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Texas Women's Foundation's Three Giving Circles Distributed More than \$2.14 Million Since Inception

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Sisterhoods of shared cultures help their respective communities

DALLAS, Texas, February 10, 2022 – Texas Women's Foundation (TXWF) announces that its three giving circles have distributed \$2,144,000 since they were founded. These giving circles include Orchid Giving Circle at TXWF (Asian/Asian American); The Village Giving Circle at TXWF (African American) and Hispanic 100 (H100) Giving Circle at TXWF. In 2021, the circles contributed \$657,000 in grants to 65 nonprofits in 2021.

According to Miki Woodard, TXWF president and CEO, "Brava to all our giving circles! Each giving circle represents a sisterhood of shared cultures and experiences, and together, their giving has had a positive impact on the Asian/Asian American, African American and Hispanic communities that have received these important grants during a time of great need."

Orchid Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation

Orchid Giving Circle at TXWF celebrated its seventh year in 2021 by distributing a record \$247,500 in grants to 20 nonprofit organizations that serve the North Texas Asian community.* The group also gave the first-ever leadership grants for professional development to two Asian leaders. Over the past seven years, the giving circle has granted \$1,078,000 to 30 nonprofits.

Orchid Giving Circle at TXWF was launched in 2015. The group has provided grants in education, housing, healthcare, arts and culture, social services and more to the North Texas Asian community. It is also a member of the [Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy](#).

The founders include **Arang Cistulli, Kim Cummings, Sejal Desai, Loh-Sze Leung, Caren K. Lock, Mylinh Luong, Lynette Payne, Gowri Sharma, Thear Suzuki, Charmaine Tang, Anne Woods, Cynthia Yung, Trea Yip and Radhika Zaveri**. For more information about Orchid Giving Circle and grants, visit <https://www.txwf.org/orchid-giving-circle/> or email orchidgivingcircle@gmail.com.

The Village Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation

In 2021, The Village Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation gave a record \$260,000 in funds to 16 nonprofit organizations whose missions support the African American community in North Texas.* Since 2017, the group has given \$791,000 in grants to 45+ nonprofits.

Established in 2017, The Village's mission is to honor, sustain and expand the legacy of African American women's philanthropy by funding organizations and initiatives that positively impact the African American community in North Texas. The Village was borne out of a desire to harness the collective giving power and influence of female African American philanthropists and provide opportunities for connection.

Founding officers include **A. Shonn Brown, Lisa Montgomery, Cheryl Alston, Christa Brown-Sanford, Annika Cail, Frances Cudjoe-Waters, Vera Ingram, Diane Reeves and Shawn Wills**. For more information about The Village Giving Circle and grants, visit <https://www.txwf.org/village-giving-circle/>.

Hispanic 100 (H100) Latina Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation

In 2021, the Hispanic 100 (H100) Latina Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation awarded a record \$150,000 in grants to 29 North Texas area nonprofits serving the needs of Latina women and girls in low- and moderate-income communities.* The giving circle has contributed \$275,000 since 2020.

The H100 Latina Giving Circle at Texas Women's Foundation was established in 2019 by the Hispanic 100 Network to further engage Latinas in philanthropy, and to expand resources for local organizations whose mission is to empower, educate and support Latinas across North Texas. Founding officers include Cristina Zertuche Wong, Patricia Rodriguez Christian, Lucinda Rocha and Linda Valdez Thompson. To learn more the H100 Latina Giving Circle, visit <https://www.txwf.org/h100latinagivingcircle/> or email H100latinagc@txwf.org.

About Texas Women's Foundation:

Texas Women's Foundation is Transforming Texas for Women and Girls, empowering them to build stronger, more equitable communities. One of the world's largest women's foundations, the Foundation raises funding from a broad base of donors, including individuals, foundations and corporations. These resources support more than \$10 million in investments that advance economic security and leadership for Texas women and girls through groundbreaking research, advocacy, grants and programs. Since inception in 1985, the Foundation has invested \$67 million in women and girls, including \$53 million since 2011. The Foundation's statewide research on issues affecting women and girls provides decision-makers and lawmakers with critical data to inform policies, practices and programs in the state. Its advocacy, grantmaking and innovative programs support solutions that help Texas women and girls thrive. In addition, Texas Women's Foundation is an acknowledged leader and advocate in the gender lens investing movement and has deployed 100 percent of its assets – endowments, operating investments and donor-advised funds – in a gendered impact portfolio that yields strong financial returns and social benefits to women and girls. For more information, visit www.txwf.org, [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) or [Instagram](#) or [donate now](#)

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***Giving Circles' 2021 Grants and Information:**

Orchid Giving Circle at TXWF:

The program included grant distributions to 20 deserving nonprofit organizations for specifically helping Asians and Asian-Americans:

- Asian and Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund (APIA): Scholarships
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice: Demographic research
- Asian Breast Health Outreach (Methodist Richardson Medical Center Foundation) – Breast health outreach and mammograms
- Asian Film Foundation of Dallas: Asian and Asian-American women filmmakers
- Children's Advocacy Center of Denton County: Mental health services
- Communities in Schools of North Texas: Support for Chin students in Lewisville
- Dallas Chinese Community Center: Life skills, youth leadership and inclusion programs
- Dallas Holocaust and Human Rights Museum: Japanese/American WWII exhibit
- DFW Hub Center for Health: Access and affordable healthcare support
- Fort Worth Area Habitat for Humanity: Home construction for Myanmar refugee
- IGNITE: Building Political Power in Asian American Young Women: Political training and mobilization
- International Rescue Committee Inc.: Staff support to assist refugee women
- Literacy Achieves: Family Literacy Program for immigrant and refugee families
- Mosaic Family Services Inc. Services for those surviving family violence or human trafficking
- Richardson Adult Literacy Center: ESL and workforce readiness for low-income
- SAAVETX (Register2Vote Fund): Support for South Asian American Voter Empowerment
- The Senior Source: Foster Grandparent Program
- Texas Muslim Women's Foundation Inc.: Peace in the Home program
- Vickery Meadow Youth Development Foundation: College readiness program
- Wellness Center for Older Adults: Healthcare services for low-income Plano seniors

Diana Mao, founder of Nomi Networks and a Texas Women's Foundation Young Leader Award honoree in 2021, and Dr. Koshi Dingra, talkSTEM founder, both received the Orchid Giving Circle's first professional development grants to develop additional leadership skills.

The Village Giving Circle at TXWF:

Grants included the following:

- At Last Inc. – Operational support for residential scholar program
- Big Thought – Arts-as-workforce intervention program
- Bonton Farms – Urban farm providing fresh food options and support to residents
- Bridges Safehouse Inc. – Trauma-informed parenting classes
- Dallas Black Dance Theatre – Scholarships for students
- GEMS Camp – Online and in-person camps and after-school programs
- Golf 3:16 – Golf mentorship program
- HOPE Farm – Young men's leadership development program
- Mercy Street – Mentoring program

- Promise House – Maternity group home program for teen moms
- The Senior Source – Senior companion program
- St. Philip’s School and Community Center – Early childhood program
- The Compelling Why – Seminars and leadership programming for middle and high school Black students
- Under 1 Roof – Funds for homeless families and individuals
- Werthing Foundation, Inc. – Girl Power Academy program
- Youth Revive Inc. – Ignite Me Action Civics empowerment program

Hispanic 100 (H100) Latina Giving Circle at Texas Women’s Foundation

Grants were given to the following organizations:

- Avance-Dallas – Parent-Child Education Program and Leadership Academy
- Bryan’s House – Family Support Services program
- Buckner Children and Family Services, Inc. – Educational and parenting programs
- Cara Mia Theatre – Salaries for Latinas in LUCHADORA! premiere
- Catch Up & Read – Teacher training and tutoring
- The Compelling Why – Seminars and leadership programs for students
- The Concilio – Parents Advocating for Student Excellence program
- Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center – Translation and interpretation costs
- Family Compass – Growing As Parents Program in Collin County
- The Family Place – ESL teacher salary and Spanish therapy toys and resources
- First3Years – Free access to Spanish trainings on infant topics
- Genesis Women’s Shelter – Clinical counseling and advocacy programs
- Healing Hands Ministries Inc. – Primary and preventative healthcare
- Hope Clinic of McKinney – Operational support for healthcare in Collin County
- ImmSchools – Expansion of monthly communications with immigrant families
- Jolt Initiative – Leadership development programming for young Latinas
- Jubilee Park Community Center – Economic self-sufficiency programs
- LiftFund – DFW Women’s Business Center program
- Literacy Achieves – Bilingual staff costs for English Literacy and Life Skills program
- Metrocrest Services – Support for Hispanic female-led households
- Mommies in Need -- Support for Annie's Place at Parkland Hospital
- Our Friend’s Place – Program and staff salary costs
- Rosa es Rojo – Virtual Wellness Community Center salary and costs
- SafeHaven of Tarrant County – Salaries for two bilingual case managers
- SER Jobs for Progress National, Inc. –SER STEM funds for girls to learn and compete in robotics
- Viola’s House Inc. – Maternity outreach program for new and expectant teen moms
- Wesley-Rankin Community Center – Girls of Hope and Girls of Honor courses
- Wilkinson Center –Integrated El Civics that trains ESL students for industry jobs
- Young Women’s Preparatory Network – Support of Respect Starts Here program