school art teacher in Arlington ISD. Specializing in collage and acrylic work, Reese's art is driven by her southern roots, the feminist perspective, and a dedication to amplifying the voices of marginalized people, particularly focusing on the narratives of Black women. Beyond her artistic practice, Reese is deeply committed to making a positive impact in her community through creativity, dedicating her expertise to empowering young individuals; Rebeca Goss, Curatorial Assistant, The Kimbell; Beth McAnthony, Curator, McAnthony's Multicultural Studio & Art Gallery; and Shasta Haubrich, Executive Director, Art Tooth. Our sponsors include NTX Community FDN-\$1000, TCCD-\$500, Councilmember Michael Crain-\$250, Councilmember Jarred Williams-\$250 – Media Sponsors - FW Black News & FW Report. Judging will take place Feb 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, & 9, 2024.**

January 3, 2024 – Met with Megan Coca and Willette Lawsha re TCBHGS Newsletter – Winter Edition – issue date – s/b mailed to Board members, all email and non-email members this week.

January 5, 2024 – Via Zoom/Microsoft Teams – Brenda Sanders-Wise and Detra Whitmore discussed a Black History Month idea, to host a small event at Trinity Metro's Fort Worth Central Station (Intermodal). Others to be part of the program are Gyna Bivens, Commissioner Brooks, Dr. Paul Geisel, and other dignitaries. She wants to highlight the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum to encourage visitation. The dates selected - February 22 or 28, 2024.

January 11, 2024 – 13 Donor Plaques were completed, picked up and will be placed on the wall accordingly. Four more have been ordered 2-black plaques-Community Christian Church, Brookins/Jackson Family, 2 gold Jimmy Walker & Brenda Sanders-Wise.

January 12, 2024 – “Coffee, Cookies, & Clergy” at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum - for ministers in the 76104-zip code area – community involvement, church **membership**, and their history. Churches represented were, New Mt. Rose, Baker Chapel, Fellowship Baptist Church, Community Christian Church, and Broadway Baptist Church. After the round table discussion, a tour was conducted by Megan Coca. Thanks to volunteers Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens and Ms. Willette Lawsha who also attended and assisted with the needs of the guests.

January 13, 2024 – Received 6 boxes of TCBHGS records from former Board member and officer, Tom Swain and he would like to attend the next Board meeting to explain the contents

January 17, 2024 - Adrian Lynch submitted our form: Volunteer Application; Availability between 10am - 3pm: Wednesday, Thursday; **interested in other opportunities: Docent Tours, Larger Events, Adult Programs, Children & Family Programs**; recently earned his bachelor's in business management and leadership. He's enthusiastic about dedicating his time and skills to contribute meaningfully to the organization, and he is eager to explore diverse opportunities that align with his academic background and passion for making a positive impact. **He worked with us on January 10 and January 18th from 10am-1:30pm.**

January 18, 2024 – Megan Coca attended fundraising seminar for non-profits sponsored by NTX Community Foundation

January 23, 2024 – Cook Children's Hospital interviewed Megan Coca at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum – for their Child Life Zone Collaboration-“Around Town at the Lenora Rolla HCM”-will be available for their patients to watch on their YouTube channel -

***Spoke with City Councilmember Jarred Williams** re Board position – not available – recommended his Director, **Davia Johnson** – bio and resume were emailed to Executive Board members.

***I received notification of another interested person to become a Board member – Crystal Franklin,** referred by John Crane

***Purchased from ACE Hardware outdoor faucet covers/socks to help prevent freezing/pipes bursting**

***Mrs. Erma Bonner Platte passed away - UT Southwestern has her body – she donated some of her organs for research - her service will be held in March**

***I received an invitation for Southeast FW Inc for the Vernell Sturns Annual Luncheon – individual tickets \$125.00 each (requires minimum purchase of 2 tickets at this price Deborah and I will attend.**

***Megan Coca's father made a new sign for the museum** to include updated hours of operation and “tours available daily and by appointment.”

***After our TCU intern Sofia Paschero and Megan Coca scanned documents in the Lenora Rolla Collection, it was discovered she had developed/created a “Junior Historians” program. We are planning to resurrect the program and have it operate during the summer to encourage children and teens to become involved in historic preservation and the operation of a museum. This was mentioned during the Coffee, Cookies, and Clergy program and the attendees were very excited about it because it would be a way to increase the youth attendance in their various churches.**

***Leonard Brothers Museum will move into the FW Museum of Science & History permanently.**

***Our loyal volunteer, Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens, has returned to her volunteer duties at the museum.**

***Thank you, John Crane, for arranging for the grounds to be mowed.**

***Just FYI –**

Donations can be received via **Zelle** – info@tarrantcountyblackhistory.org

Cash App - STCblackhistory

PayPal – info@tarrantcountyblackhistory.org

US MAIL – TCBHGS – P.O. Box 50483 – Fort Worth, TX 76105

TCBHGS – 1020 E Humbolt St – Fort Worth, TX 76104

***Memberships, Donations & Grants**

- 0 - New Family Memberships
- 0 - Family Membership Renewals
- 0 - New Individual Membership
- 0 - Individual Membership Renewal
- 0 - Scholar Memberships
- 0 - New Business Memberships
- 0 - New Organization Memberships
- 0 - Organization Membership Renewals
- 0 - Young Professional Memberships
- 0 - Board Member Dues
- 3 - Donations Received
- 0 - Grants Received

***Upcoming Events**

January 30, 2024 – 2:00pm - Sister Cities International-Estonia Delegation will visit the Lenora Rolla HCM

2024 – Tentatively scheduled Board Retreat (Board Governance Training - with signed commitment - Fund Raising – Top 4 Revenue Events -Re-branding) – spoke with John Hernandez of Board Build and he put together a proposal for \$2000.00 – just FYI according to our By-Laws

SECTION 5.5 DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

- a. **Retreat and Training:** The Board of Directors shall hold an annual retreat for the purpose of setting annual goals; adopting an annual budget; planning an annual membership campaign; conducting staff evaluations, including the Executive Director; reviewing the By-Laws and attending to other matters related to the Society and its committees. Committees and/or committee chairs may be invited to attend all or parts of the retreat.

5.9.5: ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

One (1) annual meeting of the general membership shall be held in February of each year. The general membership meeting is held for the purpose of hearing the President's annual report concerning the state of the Society, electing members to the Board of Directors, presenting the annual financial report for the year just ended, presenting the budget for the current year, launching the membership campaign for the incoming year and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Notice of each annual meeting shall be mailed via USPS or via email to each member at least thirty (30) days before the meeting stating the time, day and place, along with an agenda and minutes of the previous meeting.

February 1- March 17, 2024 – 11th Annual Juried Art Show – Committee members met and decided on an in-person show and selected February 15th as the date of the reception and awards program – Location 400H Gallery Downtown on 3rd & Houston Streets in Sundance Square Area – Partnerships for the student awards (first place winners) include Amon Carter Museum and The Kimbell. **We will need volunteers to assist with docent duties from 12 noon-8pm – Wednesday- Sunday!**

February 6, 2024 - 11:00am-12:30 - Received email request from TCC Trinity River Campus to participate in their observance of Black History Month, February 6, 2024. I spoke with both Megan Coca and Jayn Higgins re our participation. We will be part of their program from 11am-12:30pm as one of their speakers. **They would like us to showcase some of our collections in a display window (Megan/Education Committee will choose the display theme).**

February 15-22nd – The counselor at MH Moore Elementary reached out to our organization with an invitation to take part in their campus **read-aloud program in honor of Black History month** stating that it would be great if their students **could hear directly from a member of the Tarrant County Black History and Genealogical Society**. Their Read-Alouds **dates are from Feb. 15th to the 22nd**. I sent an email to Megan Coca and Jayn Higgins/Education Committee Chair, to coordinate a date and time to fulfill this commitment.

February 16, 2024 –TCU Students called the “Road Frogs” will take a field trip to the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum for a tour and talk/presentation about the history of the museum.

February 26, 2024 – BSW will make a Black History Month presentation at TCC Trinity River Campus 9:30am-10:50am – per request from Lisa Blank’s History class. Board members are always invited to attend any presentation on behalf of the organization.

February 27, 2024 - I will be presenting to Goranson, Bain, Ausley Family Law Firm for Black History Month – “Black History in America and in our Fort Worth Area as it pertains to the legal field – Hidden History”

February 27, 2024 – 6:30pm - We have been asked to partner with the Hurst Public Library and share the historical perspective on the lives of Black people in Tarrant County. “Theme - Tarrant County’s Hidden History.” I responded **affirmatively** and copied our Outreach Coordinator-Educator, Megan Coca, and our Board Education Chair on the email and they will participate. **Megan Coca, our Director of Development & Community Outreach responded to Robin**

April-May 2024 – Megan Coca visited Stripling Middle School on July 10, 2023 – re their 7th grade Art “Commissioned Project” and met with Laura Nungaray Art teacher who created an art project where she allows her students to pick from selected partners and commission a work of art for **free**. After discussing the project and our mission both Megan & Laura chose to create an “illuminated map.” Megan specified an illuminated map, diptych on wooden panels, something that can be taken and displayed at various speaking engagements. **The subject matter will be the Terrell Heights Neighborhood, with highlights on historic places**. Laura, the art teacher, stressed the importance of making art that we could reuse and display, as well as students understanding 'commissions' meeting goals, the art world, researching art, and seeing their art in a secondary space. **The students will have the opportunity to visit the Lenora Rolla on a specified night for extra credit**; Laura Nungaray will attend this. Megan will also make an appearance at the school to check in on the project as they complete it. **Timeline: The project begins April-May 2024 and Display commissioned work in Museum in June (End of school year 2024)**



Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

Executive Director's Report for February 2024

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February 2, 2024 - I received the Lillie M. Biggins “Advocate for Others Honor” award from Southeast FW Inc during the Vernell Sturns Annual Luncheon – Deborah Lewis accepted the award in my absence due to my attendant duties at the 400h Gallery.

February 6, 2024 –Megan Coca made Black History Month presentation at the TCC Trinity River Campus. Vernon and his wife as well as I were in attendance to provide moral support.

February 8, 2024 – I attended the ribbon cutting ceremony/program for the Renaissance House which took place in the Flint House on Terrell Ave.

February 13, 2024 – Received signed contract from the Tarrant County Commissioners Court confirming the \$3500 Public Assistance Contract/grant finds that the programs and activities provided by the Society, Inc., benefit the citizens of the County by sharing and preserving an important part of Tarrant County’s cultural history

Attended Zoom Call with Board Retreat Consultants/Facilitators to discuss the details. Deborah Lewis was in attendance as well.

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February 15, 2024 – 11th Annual Lenora Rolla Juried Art Show Opening Reception – 223 in attendance which included students, parents, teachers, and adult artists. Honorary Chairs Dr. John and Dr. Arlene Barnett were in attendance to provide encouragement to all artists. From February 1 – 16th - 532 people visited the Gallery, February 17th – 58 people visited the Gallery and on February 18th 17 people visited the Gallery for a grand total of 607 visitors.

February 16, 2024 – Visit Fort Worth brought individuals from the Black Tourism Group to tour the Lenora Rolla Museum. Visit Fort Worth was pleased to see their name on the "donor wall".

February 19, 2024 – Deborah Lewis and I interviewed prospective Board member, Davia Johnson

February 21, 2024 – Megan Coca and I met with Willette Lawsha, volunteer for TCBHGS newsletter - Spring issue

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*Upcoming Events

February 24, 2024 – Board Retreat (Board Governance Training - with signed commitment - Fund Raising – Top 4 Revenue Events -Re-branding) – spoke with John Hernandez of Board Build and he put together a

proposal for \$2000.00 – just FYI according to our By-Laws

February 26, 2024 – BSW will make a Black History Month presentation at TCC Trinity River Campus 9:30am-10:50am – per request from Lisa Blank’s History class. Board members are always invited to attend any presentation on behalf of the organization.

February 27, 2024 – BSW will be presenting to Goranson, Bain, Ausley Family Law Firm for Black History Month – “Black History Then and Now in Tarrant County – Hidden History”

February 27, 2024 – 6:30pm - We have been asked to partner with the Hurst Public Library and share the historical perspective on the lives of Black people in Tarrant County. “Theme - Tarrant County’s Hidden History.” I responded **affirmatively** and copied our Outreach Coordinator-Educator, Megan Coca, and our Board Education Chair on the email and they will participate. **Megan Coca, our Director of Development & Community Outreach responded to Robin.**

February 28, 2024 – 10-11:30am – Trinity will celebrate The Wall of Black History at the Central Station. Several original committee members have been invited to attend and speak on the program. TCBHGS is one of the partners for this event and has filled two display cases with artifacts from our collection related to William “Gooseneck McDonald and Dr. Riley Ranson, Sr. The display cases are in the kiosk area for ticket purchases.

March 2, 2024 – 2-4pm - Artist Roundtable Discussion at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum – Dr. John Barnett will facilitate the discussion. The artists will discuss the importance of investing in under-represented artists.

March 7, 2024 – TCU Internship Fair – 12:30-6pm – table provided, lunch at noon for partners who RSVP, access to sessions

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February 24, 2024 – Board retreat was held at the TCC Trinity River Campus facilitated by CME Consulting, LLC John Hernandez and Christie Eckler – (Board Governance Training - with signed commitment - Fund Raising – Top 4 Revenue Events -Re-branding) – Cost - \$2000.00 –their report was emailed to the members of the TCBHGS Executive Board

February 26, 2024 – I made a Black History Month presentation to the students of Ms. Lisa Blank's history class – theme – “Tarrant County's Hidden History” (neighborhoods, famous and under-represented contributors of Tarrant County history).

February 27, 2024 – I made a presentation to Goranson, Bain, Ausley Family Law Firm – in observance of Black History Month – “Black History Then and Now in Tarrant County – Hidden History” – As an honorarium, they submitted a donation to TCBHGS in the amount of \$500.00.

February 27, 2024 – I attended a presentation made by Megan Coca at the Hurst Public Library – She shared the historical perspective on the lives of African Americans in Tarrant County. “Theme - Tarrant County's Hidden History.”

February 28, 2024 - 10-11:30am – Trinity Metro (in collaboration with TCBHGS), hosted a celebration re “The Wall of Black History” at the Central Station. Several original committee members and the artist who was responsible for the artwork/mural, were in attendance and were invited to speak on the program. I spoke about the role of our organization in the community and the importance of preserving history. TCBHGS, one of the partners for this event, has filled two display cases with artifacts from our collection related to William “Gooseneck” McDonald and Dr. Riley Ransom, Sr. The display cases are in the kiosk area for ticket purchases. We received great/positive feedback from attendees and passengers of the local transit systems (buses, TRE, Amtrak). Thanks to Board members Vernon Evans, Deborah Lewis, and Dr. Melondy Doddy-Munoz, who were in attendance.

March 1, 2024 – Women's History Month – TCBHGS remembers and honors Lillian B. Horace, first known African American novelist in Texas, graduate of I. M. Terrell in 1898

March 1, 2024 – The Opal Lee Vintage Doll Collection Exhibit and Reception is still on display at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum.

March 1, 2024 – The 11th Annual Lenora Rolla Juried Art Show began, and artwork was on exhibit thru March 17th at the 400h Gallery - Downtown FW at 3rd and Houston – Theme – “African Americans and the Arts” – In Collaboration with Ms. Sasha Bass and the Sundance Square team and TCBHGS acting as attendants from 12-8pm, Wednesday-Sunday – no cost for TCBHGS. Our art show partnerships included Sundance Square, Amon Carter Museum of American Art, the Kimbell Art Museum and the Modern Museum of FW. Our honorary chairpersons were Drs. John and Arlene Barnett. Seven pieces of artwork were sold. *Thanks to all the Board members who volunteered as Gallery attendants at the 400h Gallery. Total attendees – 1360.

March 1, 2024 – Back Flow Test was done – cost \$475 – this is a requirement by the City of Fort Worth

March 1, 2024 – I attended a luncheon hosted by North Texas Community Foundation – recognizing non-profits – theme –Community Matters-The Art of Philanthropy.” Guest speakers – Sedrick Huckaby, artist, Kinfolk House, Andrea Karnes, Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, and Jerome Weeks, KERA.

March 1, 2024 – Met with Megan Coca and volunteer, Willette Lawsha to discuss the upcoming spring edition of the TCBHGS newsletter

March 2, 2024 – The TCBHGS Art Show Committee held a “Roundtable Discussion re the Importance of Investing in Under-represented Artists.” Panelists were Maria Elena Ortiz, Curator-Modern Art Museum, DJ Perera, artist, Jamila Mendez, artist, and Jessica Fuentes, artist, writer-Glasstire. Forty-six (46) people were in attendance. Thanks to Board members Deborah Lewis and Maricia Johns who attended this event.

March 6, 2024 – I attended the Tarrant County Education Fund (TCEF) Art of Giving Mayor’s Luncheon at the Fort Worth Club – I presented a brief history of the UNCF in Tarrant County. Keynote speaker – Mayor Mattie Parker. Funds raised for scholarships, benefiting the UNCF – recognizing its 80th anniversary.

March 7, 2024 – TCU held an “Internship Fair” on their campus and TCBHGS hosted a table with various brochures and other documents related to the TCBHGS organization and various programs and fundraising events (upcoming 5K Fun Run, Tarrant County Harambee Festival). Thanks to Megan Coca, Deborah Lewis, and Maricia Johns and her sister, who were in attendance.

March 11-15, 2024 –Documentary - filming/oral histories of Tarrant County community members (Dr. Opal Lee, Bob Ray Sanders, Sandy Joyce, Brenda Sanders-Wise, and 97-year-old Ms. Amanda McHenry, who remembered or knew of Lillian B. Horace, first known African American novelist in Texas, by author of the book, Recovering Five Generations Hence – The Life and Writing of Lillian Horace Jones, by Karen Kossie Chernyshev, Professor, Texas Southern University in Houston, TX.

March 13, 2024 - I applied for a grant from the Tarrant County Historical Society – max amount - \$1,000.00

March 20, 2024 – Received new addition to the TCBHGS collection from Tori Beatty – value - \$7,800.0 – various African prints, tapestries, wood carvings, jewelry, masks, and an African drum

March 21, 2024 – Received new addition to the TCBHGS collection from Reginald Gates – past photos of the Tarrant County UNCF during the days of TV broadcast with Lou Rawls circa 1980s

March 21, 2024 - I applied for a BraveR Together educational grant for \$20,000. This grant will support the upcoming planned educational events in May, June, July and August. This group of events will be entitled Collection Connection Speaker Series.

March 22, 2024 – Lake Como Historians led by Estrus Tucker, tour - Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum. Junior Historians - Estrus Tucker would like to help us revamp the Junior Historians Program. Estrus will help us find money/funding and potentially, establish a Chaptered program. Program Logistics Age Group: 6TH-12TH grade? Potential Partners: Modern Art Museum, Amon Carter, Kimbell Art Museum, Community Frontline, BraveR Together, Dr. Anthony Johnson (Dates: End of the Summer program? Winter break Program? Lake Como Historian, Estrus Tucker, wants to ensure that the Fort Worth African American Museum is rooted in our organization. He mentioned something along the lines of “We cannot have the conversation about a Fort Worth African American Museum without the Lenora Rolla/TCBHGS.” The Historians were happy with the information Megan had compiled for them that included Businesses, Elementary Schools, High Schools, Industrial Mechanical College). Rev. A. L. Boone and L. K. Williams were involved. The group was pleased with the tour and the work that the TCBHGS is doing. *Just FYI..... After our TCU intern Sofia Paschero and Megan Coca scanned documents in the Lenora Rolla Collection, it was discovered Mrs. Rolla had developed/created a “Junior Historians” program. We are planning to resurrect the program and have it effective during the summer to encourage children and teens to become involved in historic preservation and the operation of a museum.****

March 24, 2024 – I attended the quarterly BraveR Together meeting of 2022-2023 grantees. An announcement was made stating that those who had received grants during that time and applied for the 2024 grant cycle, all would receive a base level grant amount of funding. Each one will be contacted to confirm the initial amount to be received. Additional funding will be distributed in a tiered format.

March 25, 2024 – Megan Coca attended a meeting with Leishawn Spotted Bear, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Christina Hardman, Fort Worth Museum of Science and History, Rena Lawrence, Log Cabin Village and Shae Nawoj, Log Cabin Village - for a lunch and learn - discussion entitled “Tarrant County Collections Staff Meet Up,” with fellow collections staff professionals. Also, they had the opportunity to connect with staff from other institutions and talk about upcoming events or collections management challenges and the first meeting’s theme was “Sharing Resources.”

March 25, 2024 – I applied for the **NBCUniversal Local Impact Grant**

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Thank you, Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens, Willette Lawsha, and Carol Roark for being loyal volunteers.

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- 0 - Young Professional Membership
- 5 - Board Member Dues (Vernon Evans, Deborah Lewis, Davia Johnson, Damian Rogers, Maricia Johns)
- 4 - Donations Received
- 0 - Grants Received

*Upcoming Events

April 5, 2024 – Issuance of - Spring Edition of the TCBHGS Newsletter

April 11, 2024 – 6:30-7:30 - TCBHGS - Between the Lines Virtual Book Club via Zoom- **On the Move: A Black Family's Western Saga**, by S. R. Martin, Jr. – Please register on Eventbrite, Megan Coca-facilitator

April 13, 2024 – **8:00am** - **5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk** (James Walker, Kenny Mosley, Megan Coca)

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June 5, 12, 19, and 26 – Summer Arts Program Collaboration with Amon Carter Museum of American Art

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Series Ideas: Collection Connection Speaker Series

Tickets: \$25 – Members \$35 – Non- Members \$55 – 1 Ticket + Membership Bundle (additional tickets at membership price) **Schedule: Quarterly – Third (3rd) Thursdays**

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August – “Hot Fun in the Summertime (Sly Stone) “Music Collections + Manet and Stephen A. Fowler Collection + Speaker – Charmion Polk, Jewel Kelly, Ray Sharp?

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March 27, 2024 – Met with Melondy Doddy Munoz re Development, Grant writing and Fundraising

Met with Willette Lawsha and Megan Coca re TCBHGS newsletter – will publish and circulate 04/20/24.

April 1, 2024 – Collection Connection Speaker Series – TCBHGS remembers and honors Lillian B. Horace, first known African American novelist in Texas – awaiting response from I. M. Terrell/FWISD re use of their auditorium for this program since Ms. Horace was a graduate of I. M. Terrell-date – May 16, 2024. Speaker has confirmed her attendance - **author** of the book, *Recovering Five Generations Hence – The Life and Writing of Lillian Horace Jones*, - **Karen Kossie-Chernyshev.**

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April 6, 2024 – Received a portrait of Mrs. Rolla as a donation from an artist who participated in our most recent juried art show, Sherrell Whitfield – value of artwork is \$300.00.

April 13, 2024 – We held our TCBHGS-Lenora Rolla 5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk – 18 in attendance – two sponsors - (Rollins Project Management Group - \$1,500 and National Juneteenth Museum - \$1,000) – Registrations - \$460.00; T-shirts \$639.00; - Medals – \$75.78; Ricky Cox Racing Services - \$250.00. We have not received the proceeds from the online registrations (\$360) - late registrations/donations-\$100.00

April-15, 2024 – Received notification that T-Mobile nominated our organization for Benevity Causes Portal – by donating money, volunteering their time, or inviting or inviting us to apply for T-Mobile corporate grants

April 17, 2024 – On March 21, 2024 - I applied for a BraveR Together educational grant for the amount of \$20,000. This grant will support the upcoming planned educational events in May, June, July and August. This group of events will be entitled Collection Connection. Received confirmation of award amount of \$10,000.

April 18, 2024 – Shadonna Wallace stopped by the museum and is interested in becoming a volunteer and is available to begin on April 22nd. Shadonna attended our Artist Roundtable Discussion in March, 2024. She is available on Mondays and Wednesdays and will be of assistance to Megan with scanning, answering phones, researching, and archiving. **Just**

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April 19, 2024 - Shelia Barnett volunteered to assist us with purging and organizing the various books in our library – some do not pertain to our vision/mission, some are considered valuable and can be sold.

Important Recaps

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Awaiting response from both entities.**

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April 23, 2024 – Newsletter – was distributed/issued to TCBHGS email base and in hard copy form
The newsletter was emailed to Board and Advisory Board members as well.

April 23, 2024 – Aubrey Haynes from the All Saints Episcopal School interviewed Brenda Sanders-Wise for senior grade re Opal Lee Senior Project Documentary - capturing the essence of Opal Lee, Aubrey had recently toured and documented her visit at Hope Farm where she got my contact information and wanted to take the opportunity to come in and interview me and capture some shots of the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum and discuss our founder and our organization.

April 23, 2024 – I received an email from NTX Communities Foundation and was offered a ticket for the- **June 6, 2024 - National Juneteenth Museum Speaker Series – Henry Louis Gates Jr. [Uniting Voices: the National Juneteenth Museum Speaker Series Tickets, Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)**

April 25, 2025 – Megan Coca attended the Van Zandt-Guinn Summit – met administrators and staff re the activities and progress of the school students. Both Megan and I received a certificate of appreciation.

April 30, 2024 – Megan Coca attended the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting Pre-Conference Workshops

May 1, 2024 – The Opal Lee Vintage Doll Collection Exhibit and Reception is still on display at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum.

May 5, 2024 – I submitted a congratulatory letter to Dr. Opal Lee, on behalf of TCBHGS for receiving the Presidential Medal of Freedom” as well as her other accomplishments – “Congratulations on this special moment in history”

May 14, 2024 – Guests/Business bankers from Frost Bank visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum and introduced a new business banker. Frost has moved to a new location on W Rosedale. I was presented with a check in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the 15th Annual TC Harambee Festival. They will have volunteers for the Festival and will register them on the TC Harambee website.

May 16, 2024 – Megan Coca attended the National Juneteenth Community Forum from 11am-2pm – Stakeholders were present to discuss Local Projects x Community Forum: Museum practices Exhibition layout, Technology Preferences in a Museum, Community Stakeholders: Curatorial Plan and Values-Collection, resource, and Community, 2 temporary or rotating exhibition space.

Some themes for the permanent exhibition-Juneteenth Revival, Modern Juneteenth event, they plan to host History Harvest Events - Timeline: Break ground 2025 - Open to the Public by June 2026

May 18, 2024 – Brenda Sanders-Wise received the Dr. Marion J. Brooks Living Legends Award for civic/community service along with two other honorees Dr. Monica Anderson-science/technology and Barry King arts/humanities

May 20, 2024 – Met with BraveR Together via Zoom to discuss the educational grant for \$10,000. This grant will support the upcoming planned educational events in June, July and August and May 2025. This group of events will be entitled the TCBHGS Collection Connection Series. A check will be mailed by the end of the week or will be delivered in person since we are near their office. (Our grant application request was \$20,000.00)

May 21 - Received \$35.00 for JVD Run & 50 - Shadonna
May 28, 2024 – Meeting with Regina Faden, President FWMSH and her new VP for Interpretation, Collections, and Programs, along with Jayn Higgins and Megan Coca to discuss the Judge L. Clifford Davis Event on August 10, 2024, at the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum.

***We have a dutiful volunteer, Shadonna Wallace, who assists with scanning, researching and cataloging TCBHGS collections/records. She is available on Mondays and Wednesdays. She has been with us for 3 weeks.**

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May 28, 2024 – Met with Regina Faden, new President of the FW Museum of Science and History and her new Development Director, Nikki Diller to discuss collaboration with TCBHGS/Jayn Higgins re the 100th Birthday Celebration Exhibition/Display at the FWMSH

May 29, 2024 – Ebony Johnson, FW ISD Visual Arts Director and other representatives from FWISD – visited the Lenora Rolla Museum

Deborah and I interviewed potential board member D J Perera

Met with Deborah, Frank & Christene Moss to discuss their luncheon and display/exhibition in September

May 21, 2024 – Met with Sarah Ayala from Sundance Square to discuss collaboration at Gallery-Zona 7 for their Artist Talk event. Megan was in attendance as well.

June 4, 2024 – United Way of Tarrant County Staff members and interns visited the Lenora Rolla Museum

June 5, 2024 – Summer Arts Program – Art Tales in collaboration with Amon Carter took place at the Amon Carter museum. Megan Coca and Maricia represented TCBHGS.

June 6, 2024 – BraverR Together delivered a check for \$10,000.00 – award recipient TCBHGS!

Attended the National Juneteenth Museum Speaker Series – Henry Louis Gates Jr.

[Uniting Voices: the National Juneteenth Museum Speaker Series Tickets, Thu, Jun 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

June 7, 2024 – Shelia Barnett volunteered at the museum to assist with organizing books/library shelves

June 11, 2024 - John Hernandez of Board Build recommended a visit with Lisa Reddick, who is interested in working with TCBHGS-as a result of meeting-she is interested in writing grants for TCBHGS

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June 17, 2024 – Met with Deborah and Vernon to discuss finances for organization and TC Harambee Met with volunteer, Willette Lawsha and Megan Coca to discuss upcoming quarterly TCBHGS newsletter **I applied for a grant from the Tarrant County Historical Society on March 13th – max amount - \$1,000.00 — and on June 17th I received a response that we were approved for the grant and should receive it in the last week of June.**

June 19, 2024 – Juneteenth Celebration at The Rolla - We started the day with a prayer by Pastor Kyeve Tatum, a short program featuring the flag raising by the Boy Scout Troop from Mt. Olive MBC, Troop Leader-Mr. Michael Jones, greetings/welcome by the Executive Director, and introduction of elected officials, staff and Board Member. Our sponsors and cohorts from area museums, FW Library and History enter, and the City of FW Preservation and Economic Development Departments. On display was our special exhibition on the timeline of Juneteenth in Fort Worth. We celebrated with music, great food, a domino tournament, community relationship building, oral histories, a slave narrative reading, and sack racing for the kids. We calculated 207 people in attendance. Thanks to all the Board members who attended and those who volunteered their time to assist in various areas. Various sponsors and special friends of the museum and our Advisory Board made the day a huge success. We received 8 new memberships - \$335.00 and one \$100.00 donation. Sponsors for this event included Congressman Marc Veasey-\$250, FWMSH-\$250, National Juneteenth Museum-\$250, City of FW-Economic Development Department-\$1,000, Lorraine Miller-\$200, Paul Geisel-\$150, Pearl Hunt-\$150, and Renaissance House -TBD.

June 20, 2024 – Megan attended UNT Portal of Texas History Forum-discussed Notes on resources, How to Fund Projects, How to prepare collections for digitization, How they process Collections, History Harvest, etc. Oral Histories: Oral History Association - for Best Practices, Review intake paperwork from each oral history for reproduction purposes., A.I Transcriptions: Microsoft Dictation, turn scans into PDF and UNT can transcribe them (Optical Character Recognition Systems) Born Digital Archives: Megan will be donating a collection of her photographs and all the born-digital copies of the photos I take at the events we host.

June 22, 2024 – I applied for a grant with the Eta Phi Beta Sorority Educational and Charitable Foundation. The Southside Community Center visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum – Contact-Pearl Hunt.

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June 28, 2025 - North Texas Giving Day will be hosting **WFAA Daybreak at the Perot Museum** and Megan Coca will be attending. If you would like to accompany her and share in the kickoff, please contact her.

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- June 27, 2024 – Received \$1,000.00 grant from the Tarrant County Historic Society**
- June 28, 2024 – Megan Coca attended the WFAA NTX Giving Day Kick Off at the Perot Museum in Dallas.** She also picked up signs to be placed in the front and back of the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum property.
- July 6, 2024 – I attended the Lake Como Cemetery – Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony**
- July 9, 2024 – AKA Boule National Conference attendees visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum - 15 people in attendance**
- July 11, 2024 – Received \$1,000.00 via Zelle from the Renaissance House – donation/sponsorship Juneteenth at the Rolla – We donated two large boxes of books about “Africa” to the Dock Bookshop.** They were pleased to receive them. It fit their upcoming project about the African Diaspora
Between the Lines Book Club discussion – “Life of William Madison McDonald” - 6 attended
- July 14, 2024 – Family Festival at the Kimbell art Museum – TCBHGS/Megan Coca hosted a table**
- July 15-16, 2024,** Shelia Barnett volunteered at the museum and continued purging unrelated books in our library
- July 16, 2024 – Megan Coca attended the NTCF Cohort Meeting to discuss changes to grant applications**
- July 17, 2024 – Received \$1,000.00 via check from City of FW Economic Development Department for the Juneteenth at the Rolla Celebration**
- July 19, 2024 – Ambassador Tour Collaboration – A TCBHGS & The Kimbell Art Museum collaboration @ the Kimbell – Megan Coca, representing TCBHGS, is on the Nuestro Committee and is performing the duty of a docent special guided tour for the exhibition entitled - Art & War of the Renaissance/The Battle of Pavia Tapestries - We invited guests from Mya Lewis from the National Juneteenth Museum, Lake Como Historians, FW History Center Staff, Rev. Kyeve Tatum, Ellen Timberlake-Volz, Vincent Battles, Willette Lawsha, and the TCBHGS Advisory Board. Ronnie Hunter was in attendance as well as Brenda Sanders-Wise and her husband, Dennis. There will be another one in August/September when we will invite our TCBHGS Board, TCBHGS members, and Art Show Committee members.**

July 23, 2024 – I submitted a NTCF Arts \$15,000.00 for general operating expenses – **The Power of Portraiture** – larger than life portraits of the Prince Hall Masons (Restoration, management and care, future exhibition)
Grantees will be notified August 8th and checks will be mailed August 15, 2024.

Henry Ortiz, our new volunteer joined us today. He studied at UC Berkley and the University at Chicago and has a master's degree in history. His research has been on Slave Literacy in the Antebellum US. He is assisting our volunteer archivist, Carol Roark, with our archival projects. He volunteers on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. He was introduced our Vice President, Vernon Evans.

Through a partnership with the National Museum of African American History and Culture's Office of Strategic Partnerships, a scholarship application was submitted for Megan Coca to attend (opportunity for 5 small museums, 5 students and 5 emerging museum professionals.) The scholarship will include round-trip airfare, lodging, and a one year membership. This will take place in Baltimore, MD – August 13-16, 2024 (social justice, engaging the youth, sustainability, funding Black History Museums and their initiatives)

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September 10-14, 2024 – Baker Chapel will be sharing our parking lot during their Northwest Texas Annual Conference. Our museum will be listed in their events and activities flyer so that the attendees can have the opportunity to visit during their free time.

September 12, 2024 – Luncheon – TC Harambee honorees Texas Wesleyan

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Met with historian and genealogist, Anna Guy Burroughs re the Delia Turner/Taj Harris Slave Owner Descendant/Slave Descendant Reconciliation at The Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum - November

August 6, 2024 – Met with Megan Coca and Willette Lawsha to discuss the TCBHGS newsletter

August 10, 2024 – Judge L. Clifford Davis Centennial Birthday Celebration at the Lenora Rolla Museum 12-noon-3pm – 106 people in attendance – lengthy program – refreshments were served

August 12-15, 2024 – Megan out sick – I came in to the museum on the days she was out.

August 15, 2024 – Birthday celebration for our loyal volunteer Ms. Bennie Ruth Dickens-sent out a Happy Birthday email to Ms. Bennie and copied all Board and Advisory members

August 16, 2024 – Attended a meeting the Fort Worth Health and Wellness Consortium spearheaded by the Renaissance House – 1201 E Terrell Avenue - Representatives from various health organizations and institutions were in attendance. There is a grave concern for the access to health care as well as health and wellness of the 76104 residents. I invited them to participate in the Health and Wellness Expo during the TC Harambee Festival.

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August 23, 2024 – Megan Coca attended a “Scholarly Task Force National Juneteenth Museum: New Exhibition Renders and Zones” Zom Meeting – they shared their recent renders and exhibition zones

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1 - Organization Membership Renewal (Valley Baptist Church)

0 - Young Professional Membership

1 - Board Member Dues (Ronnie Hunter for 2024-2025)

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- September 5, 2024 – Evans and Rosedale Development Project** Representatives from Royal Capital Partners visited the LRHCM – Kevin Newell, Founder/CEO – Terrell Walter, Planning and Development, and Brian Mays, Finance and Capital Markets – They were impressed with museum display, exhibition, and local history.
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Same evening, Board President, Ronnie Hunter, admitted to hospital for emergency surgery
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Very well attended – excellent program and entertainment - Mayor Parker, Councilman Nettles, State Representative Nicole Collier, the office of Commissioner Roy C. Brooks and other dignitaries were in attendance also. NBC5 Anchor, Evan Anderson, MC
- September 13, 2024 – TCBHGS & Kimbell Happy Hour – Art Show Committee Members and Artists**
Invited – 5:30-7pm – Thanks DJ Perera for representing the Board. There were 22 people in attendance. The artists enjoyed mingling with other artists who had participated in the juried art show in February.
- September 14, 2024 – Students from Boswell High School – mentor DJ Perera – toured the LRHCM – 13**
students donated \$30.00 each (\$15 membership and \$15 donation) – One student paid \$130 which includes his membership, two sisters-student age and parents and his \$15 donation) Students presented Brenda Sanders-Wise with a bouquet of flowers – some students inquired about volunteer opportunities.

September 17, 2026 – Met with State Farm adjuster and potential contractor at the museum re repairs. Participated in **Zoom call** with Advisory Board members Gwen Morrison, Glen Harmon, Pearl Hunt and Board President, Ronnie Hunter re roof and ceiling damage. Suggestions were made to establish a “Facilities Preservation Fund” to have funds available in emergency situations (i.e. A/C, painting needs, foundation repair, etc.) Dr. Morrison will contribute \$100.00 to initiate the fund, Glen Harmon will donate \$1,000.00, and Mrs. Pearl Hunt will donate \$100 each month for the next 3-4 months. A letter will be created to send to potential donors within the next two weeks. Glen Harmon will work with the contractor and adjuster to negotiate proper results for the roof repair.

September 18, 2024 – ADT conducted a fire sprinkler inspection at the museum – result - “Passed.”

September 19, 2024 – North Texas Giving Day – Five Board Members participated! We are grateful and appreciate all our donors! TCBHGS Results Within the last 30 days - Number of donations - 15 - Gross Online - \$1,710.00 - Net Online - \$1,667.47 - Other contributions were made offline - \$399.00 - and are included in the financial report. Disbursement for the net amount will take place on - November 1, 2024

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September 29, 2024 – The Moss extended family visited the museum for a tour of their legacies on display. Thirty-three (33) people were in attendance. A donation of \$40.00 was made to the organization.

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Tarrant County Black Historical & Genealogical Society, Inc.

Executive Director's Report for November 2024 –Board Meeting

November 2024 – 68 individuals visited the Lenora Rolla Heritage Center Museum **as of November 25th**. Due to the global pandemic known as COVID-19 (and now the Delta, Omicron and more variants still being discovered), affecting almost every part of life on a global scale, and in response to the declarations from federal, state, and local officials, **the museum will accommodate tours/visitations Monday-Friday during normal hours of operation or by appointment. Masks are still encouraged for all visitors.** COVID-19 and its variants are still around – Everyone is advised to wear a mask because the new variants are more deadly and are not easily detected.

November 6-8, 2024 – Megan Coca out of the office –attended a wedding – Ms. Bennie Ruth and I opened and closed during operating hours.

November 7, 2024 – Museum ceiling repair work began by Mark Young of Mark Young LLC – Work was completed on November 12, 2024 – Roof repair cost \$800.00 – Ceiling repair cost \$400.00. **This cost was covered by donations from Advisory Board members Glen Harmon and Mrs. Pearl Hunt.**

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November 19, 2024 – Megan Coca attended the “Cocktails and Details” at the Amon Carter Museum presented by Visit Fort Worth – An Evening Reception With Networking and Tourism Updates – Deborah Lewis and Ronnie Hunter were also in attendance. Thanks for representing TCBHGS.

November 20, 2024 –TCU Internship Program director and students created branding and logo concepts, as well as some other design items. I will share with everyone at the general TCBHGS Board meeting November 26, 2024.

Met with Deborah Lewis to reconcile TC Harambee Festival finances.

November 21, 2024 – The Franklin and Christene Moss exhibition ended. Mrs. Moss arranged for pick-up of items but failed to arrive. A message was left explaining and confirming museum hours. No response was received. Items can be picked up on Friday November 22 during museum hours. **Items were picked on the morning of November 26th**

November 26, 2024 – Submitted grant to Tarrant County Commissioners for 2025 Public Assistance Contract

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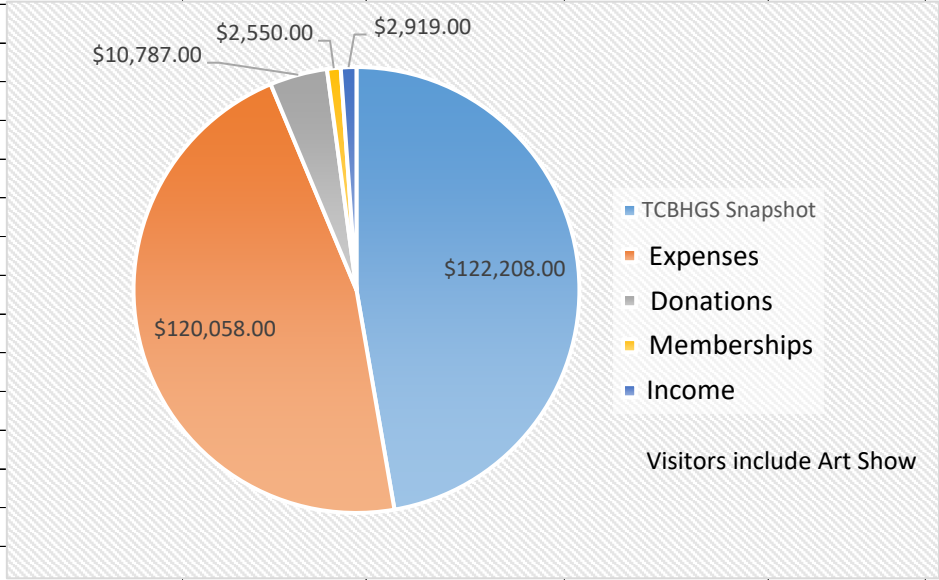
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TCBHGS Snapshot	2024 Budget	Annual Report			
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\$ 122,208.00	\$ 120,058.00	\$10,787.00	\$ 2,550.00	\$ 2,919.00	



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By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
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CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

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Date Acknowledged:

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SafeHaven of Tarrant County
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FY25 Public Asstnc Contract
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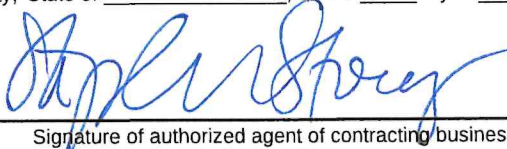
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My name is Stephanie Storey, and my date of birth is January 26, 1970.

My address is 1010 N. Center Street, Arlington, TX, 76011-8410, USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 24th day of February, 2025.
(month) (year)



Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)

SafeHaven of Tarrant County
FY24 / Year Ending 09/30/2024

Expense Classification	
Client Services	\$8,199,134.00
Adminstration	\$2,339,965.00
Fundraising	\$789,967.00
Total Expenses:	\$11,329,066.00
Persons Served	
Women and children who sought refuge in our shelters	1,615
Emergency hotline calls answered	13,903
Women and children provided independence in our housing program	356
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Entered Into on or After September 1, 2021
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[Not required if all contracting parties are governments]**

This Addendum relates to the following contract: Agreement between Tarrant County, Texas and Safe City Commission, Inc. (FY 2025)

FISCAL FUNDING ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Notwithstanding any language to the contrary, Vendor acknowledges TARRANT COUNTY is a governmental entity and agrees TARRANT COUNTY (customer) may terminate this Agreement for future fiscal years if sufficient funding is not appropriated or allocated.

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Vendor is EXEMPT from Certification regarding Energy Companies and Firearm Entities or Firearm Trade Associations:

Vendor is a sole proprietorship OR is a non-profit entity OR Vendor is a company that does NOT have 10 or more full-time employees AND/OR this contract does NOT have a value of \$ 100,000.00 or more that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity.

If the Vendor Cannot Certify that it is EXEMPT as Above, Vendor Must Certify as Follows:

Vendor is NOT EXEMPT and Certifies as follows:

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subsection (A).

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CERTIFIED by:



Signature of Certifying Person

Kenneth Shetter
Printed Name of Certifying Person

President & General Counsel
Title of Certifying Person

Safe City Commission, Inc.
Name of Vendor Company

4/11/2025
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FY 2025 Contract
One Safe Place Family Justice Center

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Kenneth Shetter, and my date of birth is 01/20/1972.

My address is 1100 Hemphill Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76104, USA
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 21st day of February, 2025.
(month) (year)

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)



Report on the Expense of County Funds and Program Activities
FY 2024

- I. Expenditure of Tarrant County Funds
 - a. \$80,000.00: A portion of the personnel expenses for 2 program directors, the president, executive vice president, 2 vice presidents and several part time security employees including salary, health insurance and payroll taxes.
 - b. \$20,000.00: A portion of occupancy expenses for One Safe Place including utilities, janitorial, waste, telephone and internet service.
- II. Program Update
 - i. Partners with staff on-site full-time:
 - 1. One Safe Place
 - 2. Alliance for Hope International
 - 3. Fort Worth Police Department Family Violence Unit, Sex Crimes Unit, Crisis Intervention Team and Victim Assistance.
 - 4. Clayton Youth Enrichment
 - 5. Empathy HQ
 - 6. Legal Aid of Norwest Texas
 - 7. MHMR of Tarrant County
 - 8. The Net
 - 9. The Shaken Baby Alliance
 - 10. Unbound Now
 - ii. Other partners offering services on-site:
 - 1. ACH Child & Family Services
 - 2. CAN Community Health
 - 3. Carrie's Closet
 - 4. Cheryl's Voice
 - 5. DFW Non-Profit Resource Group
 - 6. Families to Freedom
 - 7. Flor Yoga Institute
 - 8. Hagar's Heart
 - 9. Hairapy Center
 - 10. Methodist Justice Ministry
 - 11. New Day Services
 - 12. Partnership Home
 - 13. Tarleton State University – Institute of Violence Against Women & Human Trafficking
 - 14. Tarrant Area Food Bank
 - 15. Tarrant County District Attorney's Office
 - 16. Texas A&M School of Law
 - 17. The Parenting Center
 - iii. Satellite Location:
 - 1. GRACE in Grapevine
 - iv. Services Provided (Fiscal Year 2024)
 - 1. New Clients Served, including intake, assessment, safety planning, danger assessment and connected to partner agencies: 1,222 a 2% increase in previous fiscal year.
 - 2. Total number of duplicative in-person client visits for all agencies located at the family justice center: 35,795 a 60% increase in previous fiscal year.
 - 3. Conducted 11th Annual Camp Hope Texas programming which includes a week-long summer camp programming and monthly pathway activities. Programming is focused on creating hope and centered pathways through collaborative, trauma-informed care for youth (ages 7-17) exposed to trauma to believe in themselves, in others and in their dreams. A total of 277 youth are enrolled in Camp Hope Texas programming and 89 of those attended the week-long camp this year.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, **MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY**, a unit of local government, through its program known as the **TARRANT YOUTH RECOVERY CAMPUS**, provides substance abuse planning and advocacy for the residents of Tarrant County, Texas;

WHEREAS, **MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY**, through the **TARRANT YOUTH RECOVERY CAMPUS** provides drug and alcohol rehabilitation services to the youth and their families of Tarrant County;

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the program provided by **MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY**, through the **TARRANT YOUTH RECOVERY CAMPUS**, benefits the residents of Tarrant County, Texas, and hereby declares that this agreement is one of a professional service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY**, through the **TARRANT YOUTH RECOVERY CAMPUS** (“**MHMRTC**”), acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS** (“**COUNTY**”), acting by and through its County Judge.

MHMRTC and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

1. **MHMRTC** agrees to provide substance abuse planning services to the youth of Tarrant County, Texas, through the services provided by the Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus, such services to include assessment, referral, case management, residential care, day treatment, outpatient services and coordination of services.
2. **COUNTY**, for and in consideration of the services provided, agrees to pay to **MHMRTC** a lump sum payment of FIFTY THOUSAND AND NO/100 DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) for services rendered to the residents of Tarrant County, Texas for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024 and ending September 30, 2025.
3. **TO THE EXTENT ALLOWED BY TEXAS LAW, MHMRTC HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS COUNTY, ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS, OFFICIALS, AND EMPLOYEES FROM ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, INJURY OR CLAIM ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENT OPERATION OF ITS PROGRAM. SAID INDEMNIFICATION WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL AMOUNTS OF ALL CLAIMS, ATTORNEYS’ FEES, AND COSTS OF COURT.**

4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, **2025**.

Signed by:


AUTHORIZED AGENT
MHMR OF TARRANT COUNTY

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

**By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O’Hare
County Judge**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Criminal District Attorney’s Office*

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_____ **Date:** _____

MHMRTC TYRC Performance Outcomes FY25 YTD

Note: Data is Refreshed Monthly

Service Type	Measure	Location	Denominator	Numerator	Actual Percentage	Target
Intensive Residential - Youth	Youth Ongoing Treatment	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	10	10	100%	90%
Intensive Residential - Youth	Youth In School	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	10	9	90%	85%
Intensive Residential - Youth	Youth Completion	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	19	10	53%	52%
Intensive Residential - Youth	Youth Abstinence	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	10	10	100%	80%
Intensive Residential - Youth	Youth Not Arrested	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	10	10	100%	85%
Outpatient - Youth	Youth Abstinence	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	17	17	100%	55%
Outpatient - Youth	Youth Completion	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	78	17	22%	42%
Outpatient - Youth	Youth In School	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	17	15	88%	35%
Outpatient - Youth	Youth Ongoing Treatment	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	17	9	53%	55%
Outpatient - Youth	Youth Not Arrested	AdS - Tarrant Youth Recovery Campus (TYRC)	17	17	100%	80%

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13. **DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH, INC.** verifies that it does not boycott Israel and will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The term "boycott Israel" is as defined by Texas Government Code Section 808.001, effective September 1, 2017.

14. **DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH, INC.** acknowledges and agrees that it has fully, accurately, and completely disclosed all interested parties in the attached Form 1295, and has acknowledged the completeness of this disclosure by filing the Form 1295, attached as Exhibit A, with the Texas Ethics Commission as required by law.

15. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original copy of this Agreement, and all of which, when taken together, shall be deemed to constitute one and the same Agreement. The exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by electronic transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the parties and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the parties transmitted or executed electronically shall be deemed to be their original signatures for any purpose whatsoever.

SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.



AUTHORIZED AGENT
DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH, INC.

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

**By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge**

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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_____ **Date:** _____

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

**OFFICE USE ONLY
 CERTIFICATION OF FILING**

Certificate Number:
 2025-1274635

Date Filed:
 02/26/2025

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.
 Fort Worth, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

FY2025 Contract
 Outreach Services

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

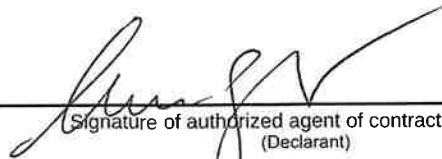
6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Andrew Taft, and my date of birth is 8/25/1963.

My address is 777 Taylor St Suite 100, Fortworth, TX, 76102, USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 26 day of February 2025.
(month) (year)



 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)



February 26, 2025

Chandler Merritt, County Administrator
Tarrant County Administration Building
100 E. Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Dear Chandler,

As required by our agreement, DFWI is pleased to provide this report to the Tarrant County Commissioner's court regarding the use of the \$49,000 grant to the Downtown Public Improvement District to help address downtown homelessness issues. 100% of the 2023-24 fiscal year funding was used to contract with Block by Block (Ambassador Program subcontractor) to provide homeless outreach services in downtown and around county facilities.

Our homeless Outreach Coordinator (once homeless himself), working in conjunction with the other Ambassadors, identifies the most frequently encountered homeless people in downtown and works on their needs with a heightened degree of focus.

The Outreach Coordinator, has received specific training in outreach work and strategic case-level management tactics and works 40 full-time hours engaging individuals experiencing homelessness. This includes relationship building, gaining trust and establishing rapport with a challenging population. While this relationship building is being done, he assesses their needs and formulates an approach to ending their homelessness given the community resources available and their ability to accept help.

During the last fiscal year, our Coordinator and Ambassador team:

- Logged 2,512 outreach interactions (health and welfare checks, updates regarding services/progress and situation follow-ups) with individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Personally escorted individuals to East Lancaster and other areas to locate services
- 48 individuals were referred to local agencies, services, faith-based organizations, family members or others that provide housing
- 14 (29%) successfully transitioned to housing for the homeless.
- 4 (8%) reunited with family or another party and left homelessness
- 19 (39.5%) are on housing lists

- 1,388 incidents of illegal camping were reported and addressed by the ambassadors or in concert with the Fort Worth Police Department's HOPE Unit or downtown patrol. The Sheriff's office has been very helpful as well.
- Our current roster of "persons of interest" with whom relationships are being made includes 14 individuals. (Down from about 50 when this program began.)

This PID program helps link Downtown stakeholders directly with people well versed in addressing homelessness matters. Downtown businesses, government agencies, merchants, churches and others that encounter homeless people in distress or otherwise in need of interdiction can call Paul Andrade at (817) 484-3723 to request an evaluation of the situation and organize needed action.

These services are available Monday through Sunday 7am-12am.

Downtown Fort Worth, Inc. appreciates the County Commissioners' continued commitment to helping address this important center city issue.

Sincerely,



Andy Taft
President, Downtown Fort Worth, Inc.

cc. Michael Bennett, Chairman of the Board
cc. Laura Bird, Chairwoman, PID # 1 Advisory Board

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, a need exists to encourage and promote the worth and dignity of individuals and families within Tarrant County;

WHEREAS, adults and children often require assistance with food, shelter, clothing, utilities and medical needs by means of direct and referral services;

WHEREAS, individuals may obtain this assistance by seeking services at the **CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS' COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERS PROGRAM'S ("CAPP")** neighborhood center;

WHEREAS, the **CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**, through its **CAPP** neighborhood center, provides this guidance and assistance to all eligible individuals;

WHEREAS, the **CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS**, through its **CAPP**, desires funds to help pay monthly rent for one **CAPP** neighborhood center located in southeast Tarrant County;

WHEREAS, both **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS** and **CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS** are providing, pursuant to this Agreement, a governmental function or service that each party to the contract is authorized to perform individually, specifically, pursuant to Section 81.027 of the Texas Local Government Code, a commissioners court may provide for the support of paupers, residents of their county, who are unable to support themselves;

WHEREAS, each party to this Agreement is making payments from current revenues available to the paying party;

WHEREAS, the Tarrant County Commissioners Court hereby finds that the programs and activities provided by **CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS** benefit the residents of Tarrant County, Texas, and hereby declares that this Agreement is for rental payments, which constitute an expenditure involving an interest in land; and

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS ("CITY")**, acting by and through its duly authorized agent, and **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS ("COUNTY")**, acting by and through its County Judge.

CITY and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

1. The **CITY**, through its **CAPP**, agrees to continue to provide neighborhood sites in various locations throughout Tarrant County for use by Tarrant County residents for the provision of assistance in the areas previously mentioned. As such, **CITY** agrees to continue paying any necessary monthly rent, utilities, staff cost and general upkeep, as needed, for one **CAPP** center located in southeast Tarrant County.

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Dana Burghdoff
Dana Burghdoff (Apr 10, 2025 18:01 CDT)

AUTHORIZED AGENT
CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS

COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Community *Action* Partners Program

Serving all of Tarrant County

Performance Report FY 2023-2024



Community Action Partners

City of Fort Worth

History

Community Action Agencies (CAA) are a direct outcome of the Economic Opportunities Act (EOA) of 1964. CAA were established to deliver a comprehensive array of social services at the grassroots level, empowering individuals to achieve self-sufficiency and break free from chains of poverty. This was made possible by the Community Services Block Grant Act of 1981. Locally, these services are channeled through the City of Fort Worth Neighborhood Services Department's Community Action Partners Program, which has been serving as the Community Action Agency for Tarrant County since 1981.

Since 1998, the City of Fort Worth and Tarrant County have been working in tandem to ensure that all county residents have unfettered access to the services offered through Community Action Partners. As the population of Fort Worth and Tarrant County continues to grow, so does the demand for these vital services. Currently, Tarrant County provides a \$30,000 grant that covers the rent and utilities for one Community Action Partners office, the Southeast Arlington CAP, located in the City of Arlington at 401 Sanford Street. This strategic location, co-located with other social service agencies, provides a 'one-stop shop' for many clients who require multiple services.

North Central Texas 2030 Demographic Forecast							
Tarrant County							
	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025	2030
Population	1,435,186*	1,620,761	1,746,082	1,909,469	2,047,553	2,184,869	2,291,723
Households	540,420*	608,127	653,358	716,420	770,619	821,149	862,121
Employment	864,360	985,109	1,077,319	1,168,731	1,265,489	1,340,172	1,388,247

SOURCE: North Texas Council of Government

Quick Census Facts for Arlington

The city of Arlington currently has a 12.9% poverty rate, higher than the county's 11.0% and higher than the rate for the entire US, currently at 11.1% (2023). However, Arlington's poverty rate has declined by 4.5% since 2015 and is at its lowest level since 2010.

Employment means travel time is 26.9 minutes one way, as large employment areas are either in Fort Worth, particularly the Alliance corridor, and Dallas.

20.8% of residents in Arlington are foreign born, and 35.0% of residents in Arlington speak a language other than English in the home.

Program Description

Community Action Partners (CAP) is funded through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and administers the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), the Low-Income Housing Assistance Program (LIHWAP), and the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). In addition, CAP receives funding from the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) and administers the Forward Home Veteran Assistance Grant and The Healthy Homes for Heroes Grant.

Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program

The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has made significant changes to the CEAP program, reducing the components from three to two, a change that has continued since PY 2019-2020. The two components, the Household Crisis Component (divided into HCC utility and HCC repair) and the Utility Assistance Component. The income eligibility criteria have also been updated; Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) is now listed as countable income. Another income change specifies that SSI recipients whose household income is over 150% of the Federal Poverty Limit are deemed categorically eligible with a maximum allocation of \$2,200. In 2020 TDHCA started requiring proof of legal status in the USA for all members of the applicant household, which has had an impact on the number of applications received and deemed eligible.

- **Household Crisis Program** - HCP for utilities for one household cannot exceed the maximum allocation set forth by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. For 2023-2024 the maximum allocation was \$2400 for households in the 0-50% of FPIG, \$2300 for households in the 51-75%, and \$2200 for households between 76-150%.
- **HCC- Repair**- Household Crisis Component allows for repair of HVAC systems or the purchase of window units or portable heating units. Maximum allocation is \$7500, and this program can only be accessed if the weather is 97 and above for 3 days during a billing cycle in the summer, or 35 and below in the winter months and for those priority households (elderly/disabled or families with children aged 5 and under) at any time of year.
- **Utility Assistance Component** – The intent is to assist those households with members who are considered priority, elderly or disabled or who have children ages 5 and under who tend to be the most vulnerable populations. This group can be assisted with up to 12 payments, not to exceed their maximum allocation (determined by their income). This component can also assist households without those members specified above, but their maximum payments are capped at 6, not to exceed their maximum allocation.

Low-Income Housing Water Assistance Program

The temporary Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program was authorized through the COVID relief bill passed in 2021. The program was extended until September 30, 2024. The funding is to assist low-income households with restoring, maintaining or preventing disruption of water services. Charges for other services, such as trash collection, stormwater fees and environmental fees are not eligible costs.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) supported programs

- **Families in Transition** - This case management program is designed to assist households in Tarrant County achieve economic self-sufficiency. Clients must show a desire to improve their current financial situation and show a desire to achieve stability. The caseworker assigned to the client will then work with the client on goals, will advocate for the client, will aid with job search and/or training programs and will be part of the client's support system. Funding is available to remove some of the barriers towards achieving economic self-sufficiency such as rent, tuition, books, transportation etc. Clients can be self-referred or referred by an agency. Household must be at or below 125%.
- **Envision Center**- This program is a centralized hub that provides resources and support to households that are seeking employment or are under employed. Clients assist with economic empowerment: offering tools and opportunities for financial stability, educational advancement; facilitating access to educational resources and programs; health and wellness; promoting overall physical and mental health through available services; character and leadership development; fostering personal growth and community leadership skills.

Veteran Services

- **Forward Home Veterans Program**- This program assists veterans/active soldiers/surviving spouses of veterans with rent, mortgage and utilities. The funding comes from the Texas Veterans commission and its funding year is July through June. It is open to any veteran, regardless of discharge status, or to their widow/widower. It can also assist active-duty personnel and/or their spouse.
- **Healthy Homes for Heroes**- This program assists with modification to ensure veterans, surviving spouses, and their families will be able to remain in a healthy home and independent lifestyle.

Partnerships

Community Action Partners has established partnerships with many private and public agencies to assist the most vulnerable households in Tarrant County. Some of these partnerships include the Tarrant County College District, Workforce Solutions, Community Learning Center, Educational Opportunity Center, Fort Worth Housing Authority, Tarrant County Housing Authority, the Women's Center, Catholic Charities, Texas AgriLife, GM Financial, Gateway Church, Texas Christian University, Texas Wesleyan University, NICA, United Way 211, Meals on Wheels, Arlington Urban Ministries, Mission Arlington, FUMC Mansfield, Center for Transforming Lives and The Salvation Army.

The program serves all eligible residents in Tarrant County. During FY 23-24 (October 2023-September 2024) Community Action Partners served 24,629 unduplicated individuals.

Program outcomes for the residents served by the Southeast Arlington CAP office listed in the following chart.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES: OCTOBER 1, 2023– SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

	Arlington	Funds Expended
All Programs		
UAC # of Households Served	747	\$1,036,765.07
# of Individuals Served	1119	
HCC Repair		
# of Households Served	6	\$44,927.00
# of Individuals Served	10	
Special Programs		
# of Households Served	19	\$5,695.26
# of Individuals Served	26	
Forward Home (Veteran Grant)		
# of Households Served	14	\$19,769.69
# of Individuals Served	32	
Healthy Homes for Heroes (Veteran Grant)		
# of Households Served	2	\$13,411.25
# of Individuals Served	2	
LIHWAP (Low Income Household Water Assistance Program)		
# of Households Served	28	\$5,219.24
# of Individuals Served	44	
Case Management		
# of Households Served	11	\$29,017.07
# of Individuals Served	34	

Community Outreach: We continued our community efforts and maintained partnership with the City of Arlington’s Water Department, City of Arlington’s Downtown and Southeast Libraries and Arlington Resource Center.

Sustainability

The economy is slowly turning around; however, low-income residents have experienced a high rate of eviction and have been unable to find affordable housing. This business trend has resulted in families using hotels as their home.

Residents have been able to access services as follows:

- Mail their application to the Central Intake Unit (forms are available at the Neighborhood Services Community Centers, including the one in Arlington at 401 W. Sanford, or by downloading the application from our website at www.fortworthtexas.gov/cap)

- Call 817-392-5795 or 817-392-2276 to have an application mailed to them
- Apply online via the online portal at www.fortworthtexas.gov/cap .

Access

For utility bill payment assistance (electric, gas, propane or HVAC repair), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is requiring proof of citizenship or legal alien status in the USA to be eligible. Unfortunately, there is still a segment of our target population (those who are undocumented) who will not be able to be assisted with these funds.

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**AUTHORIZED AGENT
ARTS COUNCIL NORTHEAST**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

**By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O’Hare
County Judge**

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OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Tarrant County Texas
 Hurst, TX United States

Certificate Number:
 2025-1292137

Date Filed:
 04/07/2025

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Arts Council Northeast

Date Acknowledged:

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

TC2025

Providing arts, crafts, music and dance to our community members including seniors, children and special needs individuals

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Nansii Downer, and my date of birth is 02/04/1954.

My address is 6521 Harmonson Rd (street), North Richland Hills TX (city), 76180 (state), 76180 (zip code), USA (country).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County County, State of Texas, on the 7th day of April, 2025.
 (month) (year)

Nansii Downer
 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)

February 27, 2025

Tarrant County Commissioners
Chandler Merritt
County Administrator
100 E. Weatherford St
Ft. Worth, TX 76196-0609

Re: Arts Council Northeast Grant 2024 Evaluation

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Arts Council Northeast (ArtsNET) Board and Staff, thank you for your generous support of ArtsNET programs in 2023 -2024. ArtsNET continues to evolve as a non-profit source of community engagement, arts, and education, collaborating with area art enthusiasts and cultural entities. The Board has addressed new challenges while prioritizing arts classes, MasterWorks music programs, and fundraising activities as goals. We continue to learn and grow.

Our Art on Wheels Program (AOW) continues to provide a creative outlet for seniors and young adults 18 and older with limited mobility due to health issues and/or transportation challenges. This past year we were able to add 2 new senior centers and have 2 more ready to start in 2025. ArtsNET continues to partner with SNAP (Special Needs Assistance Partners) and The Clubhouse for Special Needs, satisfying the need for connection and social interaction. We were able to bring AOW classes to the NE Mall during the spring and summer and have celebrated two Christmas seasons with them, welcoming Santa and having Mrs. Claus in our workshop helping the kids create lots of fun art. The Mall has reached out to us with a desire to do more community outreach and fundraising with us!! We are so excited to welcome them to our family!

This past year I changed positions from President to Executive Director, a paid position. Our 1 employee left in April so the Board asked me to step in and I did. It is a learning curve for sure but, I am enjoying getting to help those in our community even more now. We remain with just 1 part-time employee, myself, and an active Board. This September we plan to host The Taste of Northeast. This event has been one of our favorites and this marks the 25th year since it started. And ArtsNET turned 50!! And of course, Masterworks Concerts are in full swing. We are blessed.

The lives of many kids, seniors and disabled individuals were enriched through your support of ArtsNET and our programs. Thanks to you and your organization's support of the arts, these cultural opportunities for our communities will flourish. We hope to continue to count on your support in the years to come.

Sincerely,



Nansii Downer
Executive Director
ArtsNET

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, **2025**.



Wesley Gentle, President

**AUTHORIZED AGENT
ARTS COUNCIL OF FORT WORTH AND
TARRANT COUNTY**

**COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS**

**By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge**

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 Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Inc.
 Fort Worth, TX United States

Certificate Number:
 2025-1272527

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.
 Tarrant County

Date Filed:
 02/21/2025

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3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.
 FY2025 75-1158515
 FY2025 Public Service Contract funding to support local art organizations, enhancing their economic impact and strengthening community engagement through the visual, performing and literary arts.

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			Controlling	Intermediary

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6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Amy Rasor, and my date of birth is 06-24-1975.

My address is 1300 Gendy, Fort Worth, TX, 76107, USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 21 day of February, 2025.
(month) (year)

Amy Rasor
 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity (Declarant)

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February 21, 2025

Chandler Merritt
Tarrant County Administrator
100 E Weatherford Street, Ste 404
Fort Worth, TX 76102

Dear Mr. Merritt:

We are grateful for the continued commitment made by Tarrant County to support the arts through funds awarded to Arts Fort Worth. The \$5,000 awarded by the County for distribution in Fiscal Year 2023-2024 was applied to the funding of one or more of the grants approved by the Board of Directors of the Arts Fort Worth, as found at www.artsfortworth.org/who-we-fund.

This year Tarrant County funding reached 1,343,625 individuals in person last year, an increase of 304,544. Virtual program participants totaled 9,475, which is a decrease from 67,307 last year due to more individuals attending in person. We had 23,649,588 views of online presentations, an increase of 894,356. 52% of all programming was offered free to the public, an increase of 7%.

Arts Fort Worth also continued its partnership with Visit Fort Worth and the Tourism Public Improvement District, distributing \$410,000 to support the efforts of 9 cultural organizations with budgets over \$1 Million and \$85,000 to an additional 11 organizations with budgets under \$1 Million.

Also, Arts Fort Worth completed 5 public art projects while conserving a growing collection of over 160 public pieces for the City of Fort Worth. Artwork treatments and repairs totaled 185.

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On behalf of the arts organizations supported by Arts Fort Worth grants and our amazing arts community, thank you for your investment in Arts Fort Worth, and your belief that art happens together.

Sincerely,



Wesley Gentle
Executive Director & President

cc: KEHeidrich@tarrantcountytx.gov

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF TARRANT §

AGREEMENT

The Tarrant County Commissioners Court finds that residents of Tarrant County, Texas, are faced with the continuing challenge of child abuse and child sexual abuse, and that a need exists to facilitate continued provision of services to victims and the community to address this challenge.

The Commissioners Court finds that **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, INC.** can and does provide these services and currently provides three child friendly centers in Tarrant County, located in the City of Arlington, Fort Worth and Hurst, in which various governmental entities maintain staff and supplies in order that they may more efficiently conduct investigations of such abuse and protect the child victim from unnecessary trauma. Presently, local police departments, the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and the staff of the Criminal District Attorney of Tarrant County use the centers of **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, INC.** to conduct their investigations of this abuse.

The Commissioners Court finds that the services of **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, INC.** are in the nature of a professional service, and that the provision of these services furthers a public purpose in that they support investigations into child abuse, lessen the trauma to child victims, and address the clinical and educational needs of victims and the community regarding this issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, this **Agreement** is made and entered into this ____ day of _____, 2025, by and between **ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, INC.** ("**ALLIANCE, INC.**"), a private non-profit corporation chartered by the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its duly authorized agent and officer, and the **TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS** ("**COUNTY**"), acting by and through its County Judge.

ALLIANCE, INC. and the **COUNTY** agree as follows:

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Julie Evans

AUTHORIZED AGENT
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COUNTY OF TARRANT
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Vendor Certification Addendum to Tarrant County Contracts
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CERTIFIED by:



Signature of Certifying Person

Julie Evans

Printed Name of Certifying Person

CEO

Title of Certifying Person

Alliance For Children

Name of Vendor Company

4/10/25

Date Certified

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

1 of 1

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY CERTIFICATION OF FILING

Certificate Number:
2025-1272404

Date Filed:
02/21/2025

Date Acknowledged:

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

Alliance For Children
Fort Worth, TX United States

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

Tarrant County

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

FY25 Contract
Children's Advocacy Center

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.



6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Julie Evans, and my date of birth is 12/23/1976.

My address is 3609 Marquita Dr. FW TX 76116 USA.
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of TX, on the 21 day of Feb., 20 25.
(month) (year)

Julie Evans

Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)



Chandler Merritt, County Administrator
Tarrant County Administration Building
100 E. Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0609

Dear Mr. Merritt,

November 20, 2024

On behalf of the Board of Directors, our staff and team of multidisciplinary partners, and the many children and families Alliance For Children assists, I would like to sincerely thank Tarrant County for the \$220,841 grant awarded in support of our 2023 - 2024 Fiscal Year (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024). We are grateful for your longstanding partnership, and for continuing to champion our mission to protect Tarrant County children from child abuse through teamed investigations, healing services, and community education.

As Tarrant County's children's advocacy center, we operate from a fundamental belief that the best interests of a child abuse victim should be protected and honored. Children's advocacy centers provide a child-friendly environment where victims can feel safe talking about their trauma and focus on healing. Co-location with local law enforcement, the Department of Family and Protective Services (formerly Child Protective Services), prosecution teams, and medical and mental health professionals is essential to providing a coordinated, streamlined response while facilitating justice for child abuse victims and their protective caregivers.

Cross-sector collaboration is the cornerstone of Alliance For Children's service delivery model, as these partnerships facilitate discussions and the development of scalable, adaptable strategies that will improve our impact. Research and evidence-based strategies drive our processes to protect and provide healing for victims, while we continually evaluate current efforts and explore new methods to best serve and protect our community's most vulnerable children in the most effective manner possible. Widely regarded as leaders in our field and recognized for our progressive approach, we pride ourselves on our responsiveness to child abuse victims in need of our services.

To provide holistically for child victims, Alliance For Children's core services begin when a suspicion of child abuse is reported in Tarrant County. Our Multidisciplinary Team Coordination Program staff are the first to review allegations and evaluate case reports to identify those that rise to a criminal level, initiating the investigative and collaborative process amongst Alliance Fort Children staff and partners. Children suspected of being victims of physical or sexual abuse are evaluated and treated by one of our medical partners at Cook Children's Health Care System and JPS Health Network. These teams identify and address injuries requiring treatment to first ensure the health of the child and to collect forensic evidence for criminal prosecution when available.



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Confirmed victims of child abuse are interviewed by an Alliance For Children Forensic Interviewer specialized in child development, dynamics of abuse and question typology to elicit information in a non-leading manner on a developmentally appropriate level to the victim. Our team of Family Advocates act as a bridge between a family's involvement with the criminal justice system, child protective investigations, as well as a link to the social services and resources they may need. Advocates also coordinate case management, and court education and accompaniment to prepare victims of child abuse and their caregivers for the complex investigative and legal process. Clinicians provide evidence-based, trauma-informed individual therapy for children who have experienced trauma as well as group therapy, play, art and animal assisted therapy when appropriate. Furthermore, a team of Community Educators provide evidence-based educational programs to ensure both children and adults in our community gain the knowledge necessary to resist or responsibly respond to a suspicion of child abuse.

Coordinating these services helps children and protective caregivers navigate the necessary steps to provide a safe and healthy environment for their family so that child victims are able to fully realize they are survivors of abuse and not defined by it. With the support of protective caregivers and effective treatment, these children can recover without long-term, negative effects. The following highlights some of our accomplishments in our most recently completed Fiscal Year (October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024):

- 2,182 first-time child clients and their protective families were served at no cost.
- 28,721 child abuse case reports were screened by the Multidisciplinary Team Coordination Program, resulting in 13,139 referrals made to programs and services at Alliance For Children and area resources.
- 1,421 cases were coordinated at our case review meetings.
- 1,547 forensic interviews were conducted to assist investigating partners and reduce the re-traumatization of children who are receiving these interviews.
- 1,472 families received family advocate services, giving families the emergency needs, resources, and knowledge to navigate a complex legal system.
- 12,106 counseling sessions of trauma informed evidence-based therapy were conducted.
- 41,807 children were educated on personal body safety and how to recognize, resist, and report abuse or suspected abuse.
- 10,838 children were educated on Internet safety.
- 4,125 adults were educated in child abuse prevention and how to recognize and react responsibly to child abuse in Tarrant County.

Alliance For Children is experiencing a high number of families whose primary language is Spanish. To ensure we bridge the language divide for these clients during their difficult journey ahead, Alliance For Children has implemented a Bilingual Stipend Program this year. Through this program, we recognize and support the linguistic talents within our team members who utilize their bilingual proficiency essential for our Spanish speaking clients to be heard and understood. Furthermore, the ability to conduct forensic



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interviews for our Spanish speaking victims with staff fluent in both English and Spanish has been crucial in capturing high quality digital recordings to be utilized for investigative purposes. Although we have had bilingual staff located in all three of our investigative centers, we are now able to compensate participating bilingual staff who provide translation and interpretation services in person, through the review of digital material such as voice and text messages, printed material, or transcribing these into written form for our non-English speaking families.

Alliance For Children's team of expert Clinicians provide evidence-based, trauma-informed individual therapy for children who have experienced trauma to ensure healing is a reality for these victims. In recognition of the critical imperative for our therapists to stay abreast and trained in current effective counseling modalities, this year our agency provided in depth training for our counselors in EMDR (Eye Movement Desensitizing and Reprocessing) psychotherapy. This counseling modality helps survivors of trauma reprocess memories and make new connections, ultimately reducing the distress associated with the trauma. In successful EMDR therapy, the meaning of painful events is transformed on an emotional level, enabling healing to resume. Currently, 8 of our 19 therapists are EMDR trained and this December, that number will grow to 17. Granting our therapists the ability for training in multiple modalities broadens the tools they have available to usher our clients towards healing. At present, EMDR is recognized as the current leading evidenced based counseling modality for treating trauma across all ages.

The completion of our three-location capital campaign has allowed us to witness the positive impact of renovations, updates to technology and security measures, as well as the reunification of our clinical team at all three Tarrant County campuses. Alliance For Children is also executing a renewed strategic plan to effectively re-affirm the dedication of our staff, Board of Directors, and community partners to our mission in this upcoming Fiscal Year. We have learned that co-location and collaboration with local law enforcement, the Department of Family and Protective Services, prosecution teams, and medical and mental health professionals is essential to providing a coordinated, streamlined response and expedites justice for each child abuse victim and their family.

The reinstatement of our original model of continuum care with the co-location of all services goes beyond providing an easy exchange of case information, but also allows all teams involved to witness the healing these children receive, demonstrating how our efforts are life-changing for these children and their protective families. Additionally, we are delighted to see that many of the implementations to our security and technology features are providing a new level of commitment to not only our children, but also the efforts of our staff and partners in their provision of investigative and healing services.

As we turn the corner into our new fiscal year, we are excited to welcome the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office's Human Trafficking Unit to co-locate within our Fort Worth



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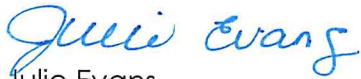


center. We know this on-site partnership will aide in our collective services to victims of crime.

The support provided by Tarrant County has been crucial to Alliance For Children's ability to serve every victim of child abuse who has come through our doors over the course of the past year, and toward our efforts to plan for the children and families who will need us in the future. With your help we were able to substantially further our impact on children and families affected by child abuse, providing them with the necessary tools to ensure healing is accomplished.

We remain truly grateful and proud to call you our partners in this fight against child abuse in Tarrant County.

With sincere gratitude,



Julie Evans
Chief Executive Officer



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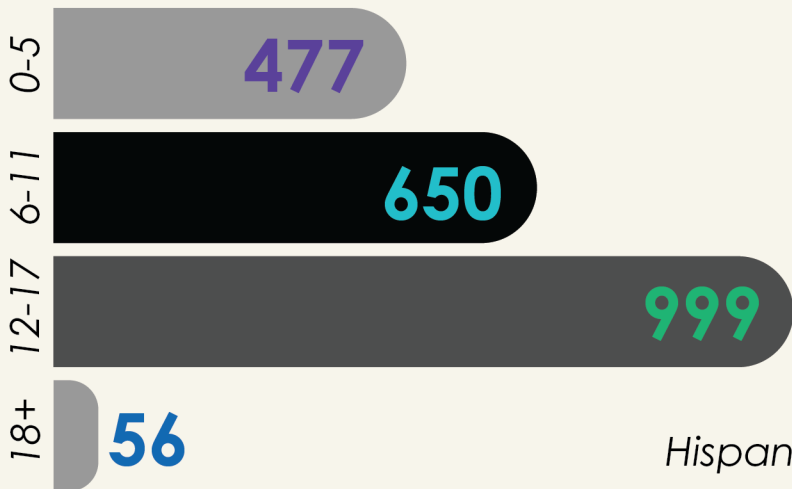
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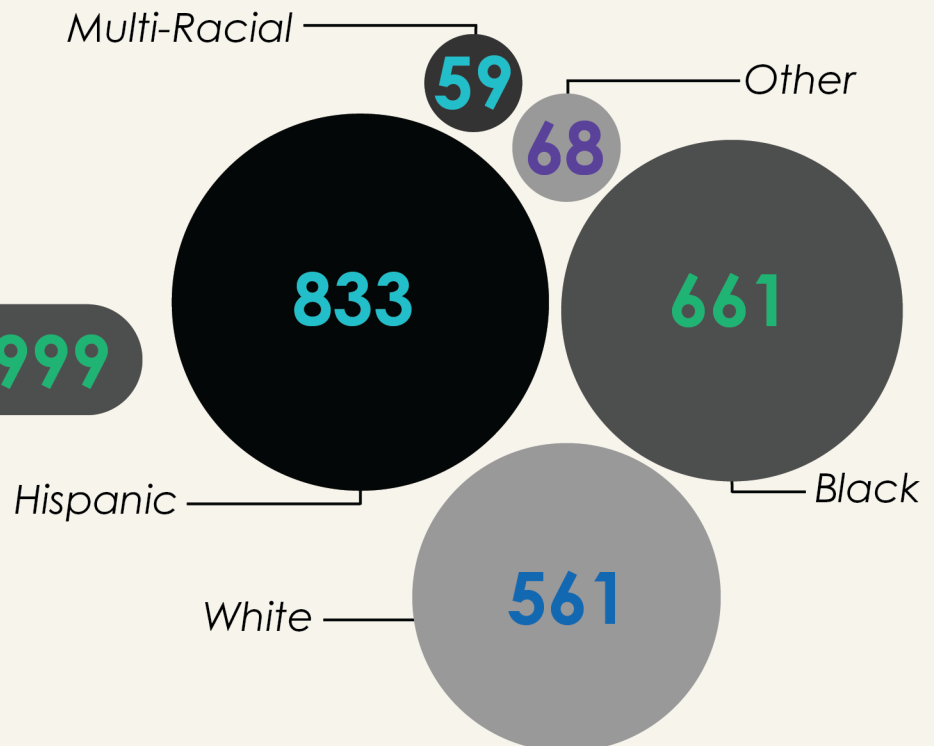
843 Continuing Clients Served by Alliance For Children

3,025 Total Clients Served by Alliance For Children

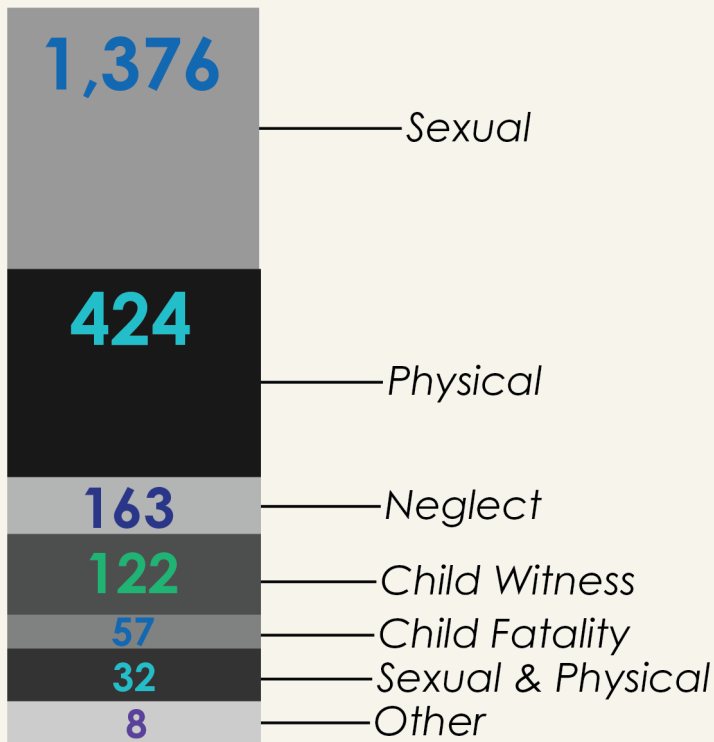
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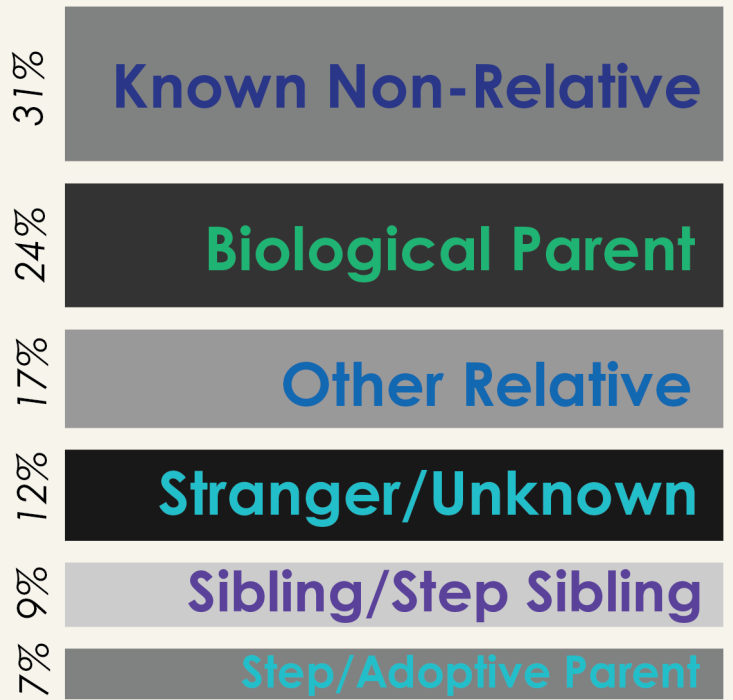
RACE/ETHNICITY



TYPE OF ABUSE



PERPETRATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM



OUR SERVICES

INVESTIGATIVE

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- 1,547** Forensic Interviews conducted.
- 1,421** Cases evaluated at Multidisciplinary Team Staffing.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

- 34,164** Children trained in personal body safety.
- 8,072** Children trained in Internet safety.
- 2,831** Adults educated in child abuse prevention.
- 9,598** Children & adults trained in other general presentations.

HEALING

- 1,472** Families received advocacy & support services.
- 249** Individuals received group counseling services.
- 807** Individuals received individual counseling services.
- 12,106** Counseling sessions provided to children & adults.

VOLUNTEER/ INTERNS

- 7,494** Total Volunteer/Intern hours provided.



4. Nothing contained in this **Agreement** shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto, nor by any third party, as creating the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint enterprise, common enterprise, joint venture, joint owners, or joint tenants between the parties. The parties hereby declare and acknowledge that the relationship existing is one of independent contractor. This **Agreement** does not and shall not be construed to entitle either party or any of their respective employees or officials, if applicable, to any benefit, privilege or other amenities of employment from the other party.

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SIGNED AND EXECUTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.



AUTHORIZED AGENT
ACH CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES

COUNTY OF TARRANT
STATE OF TEXAS

By: Separate Electronic Signature Page
Tim O'Hare
County Judge

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Criminal District Attorney's Office*

*By law, the Criminal District Attorney's Office may only approve contracts for its clients. We reviewed this document as to form from our client's legal perspective. Other parties may not rely on this approval. Instead, those parties should seek contract review from independent counsel.

CERTIFICATION OF FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

_____ Date: _____

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CERTIFIED by:



Signature of Certifying Person

Wayne Carson

Printed Name of Certifying Person

CEO

Title of Certifying Person

ACH Child and Family Services
Name of Vendor Company

April 10, 2025

Date Certified

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

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FY 2025 Contract
Public Assistance Contract

4	Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of interest (check applicable)	
			Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is Sarah Proctor, and my date of birth is 11/23/61.

My address is 3712 Wichita Street, Fort Worth, TX, 76119, Tarrant
(street) (city) (state) (zip code) (country)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Tarrant County, State of Texas, on the 24 day of Feb, 2025.
(month) (year)

Sarah Proctor
Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
(Declarant)



November 26, 2024

Mr. Chandler Merritt
Tarrant County Administrator
100 E. Weatherford Street, Suite 404
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

RE: FY24 Expenditures and Outcomes Report – Our Community Our Kids, a division of ACH Child and Family Services

Mr. Merritt:

In accordance with our funding agreement with Tarrant County, we are submitting to you the enclosed FY24 Expenditures and Outcomes Report. We greatly appreciate the financial assistance provided by Tarrant County that allows us to hire-ahead and train permanency specialists.

Our goal is to serve families and children in meaningful ways that promote long-term thriving. The community impact of this work can be great and our success can lead to stronger and healthier communities. Hiring staff ahead of when they're needed creates an environment where when we face the unfortunate incidents of turnover, we have staff ready to step in and continuity in serving children and families is maintained.

Tarrant County has been an incredible partner in supporting our workforce over the years, and this critical partnership is leading to better outcomes for our community.

If you require further information, please feel free to contact me at 817-502-1323.

Sincerely,

Jeff A. Wilson
Chief Financial Officer
Our Community Our Kids
Jeff.Wilson@oc-ok.org

PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

Contractor: OCOK Division of ACH Child and Family Services
Catchment: 3W
Contract Number: 24118890
Review Period: FY24 (DFPS Fiscal Year 09/01/2023 - 08/31/2024)

Performance Outcome	Indicator	Qtr 1	Qtr 2	Qtr 3	Qtr 4
		Rate	Rate	Rate	Rate
Safety	Safe in paid care	99.5%	99.2%	98.2%	98.2%
Placement Stability	Foster care placements per child	1.18	1.34	1.48	TBD*
Least Restrictive Placement	Percent foster care days in a foster home	84.4%	83.7%	83.5%	84.1%
Placement Proximity	Placed within 50 miles	TBD**	TBD**	67.7%	68.7%
Maintaining Connections	Sibling groups placed together in foster care	61.0%	62.1%	60.2%	65.0%
	Children placed with kin at 60 days	38.9%	39.0%	38.0%	38.8%
Youth are fully prepared for adulthood	Turning 18 years old completing PAL	90.0%	97.6%	98.5%	98.9%

*DFPS has not yet released the final calculation

**DFPS is recalculating these amounts due to the additional 3 counties being included as of April 1, 2024.

EXPENDITURES REPORT

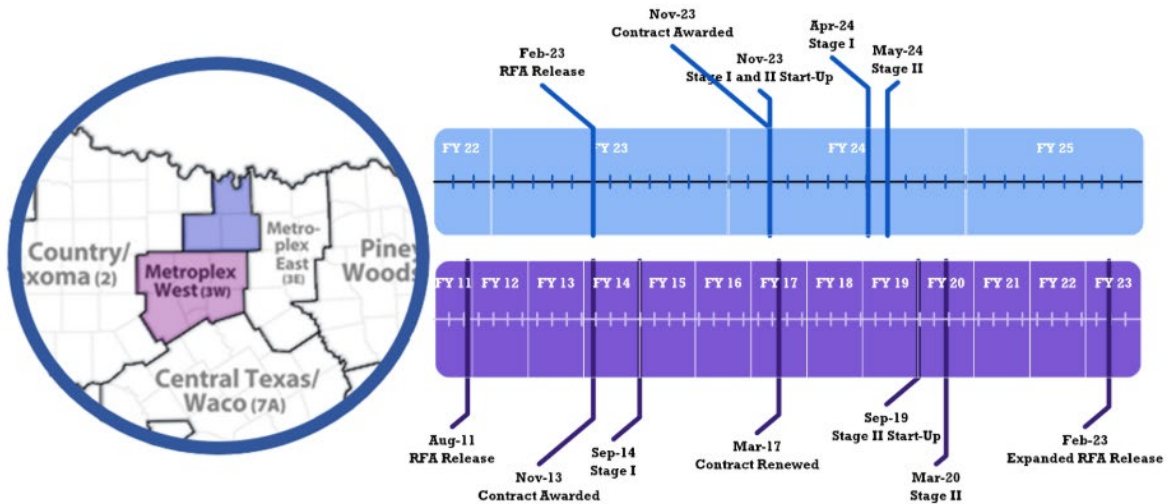
10/01/2023 - 09/30/2024

Amount	Description
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52,231.71	OCOK Permanency Specialist - Date of Hire: 09/05/2023
49,639.41	OCOK Permanency Specialist - Date of Hire: 09/18/2023
48,096.88	OCOK Permanency Specialist - Date of Hire: 09/18/2023
64,085.61	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
\$ 310,568.73	Total Expenditures

\$ 300,000.00 Funding provided by Tarrant County

Update for Metroplex West - Our Community Our Kids (OCOK)

The Metroplex West community is comprised of Cooke, Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise Counties. The visual below depicts the timeline of this community’s CBC progress.



Metroplex West Expansion

Our Community Our Kids (OCOK), a division of ACH Child and Family Services began as the SSCC in the Metroplex West designated community area for the seven counties of region 3b on January 1, 2014. The SSCC region 3b contract expired in August 2023. Through the competitive procurement process, DFPS awarded OCOK with the SSCC contract for all 10 counties in Metroplex West on November 1, 2023. OCOK began serving the children of the Metroplex West designated community area for the northern three counties of Cooke, Denton and Wise in Stage I on April 1, 2024. DFPS certified Stage II readiness and OCOK began providing case management and all substitute care services to children and families in the northern three counties of Cooke, Denton and Wise in Stage II on May 1, 2024.

Stage 3

In 2010, the Foster Care Redesign model, now Community-Based Care (CBC), set out to make a shift from contracts focused on per diem payments for services that were hard to align with what children need in the way of care to a performance-based contract with stronger fiscal ties to outcomes. The community-based care model was planned in three stages of implementation in

each designated community area (DCA). The state statute for stage 3 provides authority for the Department to conduct a performance review of an SSCC contractor beginning 18 months after the contractor has begun providing case management and allows financial penalties and incentives to be given. In Stage III, SSCCs will be evaluated based on how well they safely exit children to positive unpaid placement settings from paid foster care placement. OCOK began stage 3 on March 1, 2024 for the original seven counties of the area previously known as region 3b. The final report from DFPS regarding the stage 3 performance of OCOK for the time period of March 1, 2024 through August 31, 2024 is expected to be released in spring 2025.

Kinship

Kinship remains an important area of focus for OCOK knowing that it should be the first placement and is the best placement for the youth we serve. OCOK continues to work to have youth placed with kin by day 60, thanks to immediate and intensive family finding and engagement and promoting licensure for those families who are eligible. Additionally, Kinship staff are offering professional development sessions for stakeholders to learn about how we work as a community to better promote kinship placements and connections for youth. The percentage of OCOK foster children placed with their relatives in kinship placements has increased from 24% in 2022 to 34% in August 2024.

Siblings Together

OCOK has utilized data and strategies to work to bring more of our siblings together. Committing resources to focus specifically on siblings, OCOK was able to increase our percentage of siblings placed together from 61.3% in FY22 to 65% in FY24, which exceeds the statewide percentage of 58.3%. Efforts continue to ensure that our siblings not only are being placed together initially but are brought together as soon as possible if initial placement is not found that keeps them together. Foster and kinship families are working as great partners in their commitment to work with OCOK to ensure sibling connections are maintained.

Placement Proximity

A key component of community-based care is having our children in foster care placements that are as close to their home community as possible. DFPS has defined this performance measure as the percentage of children that are in foster care placements within 50 miles of their home. OCOK has partnered with 8 child placing agencies within our provider network in order to target and focus our foster home capacity building efforts in the 10 county area of Metroplex West. By adding more safe and therapeutic foster homes in our counties, we will be able to keep more of our children placed in their home communities and in family settings. In FY24, OCOK was successful in keeping 68.7% of our children within 50 miles of their home community, which exceeds the statewide percentage of 54.6%.