

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**DALLAS JUNIOR FORM PROVIDES \$25,000 TO AGENCY PARTNERS FOR WINTER STORM AID**

When the unprecedented winter storm hit Dallas causing burst pipes, devastating damage and substantial losses to their non-profit Agency Partners, Dallas Junior Forum organized quickly to provide financial assistance. Although DJF was unable to offer grants to their partners this year, they were able to immediately activate \$25,000 in funding assistance from their Benevolent Fund which is dedicated to providing special and emergency assistance when and where needed.

“We are sadly aware of the impact and burden this historic storm has had on our Agency Partners, especially in the midst of the pandemic, and these funds will go directly to them to help recover,” DJF President Julie Crowley said. “In addition to our regular efforts and programs with our agencies, DJF will continue to assess ongoing storm aid needs.”

Agencies receiving funds include: Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center; The Family Place; Juliette Fowler Communities, including Ebby House; Hope’s Door New Beginning Center; Network of Community Ministries; and The Ronald McDonald House of Dallas.

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Dallas Junior Forum gives monies to their partner agencies to help them recover from the recent winter storm. Pictured are Marla Nunally, Vice President-Service; Pat Smothermon, President-Elect/Parliamentarian; Julie Crowley, President; and Bonnie Cameron, Vice President-Development.

DJF is a 100 percent non-profit volunteer organization of women and is one of nine chapters of Junior Forum Texas-based service organizations originating in Texas in 1959. The Dallas chapter was formed in 1977 to create greater interest in civic, education and philanthropic endeavors in the North Texas community through volunteer work focused on children, families and the elderly. Since it began over 40 years ago, DJF has donated more than \$1 Million in direct grants and non-grants to worthy non-profit organizations throughout North Texas. In 2018/2019 members provided more than 13,600 hours of volunteer service to Agency Partners.

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