

Our Impact In 2023

Dear TEAM,

Hi, this is Maleeha Aziz, TEA Fund's Deputy Director. I am so excited to lead TEA Fund while our Executive Director, Kamyon Conner, is on a much-needed sabbatical. This is how we keep our movement sustainable and live our values in actionable ways. I am grateful for the cohesive, collaborative structure in which our TEAM thrives so that we are able to support our efforts efficiently so that Kamyon and others CAN take a sabbatical when needed.



Speaking of team structure, I'm also very proud of the fact that we have grown our staff in the last year. In 2023 alone, we have onboarded a new Organizer, a new Communications and Development Associate, and a New Programs Coordinator.

This year started with uncertainty stemming from the lawsuits we and other abortion funds were engaged in to clarify the status of so-called "zombie laws" in Texas. These are pre-Roe laws that were nullified by Roe v. Wade, but they were never repealed or taken off the books. Anti-abortion extremists are trying to leverage them to harass abortion funds and isolate people who need abortions. Extremists were working overtime to try to use Texas' unjust abortion laws to stop our work and make things even harder for people seeking abortion. We took them to court to fight for our right to help people seeking abortions. A ruling by Judge Pitman granted us this right, and we were able to reopen our Helpline in April of 2023.

We created the My Choice, Not A Crisis Campaign, our initiative intent on educating communities and dismantling harmful Anti Abortion Centers (AACs) also known as Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs.) This campaign provides concrete resources to parents in need—with no strings attached—build support through community education and advocacy work, and uplift the experiences of those who have been harmed by anti-abortion centers, while continuously pushing for the long-term goal of dismantling anti-abortion centers in Texas. In case you didn't know, the state of Texas spends over \$200 million a year funding taxpayer dollars to these anti-abortion centers. We think that is wrong and we need to continue to build awareness about these harmful centers.

Our first successful Infant Care Resource Drive on the TCU campus in April was our flagship event in this new campaign. In partnership with TCU's Department of Women & Gender Studies and Dr. Nino Testa, we were able to help 60 families with formula, medicine, clothes, books, and other necessities. We look forward to another successful drive this December in the Dallas area.

Of course, we are still funding abortions for Texans who can go out-of-state and have added more than 50 new providers across the country, so we can get them funded no matter where they go. Every week, we are adding more and more providers. We also expanded our funding to include other services like sonograms, contraception, STI testing and treatment, and mental health care support for people who have had abortions.

I am very excited for our future. No matter what, abortion funds are the grassroots of the reproductive justice movement in this country. These extremists are relentless, but so are we. We are poised and agile to meet the needs of pregnant Texans no matter where they are in their reproductive journeys.

In Solidarity,

Maleeha

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This year, we launched the first initiative of our new campaign against Anti-Abortion Centers – My Choice, Not A Crisis. Our inaugural Infant Care Resource Drive took place on campus at TCU in partnership with Dr. Nino Testa and the Department of Women & Gender Studies.



We had a successful first Bowl-A-Thon in-person since 2020! We raised over \$26,000 during this campaign and had a TON of fun at USA Bowl in April!



Our advocacy day in Austin during the 88th legislative session was a great opportunity to connect in person with our TX repro partners and elected officials.



This year, we held our annual First Bloom event as a cocktail evening ceremony, rather than our traditional luncheons. We were excited to be joined by former Texas State Senator, Wendy Davis, as our keynote speaker.



We partnered with Pridenton to host the annual Pride Chalk Walk around the Downtown Denton square. It was such a joyful morning of friends, families and loved ones coming together to celebrate pride with chalk art.

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