

TEA
FUND

ANNUAL REPORT

2020 – 2021

A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:



Our fiscal year 2020 – 2021 was a very different year for all of us.

Covid-19 continued to create extreme and life altering hardships for many people around the world including folks navigating abortion barriers here in Texas. We had so many hopes and plans for what might be next to come as we entered this fiscal year. As we made our way

through this year we did find hope, support and community to be what helped us and the folks that we serve to get through the year.

We are so proud to have served our community by assisting North Texans in accessing abortion care for 16 YEARS! TEA Fund has rapidly been making reproductive rights a reality for our community for almost 2 decades. We have been fighting restrictions to abortion, expanding access of abortion and shifting the narrative of abortion in Texas to ensure that future Texans are able to live in thriving communities.

We learned that mutual aid and community centered work is necessary for all of us and in an effort to support our community we created a number of virtual experiences for our supporters that were fun, inspirational and educational. We wanted to have a little something for everyone and the TEAm here did an amazing job. For the first time ever, we had a virtual Fund-A-Thon and a virtual First Bloom, which both exceeded our fundraising goals. We gained more sustainable financial contributions by increasing our monthly donors with our GEM campaign asking our dedicated supporters to Give Every Month.



We increased our social media presence by shifting our website platform, investing in new donor and community engagement software, launching a TikTok internship and getting really creative in shifting the narrative of abortion towards reproductive justice on social media.

Our TEAm grew as well, as we hired our Advocacy and Outreach Director and expanded to have a Rosie's Law Campaign Director. We expanded our board of directors and supported a lot of budding abortion advocates with internship opportunities.

Add to everything, 2021 being a legislative year fighting over 40 anti abortion bans brought by anti abortion extremist in power in our legislature. We worked in coalition with partners to fight the most harmful and extreme laws our state has seen in years, including the most extreme abortion ban in our country, Senate Bill 8. We fought hard, testifying in Austin, in-person because there were not virtual options offered to Texans during a global pandemic. We rallied our supporters to fight alongside us, writing their representatives and providing public testimony.

We chanted in the streets and sounded the alarms to media outlets letting them know how harmful this abortion ban would be, not only for Texans, but for our nation. It's been a year of extreme highs and lows that have tested all of us at TEA Fund. We have been taking extra time to care for ourselves and one another and prioritizing self-care for our volunteers and supporters.

When I think about how much we did during our Sweet 16 year, I am amazed at how much TEA Fund grew and was also able to flourish during a time of such uncertainty. Anchored by our newly crafted values with a vision for a future that our communities deserve, we are helping to bring more access to abortion for Texans. We showed up for our callers, for ourselves, for each other, and for our communities, which is something I am proud to know we will continue to do.

Kamyon Conner | LCSW (She/Her)

NEW TEA FUND PROGRAMS

TEXT LINE

In October 2020 TEA Fund launched a text line where people seeking abortion care can reach out to us. Our text line is an accessible way for people who need care to connect with resources. We provide information on where to get care, connect with support systems, and get funding for their procedures. All of our text line conversations are secure and private— it is important to us to protect folks accessing care in Texas.

Text line volunteers responded to

**1152
texts**

this fiscal year



**Need an abortion?
Support is just a text away.**

844-TEA-Fund (844-832-3863)

PATH

TEA Fund's Post Abortion Truth and Healing (PATH) provides a space for emotional support through group interactions and engagements for people who have had abortions. All information shared in the group is confidential. This has become so important for TEA Fund after hearing from many callers that they did not know anyone else who had an abortion. TEA Fund is creating a space for folks to be open about their abortion experiences, thus building a community of support for people who have had abortions. 50% of our clients move on to support TEA Fund work. Our PATH group is leading the way.



PATH grew by 58% in 2021

FROM PATH MEMBERS

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I felt very alone in my experience when I had my abortion. I wish I had had this support back then.

PATH is a wonderful community full of incredible people who've had abortions :)

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VIRTUAL CLINIC COMPANION

The pandemic called for increased safety measures which caused tighter restrictions on health care facilities, including abortion clinics. Typically, our clients would be allowed to have a support person accompany them, or at the very least have some support from a clinic escort.

As a result of COVID, many abortion seekers have been navigating their procedures without a support person. Due to this increased need for support we expanded our text line and shifted the focus of our Abortion Doula program to a Virtual Clinic Companion program as a valuable companion for our clients who want additional emotional support.

HELPLINE



51% of callers that contacted us for support paying for their abortions were able to receive assistance from TEA Fund during this fiscal year. With additional financial support resourcing our helpline we could help more people. It is our DREAM to provide abortion funding for every caller.

It would cost \$1.5 million per year for our Helpline budget to support every caller. This is why your BOLD giving to TEA Fund is so necessary.

WHO WE SERVE

\$452,156

funds committed for abortions

4,776

Number of calls that came into helpline

1384

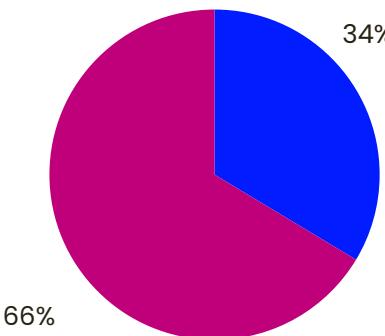
Number of people funds were committed to

\$327

Average assistance grant offered per client

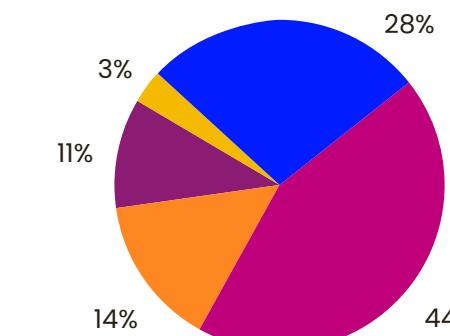
66%

of callers are parents



72%

of clients are folks of color



TEA Fund Parenting Data

Does not have children
Has children

Ethnicity of TEA Fund Clients

No response
Caucasian Non-Hispanic/White
Hispanic/Latinx
Other
African American/Black

WHO WE SERVE (CONT'D)

47%

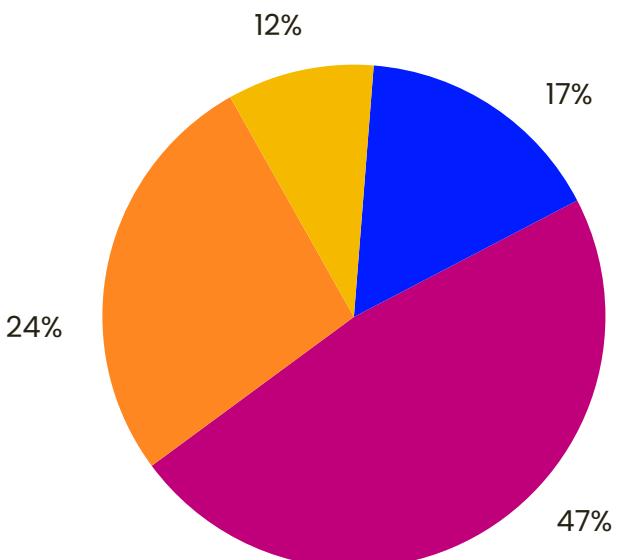
of Clients have no health insurance

24%

of Clients have Medicaid or Medicare insurance

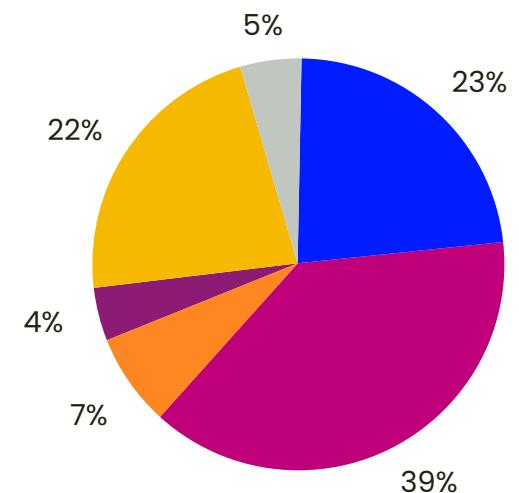
12%

of Clients have private health insurance



Funds Committed by Insurance

- Did not Disclose if they had health insurance
- Reported Having No Health Insurance
- Reported Having Medicaid or Medicare
- Reported Having Private Insurance



Age

Age Group	Percentage
30-39	23%
22-29	39%
20-21	7%
18-19	4%
Under 18	22%
Undisclosed	5%

FIGHTING **ABORTION RESTRICTIONS**

Highlights from the 87th TX Lege session

TEA Fund worked in coalition with our partners to fight over 44 anti abortion bills with the worst one being Senate Bill 8. This was one of the most difficult legislative sessions that we ever faced. We fought hard to combat these harmful restrictions. Here are some Highlights of our work during the session.

Session began with us gearing up for our Rosie's Law campaign along with our coalition partners Frontera Fund and Lilith Fund. Rosie's Law is named in honor of Rosie Jiménez, a 27-year-old beloved mother, student and young Chicana living in McAllen, Texas, who lost her life in 1977 because Medicaid would not cover her abortion care. She could not afford to pay

for a safe, legal procedure and died after an unsafe abortion. For people like Rosie who are struggling to make ends meet, insurance bans can make it impossible to see a licensed health provider here in Texas. Rosie was the first known victim of the Hyde Amendment, which banned Medicaid coverage of abortion care in 1976.

No one should be denied abortion care because of how much money they make or how they get their health insurance. Whether they have private or government-funded health insurance, it is important for every Texan to be able to get the full range of reproductive health care, including annual screenings, birth control, prenatal care, and abortion.



ROSIE'S LAW

Rosie's law- ROSIE'S LAW-Lilith Fund and TEA Fund partnered to hire the first ever Legislative Campaign Coordinator in preparation for the 2021 legislative session and our Rosie's Law campaign. Legislative champions State Representative Sheryl Cole and State Senator Eckhardt not only introduced Rosie's Law this year, but we worked with their staff to equip them with messaging, scripts, and polling results. We built new relationships with the Texas Women's Health Coalition, dozens of other legislators and staff, and strengthened our existing ties with TRA coalition partners. Feel free to check out the Rosie's law website at rosieslaw.org

Rosie's law strives to lift the state Medicaid funding ban for abortion care; add abortion care to the list of services covered by the Texas Medicaid program; and lift the 2017 health coverage ban for abortion care through private insurance plans and through federal health insurance marketplace plans.



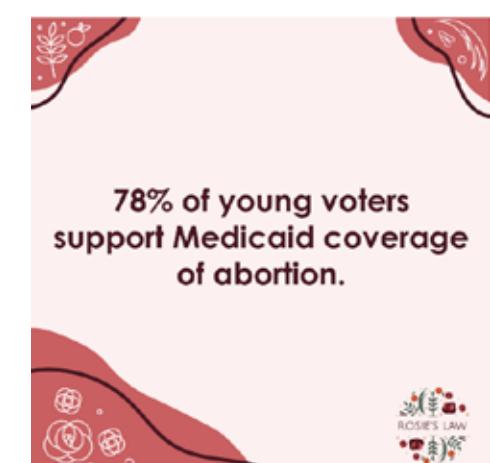
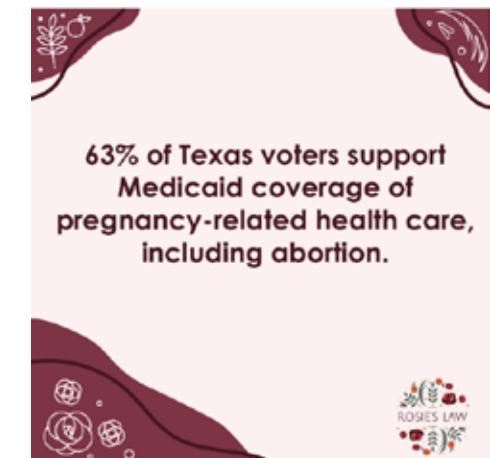
HART RESEARCH

POLLING

TEA Fund, in partnership with All* Above All, Frontera Fund, Lilith Fund, and Hart Research Associates, conducted our first ever public opinion research poll of Texans and their views on abortion coverage. The results helped inform our work and provide us with messaging to reach and expand our bases.

Through this poll, we were able to learn The poll results informed us that 82% of Texas voters across the political spectrum, including 75% of conservative voters, are with us and believe that people should have both public and private insurance coverage for abortion without interference from politicians. It also shows that almost half of Texas voters do not know that abortion is legal in our state, affirming that much educational work is still needed and that more Texans must know their rights regarding abortion access.

We presented the poll results to legislative members and staff at a legislative briefing and to our Trust. Respect. Access. (TRA) Coalition partners.



RALLIED WITH OUR PRO PARTNERS

for public testimony stories at the Public Health Committee hearing on April 7, 2021. Our coalition testified against 8 anti abortion house bills.



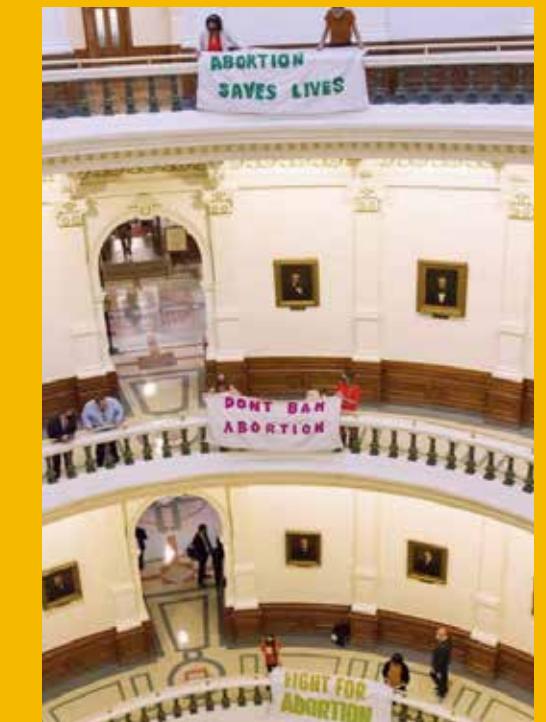
Banner drop in Dallas against SB8/ HB1515



Above: Kamyon giving testimony reading the story of someone who has had an abortion.



Below: Banner drop at the Texas Capitol rotunda the day SB was voted into law to go into effect on September 1st.





WE LED A POWERFUL TEXAS ABORTION FUNDS ADVOCACY DAY

on 3/23 that engaged 75 supporters and we met with 33 legislative offices about our pro-abortion agenda. TEA Fund partnered with other Texas abortion funds to engage 16 legislators to support our advocacy agenda, which included private and Medicaid coverage of abortion.



Kamyon, ED of TEA Fund during the virtual abortion funds advocacy day.

TEA Fund and other Texas-based reproductive rights advocates and partners launched a local initiative to build power and a base in our state with the Texas Abortion Access Network (TAAN).

This coalition serves to educate supporters about the barriers to abortion in Texas as well as equip them with skills to advocate against anti-abortion bans. TAAN has successfully launched two cohorts of eager supporters ready to take action to support abortion access. TAAN also maps out the locations of where these local anti-abortion ordinances have been proposed, their status, and resources to advocate against them.



TEA FUND VALUES

During this fiscal year TEA Fund intentionally created time and space to develop our values that highlight our programming and the ways in which we support abortion access. These are things that inform and guide our work at TEA Fund



DIVERSITY

We will center the voices and experiences of people who need abortions, BIPOC, LGBTQIA+, Disabled and Gender Non-Conforming Texans in the work we do at TEA Fund.



AUTONOMY

We believe everyone should have the right to make decisions about their bodies—including abortion—and that everyone should have access to care that affirms their lived experiences. We believe in peoples' right to parent (or not), create thriving families, and have support that is grounded in community.



RESPECT

We demand that everyone be treated with dignity and compassion. We believe accountability is critical to our work and the communities we center.



COMPASSION

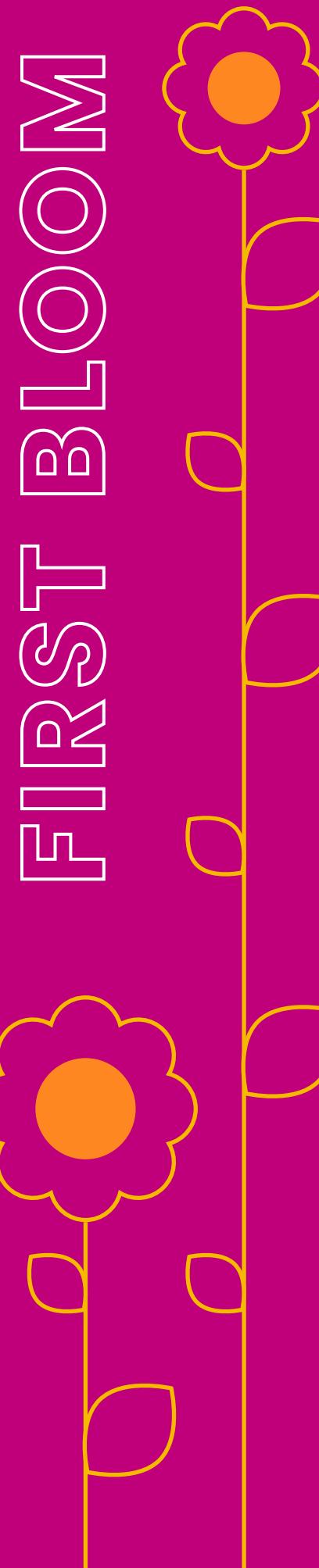
We understand that compassion is integral to how we work. We approach our work through an intersectional lens and believe self care is a necessary radical act.

TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

FUND A THON

This year TEA Fund hosted our very first virtual Fund-A-Thon (in place of our usual annual Bowl-A-Thon) and we had a virtual talent show. We had lots of great prizes from local businesses who support our mission. It was a really fun event and we learned that we can do a really great virtual fundraising event.

Right: Hulu donated a Handmaid's Tale special edition Levi's jacket. **Below:** A local comic store donated some fun prizes.



TEA Fund also hosted our annual luncheon and awards banquet virtually. Our awardees each recorded videos of themselves virtually accepting their awards and we presented them during the virtual meet.



Adrienne Artega
Volunteer of the Year



Jess Hale
Volunteer of the Year



Re+Birth Equity Alliance
Expanding Access Award



Stephanie Drenka
Media Ally Award



Olinka Green
A Force For Change Award



Dr. Reverend Erica Forbes
Keynote Speaker

STIGMA BUSTING



Left: Holiday coffee mug for volunteers
Below: Stigma busting T Shirt



WE LOVE BUSTING STIGMA AT TEA FUND

and we're always thinking about creative new designs that people will be proud to wear to shift the current culture towards abortion. We are proud to be Pro-Abortion.



PRIDE

As always, TEA Fund participates in LGBTQIA events across our region. - possibly wrap this up in the part about the lege session? How there were also a number of anti-trans bills being passed that we are also fighting against simultaneously.

BILLBOARD CAMPAIGN



TEA Fund and other Texas funds participated in funding a billboard in Lubbock, Texas.

ABORTION BAN FIRE

When the vaccines started to roll out earlier this year and people started to get vaccinated, we felt like it was a safe time in the summer to have a coalition self-care event. We called it the abortion banfire- we built a bonfire, wrote down our grievances around what has been happening in the world, and threw those notes in the fire. It was cleansing, and we had a great time.



TEAM IN THE MEDIA



FEATURED IN :

kxan

Liberation

VICE News

VARIETY

SELF

KUT 90.5

NATION

teenVOGUE

Forbes

THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Star-Telegram

PRISM

REUTERS

SPECTRUM NEWS

PLAYBOY

The Dallas Morning News

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TEAM QUOTES

The struggle that people in Texas face to access abortion can and should embolden all of us to no longer just rely on the promise of Roe, but instead to envision a world beyond Roe, where the right to abortion is the floor, not the ceiling, and each of us can get the care we need to live and thrive in safe, healthy communities.

– Dr. Ghazaleh Moayedi for Prism

I feel like all abortions are valid, regardless of the circumstances, because only the person going through it knows their circumstances the best. It's also nobody's business.

– Maleeha Aziz for KXAN

Our vision is bigger than repealing Hyde. And it's bigger than ourselves and we know it. It's driven by love, compassion, and our commitment to justice and equity. We're fighting for and building a future where everyone is able to receive the abortion care they need.

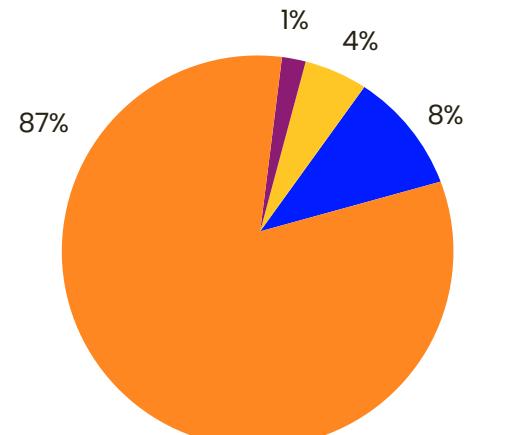
– Kamyon Conner for Teen Vogue

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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUE

Individual Contributions	\$141,824
Foundation Grants	\$1,552,865
Indirect Contributions	\$23,808
Fundraising Events	\$68,942
TOTAL REVENUE	\$1,786,148

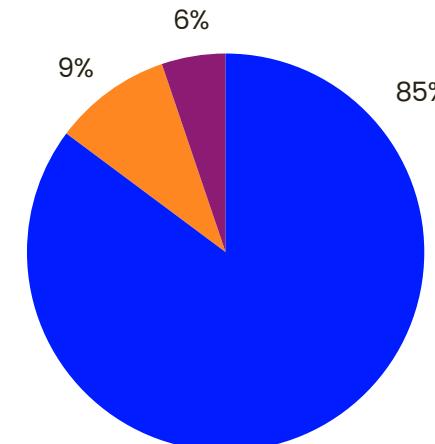


█ Individual contributions █ Foundation grants
█ Fundraising events █ Indirect contributions

EXPENSES

Program Expenses

Direct Assistance	\$372,550
Staff salaries & benefits	\$362,135
Legal	\$433,333
Internship stipends	\$4,605
Advertising	\$11,056
Office Expenses*	\$22,747
Travel, conferences	\$22,871
Board, staff development	\$10,050
Advocacy	\$26,846
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$1,265.892



█ Program expenses █ General operating expenses
█ Fundraising expenses

* Office in use until late 2020

Fundraising Expenses

Staff salaries & benefits	\$115,839
Database	\$5,479
Advertising	\$625
Mailing & office expenses	\$13,625
Fees*	\$3,759
TOTAL FUNDRAISING EXPENSES:	\$139,313

* Credit card transactions

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

Assets	\$733,316
Liabilities	\$196,539
NET ASSETS	\$536,777

**"My life would've
drastically changed
without this procedure
and money was the
biggest hold back.
Thank you!"**
- TEA Fund Client

Management & General Expenses

Staff & Benefits	\$50,668
Accounting	\$16,164
Advertising	\$2,999
Office Expenses	\$2,736
Travel, conferences	\$1,694
Insurance	\$2,718
Fees*	\$1,586
TOTAL MANAGEMENT & GEN. EXPENSES	\$78,564

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,483,770
NET INCOME/LOSS	\$302,278

DONOR DS WILL IN DALLAS SHARES WHY

THEY SUPPORT TEA FUND

"I support TEA Fund because I believe deep in my heart that every woman deserves the chance to decide how and when she chooses to start a family.

TEA Fund provides women much needed funding and emotional support that allows them this basic human right, choice.

I support other reproductive rights organizations because when families have access to safe and informed health care, their lives are dramatically improved, and the well-being of their communities is greatly enhanced."

Thank you very much. I have a lot on my plate and really need and appreciate the help and courteous service. I am a single mom of 3 and my mother on hospice. It's been really hard. Thank you SO MUCH!

- TEA Fund Client

I wish I had been told about TEA Fund sooner b/c I would have done this weeks prior, making it less risky for me and not having to travel to an unknown area. TEA Fund helped me more than I was expecting and was very kind and understanding. Thank y'all so much!

- TEA Fund Client

The money provided was a blessing. I was concerned with upcoming rent and utilities but now I will be stress free to deal with the healing process.

- TEA Fund Client

Dear friends,

I'm outraged and want to do something to help the women of Texas. Please accept my donation and my gratitude for your vital work.



big THANK YOU
TEA Fund! Times are
tough but you all are
such a great organization.
You take care of us
and we are grateful.
Thank you for your
work you do.
Keep up the fight!

**TEA FUND
APPRECIATES
THE HARD
WORK &
DEDICATION OF
OUR BOARD, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS!**





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