

Capital IDEA - \$10,000

This WFCT grant will allow 10 women to complete one year, of coursework in a highly skilled, high-demand field, such as healthcare, information technology, accounting, teaching in special education, or unionized skilled trades. This includes the guidance and counseling of an experienced case manager who will help them navigate their education program, and financial assistance covering tuition, fees, books, childcare, transportation, and emergency living assistance such as rent, medical, or utility bills.

El Buen Samaritano - \$15,000

The Child Learning Center (CLC) began as a free nursery and, as the nursery grew, El Buen Samaritano realized that in order to help the entire family they had to provide more than just babysitting. In 2006 a full-time CLC coordinator and additional staff was hired, academic materials were provided and a pre-literacy curriculum was instituted. Child assessments and program evaluations were instituted. The key element of success of the curriculum is to follow a daily schedule with a balance of activities.

GENaustin - \$15,000

The mission of GENaustin is to foster health and self-esteem and to build skills that empower girls with the confidence and courage to make wise choices. This type of confidence manifests itself in so many important ways, affecting how girls choose friends, who they date, and what choices they make in their education and eventually their careers. GENaustin suggests options during a time in girls' lives when they begin to feel more of the burdens, rather than the advantages, of femininity.

Helping Hand Home for Children - \$15,000

Helping Hand Home provides supplemental program services to help their children reclaim their childhood and heal from their past trauma. One such program is a summer education camp called Camp Discovery. Camp Discovery is a structured nine-week summer educational program providing academic enrichment and therapeutic recreation for all 41 children that live at HHH. This unique program allows the at-risk children to expand upon and maintain what they have accomplished during the school year.

LifeWorks - \$15,000

LifeWorks' GED and Literacy Program assists youth from ages 16-26. The program is self-paced and lasts for at least five months. The classes are flexible so that each student can go to class and maintain a job or take care of their children. Half of the program participants are young women who have encountered hardships such as teen pregnancies, foster care, being homeless, or high risk behaviors.

Manos de Cristo - \$5,000

Since the early 1990s, Manos de Cristo has offered the Back-to-School program to school-age children in the late summer each year. Each child receives two sets of clothing, including socks and underwear, and a backpack with grade-appropriate school supplies. Manos understands that if children have the clothing and supplies they need to go back to school, they will perform better and will be more likely to stay in school. The program serves low-income children in the greater Austin area.

People's Community Clinic - \$10,000

The Goals Program is a program focusing on integrating behavioral and developmental healthcare into a comprehensive primary care model. This includes screening, evaluation, and management for children with complex behavioral and development issues, and ongoing coordination of care within a medical home. This model acknowledges mental health care as a necessary and normal part of pediatric primary health care services.

SafePlace - \$15,000

The Stockton-Hicks Family Tree Child Development Center ("Family Tree") provides child care to children ages 3 months to 5 years living in SafePlace's Family Shelter or transitional housing who have endured domestic and sexual violence, and often poverty and homelessness. Services are provided 7:30am-5:30pm to allow mothers to work on addressing basic needs during the day such as securing employment, housing, and transportation for the family.