

# Texas Council On FAMILY VIOLENCE

Over Thirty Years of Building a Safer Texas



During 2013 Women's History Month celebration, TCFV Board of Directors, staff, and members join to honor 93 women who have dedicated 20 years or more to ending family violence and helping Texas families stay safe.

**Debby Tucker, 40 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Co-Chair, JWI National Alliance to End Domestic Abuse, Co-Chair, Military Committee for VAWA IV, National Task Force to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. Previous: Assistant Director Austin Rape Crisis Center/SafePlace, Executive Director Center for Battered Women/SafePlace, co-founder and executive director Texas Council on Family Violence; Co-founder and first Board Chair National Network to End Domestic Violence, Co-Chair, Department of Defense Task Force on Domestic Violence, Austin, TX

**Vicky Worsham, 39 Years** Current Position: Hotline Advocate, National Domestic Violence Hotline. Previous: Volunteer (Officer and Lobbyist) Austin Chapter National Organization for Women, one of the first volunteers and co-founding volunteer for Rape Crisis Center and Center for Battered Women/SafePlace, Emergency Overnight Shelter Manager, Center For Battered Women/SafePlace, Austin TX

**Joyce Meadows, 38 Years** Current Position: Hotline Advocate, National Domestic Violence Hotline. Previous: Houston Area Women's Center, Texas Planned Parenthood of Houston, United Way of the Texas Gulf Coast, Houston, Texas, hospital advocate Rape Crisis Center Albuquerque, New Mexico. Austin, TX

**Toby Myers, 36 Years** Current Position: Coordinator Love Shouldn't Hurt of Jewish Family Service's Shalom Bayit; Vice Chair, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Co-Chair, JWI National Alliance to End Domestic Violence. Board Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. Previous: BIPP Director, Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse; Co-founder and Board Member of Texas Council on Family Violence; Board Member of Houston Area Women's Center, Board Member National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, co-founder National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Houston, TX

**Joe Love Nelson, 35 Years** Current Position: Board Member, Texas Council on Family Violence, Board Member Women's Protective Services, Lubbock, Texas. Previous: co-founding Board member Women's Protective Services; first executive Director of Women's Protective Services, Lubbock, TX

**Josie Slawik, 35 years** Current Position: Advocate and Hotline Advocate, National Domestic Violence Hotline and SafePlace, Austin, Texas. Previous: Shelter Advocate, El Paso, Texas. Austin, TX

**Marci Brown, 34 Years** Current Position: Victims Services Coordinator, Crisis Center of the Plains, Plainview, Texas, Previous: Big Brothers and Sisters Dallas, TX (screening for sex abusers); Volunteer Coordinator; Little Rock, Arkansas CPS, Child Liaison Advocate

**Estella DeAnda, 34 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, Women Together/Mujeres Unidas. Previous: Director, Family Crisis Center, Harlingen, Texas, Current Board member Texas Council on Family Violence and Texas Association Against Sexual Assault, Austin, Texas. McAllen, TX

**Elva Gonzalez, 34 Years** Current Position: Director of Program Services, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, San Marcos, TX

**María Limón, 34 Years** Current Position: Prevention Coordinator, Texas Council on Family Violence. Previous: Prevention Specialist, Texas Council on Family Violence, Training Coordinator, National Domestic Violence Hotline and LoveisRespect Teen Dating Abuse Helpline, Domestic Violence Project, Migrant Clinicians Network, Anti-Violence Project Staff, Foundation for a Compassionate Society, Austin, TX

**Fran S. Danis, 33 Years** Current Position: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Arlington. Co-editor, Domestic Violence: Intersectionality And Culturally Competent Practice. Previous: Former Board Chair and Member Texas Council on Family Violence, founding Executive Director of the Denton County Friends of the Family Inc., Denton, Texas, Former Board Chair and Member Family Crisis Center, Bastrop, Texas, Governor's Task Force on Domestic Violence, Jefferson City, Missouri, Chair, University Missouri, Violence Against Women Coordinating Council, Columbia, Missouri, co-founder Violence Against Women and their Children Symposium for the Council on Social Work Education, Alexandria Virginia.

**Judy Reeves Lundquist, 33 Years** Current Position: Director of Crime Victim Services at Family Counseling Service, Corpus Christi, Texas. Previous: University of Texas School of Social Work Student Intern, House Manager, Program Director, Center for Battered Women/SafePlace; Volunteer, former Board member, Training and Technical Assistance Director, Policy and Administration Director, Texas Council on Family Violence; former Board member, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, assisted in starting National Domestic Violence Hotline, delegate to Women's International Peace Conference in Beijing, China; Executive Director, Hill Country Crisis Council Inc., Kerrville, Texas. Corpus Christi, TX

**Janis Robinson, 33 Years** Current Position: Volunteer and Co-founder, Deaf Smith County Crisis Center Hereford, TX

**Janet Stewart 33 Years** Current Position: Manager of Accounting, Houston Area Women's Center, Houston, TX

**Ellen Rubinstein Fisher, 32 Years** Current Position: co-owner of agency providing comprehensive services to people with disabilities, San Francisco, California, Member of National Council on Family Violence Board of Directors. Previous: Executive Director, Center for Battered Women/SafePlace, Former Board Treasurer, board member and Acting Director Texas Council on Family Violence, Board Chair and Board Member Austin Rape Crisis Center/SafePlace, co-founder and Director National Domestic Violence Hotline, Austin, Texas, Former Executive Director, Casa de Las Madres, San Francisco, California

**Frankie Fowler, 32 Years** Current Position: Volunteer SafePlace, Austin, TX

**Rhonda Gerson, 32 Years** Current Position: Chair National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, member Governor's Planning Council on STOP Violence Against Women, Board Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. Appointed by the Texas Supreme Court to the Access to Justice Commission chairs Commission's Assisted Pro Se Committee. Previous: volunteer Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Executive Director of Aid to Victims of Domestic Abuse, Houston TX, co-founder and Chair, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Houston, TX

**Liz Hodges, 32 Years** Current Position: Director of Incest Recovery Program, The Family Place, Child Protective Services, YWCA Dallas, TX

**Gail Rice, 32 Years** Current Position: Community Advocacy Director, Center For Battered Women/SafePlace, Austin, TX

**Sann Terry, 32 Years** Current Position: BIPP Facilitator, Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc. Texarkana. Previous: co-founding member Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc, former Board Member and volunteer Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc, Texarkana, TX

**Sherri Abee, 31 Years** Current Position: Administrative Director, Noah's Project, Abilene, TX

**Margie McCuskey, 31 Years** Current Position: Housing Services Director, The Bridge, Bay Area Turning Point, Pasadena, TX

**Debra Mitchell-Ibe, 31 Years** Current Position: Director of Community Outreach Services, The Family Place Dallas TX

**Sue Snyder, 31 Years** Current Position: Counseling Manager, SafePlace. Previous: volunteer and staff Shelter for Abused Women Lancaster, Ohio, volunteer and staff Center for Battered Women/SafePlace), Austin, TX

**Mary Lee Hafley, 30 Years** Current Position: CEO of SafeHaven of Tarrant County. Previous: worked for child abuse prevention and intervention agency, Fort Worth/Arlington, TX

**Cindy Simons, 30 Years**

**Kelly White, 30 Years** Current Position: Previous: CEO at Chicago Foundation for Women, SafePlace, Austin, and the Austin Children's Shelter and author.

**Maria Jose Angelelli, 29 Years** Current Position: Director Support to Service Providers, Texas Council Family Violence. Previous: Volunteer, Children's Counselor, Coordinator of Children's Services, Center for Battered Women/SafePlace, Volunteer, Texas Council on Family Violence, Assisted in opening National Domestic Violence Hotline, Austin, TX

**Diane Crosson, 29 years** Current Position: Founder, D Crosson Group, LLC. Previous: Technical Assistance Coordinator, TCFV, Austin; Executive Director (and Counselor), Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center, Marble Falls; Volunteer, Hill Country Crisis Council, Kerrville.; Volunteer and Intern, Center for Battered Women (SafePlace), Austin.

**Josie Diaz, 29 Years** Current Position: Finance Director, Women Together/Mujeres Unidas, McAllen, TX

**Pam Hobbs, 29 Years** Current Position: Manager of Children's Court Services, Houston Area Women's Center, Houston, TX

**Guadalupe Lopez, 29 Years** Current Position: Youth Activities Coordinator, Women's Shelter of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

**Diane Savage, 29 Years** Current Position: President and Chief Executive Officer, Bay Area Turning Point, Inc. Webster, TX

**Helen Hogge, 28 Years** Current Position: Board Member, Crisis Center of the Plains, Plainview, TX

**Zita LaMaster, 28 Years** Current Position: Volunteer, Panhandle Crisis Center, Perryton, TX

**Cindy McCoy, 28 Years** Current Position: Board Member Emeritus, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center, San Marcos, TX

**Debbie Moseley, 28 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, The Bridge, Pasadena, Texas. Previous: former Chair and current Board Member Texas Council on Family Violence and former staff The Bridge, Pasadena, TX

**Gail Parr, 28 Years** Current Position: Treasurer, National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence. Previous: Staff Attorney for the Family Violence Project, Texas Council on Family Violence, Assistant Director for Public Policy, former Board Member and Chair Texas Council on Family Violence, Austin, TX

**Karen Parsinen, 28 Years** Current Position: Volunteer and Board member Tarrant County The Women's Shelter and Chair TWS Special Events Committee. Previous: co-founder Mid Cities SOS, co-founder The Women's Shelter's first non-residential center, Fort Worth, TX

**Cassandra Thomas, 28 Years** Current Position: Chief Compliance Officer, Houston Area Women's Center. Previous: Board Chair and member Texas Council on Family Violence. Houston, TX

**Louise Bailey, 27 Years** Current Position: Board Member, Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa, TX

**Janet Burke, 27 Years** Current Position: Shelter Services Director, Hays-Caldwell Women's Center. Previous: worked for several family violence programs, San Marcos, TX

**Melanie Kincaid, 27 Years** Current Position: Hotline Advocate, National Domestic Violence Hotline. Previous: Children's Coordinator, Shelter Manager, Hays County Women's Center, San Marcos, Texas. Austin, TX

**Lupe Silva, 27 Years** Current Position: Board member, Women Together/Mujeres Unidas. Previous: Technical Assistance Specialist, Texas Council on Family Violence, Austin, Texas. McAllen, TX

**Rose Ann Gowin, 26 Years** Current Position: Shelter Supervisor, Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa, TX

**Candace Mosley, 26 Years** Current Position: National Association of District Attorneys. Previous: Family Criminal Law Division of the Harris County (Houston, TX) District Attorney's Office; Law clerk for United States Magistrate Calvin Botley, the Southern District of Texas; Chief Counsel for Southern Methodist University, Criminal Justice Clinic. Alexandria, Virginia

**Elisa Smith, 26 Years** Current Position: Residential Services Manager, The Bridge, Pasadena, Texas. Previous: Advocate, Bay Area Turning Point, Webster, Texas, Advocate, New Horizons Family Center Baytown, Texas Pasadena, TX

**Karen Wilson, 26 years** Current Position: Director of Community Education, SafePlace, Austin TX

**D'an Anders, 25 Years** Current Position: Advocate, Texas Legal Services Center. Previous: Technical Advocate, Texas Advocacy Project, Austin, Texas Rural Outreach Director, East Texas Crisis Center, Tyler, TX and Public Policy Specialist, Texas Council on Family Violence. Austin, TX

**Sheryl Cates, 25 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, Lubbock Area Foundation. Previous: Outreach Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Legal Advocate, Women's Protective Services of Lubbock Inc., Lubbock, Texas; Executive Director, Women's Protective Services of Lubbock Inc., Lubbock, Texas; Executive Director, Texas Council on Family Violence, CEO, National Council on Family Violence /National Domestic Violence Hotline, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline/Texas Council on Family Violence, Austin TX.

**Pamela Ellis, 25 Years** Current Position: Manager of Outreach Counseling, Houston Area Women's Center. Houston, TX

**Virginia Garcia, 25 Years** Current Position: Board member, Women Together/Mujeres Unidas McAllen, TX

**Rosy Kintzinger, 25 Years** Current Position: Senior Staff Director of Residential Services, Genesis Women's Shelter. Previous: case worker, supervisor, Transitional Housing and Community Housing Genesis Women's Shelter, Dallas, TX

**Julie Perhacs, 25 Years** Current Position: Assistant Manager of Donations, Berry Good Buys, SafeHaven of Tarrant County and Women's Haven, Arlington, TX

**Carmen Rodriguez, 25 Years** Current Position: Board member, Women Together/Mujeres Unidas, TX

**Molly Villafranca, 25 Years** Current Position: Program Director, Women's Crisis Center/Mid-Coast Family Services. Previous: held every single position in Women's Crisis Center/Mid-Coast Family Services from entry level up, Victoria, TX

**Janet Walker, 25 Years** Current Position, Executive Director Family Services of southeast Texas, Beaumont, Texas

**Hilda Amaro, 24 Years** Current Position: Maintenance Coordinator, Women Together/Mujeres Unidas. McAllen, TX

**Mattie Carrillo, 24 Years** Current Position: volunteer (fundraising, speaker and Board Member), Fort Bend County Women's Center, Richmond, TX

**Fritzi Cates, 24 Years** Previous: Executive Director, Women's Protective Services; Crisis Intervention Advocate, Family Support Services, Director of Family Violence Program and has served almost every position with Women's Protective Services, Lubbock, TX

**Rose Hernandez, 24 Years** Current Position: Constituent Response Manager, Texas Council on Family Violence. Previous: Outreach Coordinator, Center for Battered Women/SafePlace. Austin, TX

**Cyndy Perkins, 24 years** Director of Development for Children's Medical Center Foundation, Austin, Texas. Previous: Board Chair and member, Center for Battered Women/SafePlace, Development Director, Center for Battered Women/SafePlace, Former Board Treasurer, board member, Development Director Texas Council on Family Violence, co-founder and Development Director National Domestic Violence Hotline, Austin, Texas, Austin, TX

**Alice Wiemers, 24 Years** Current Position: Volunteer (Board Treasurer), Southwest Family Life Centers, Inc. Previous: Founder Southwest Family Life Centers, Inc. and Former Board President, Vice-President, Secretary Southwest Family Life Centers, Inc. Hondo, TX

**Frances Wilson, 24 years** Current Position: Chief Executive Officer, Women's Shelter of South Texas. Previous: various positions Women's Shelter of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

**Melinda Cantu, 23 Years** Current Position: Shelter Director, SafePlace. Previous: intern and volunteer SafePlace, Austin, TX

**Maria Carmona, 23 Years** Current Position: Shelter Manager, Families In Crisis, Inc. Previous: Volunteer (Hospital and Hotline Advocate), Crisis Intervention Specialist and Case Manager, Families In Crisis, Inc., Killeen, TX

**Sandy Gaylord, 23 Years** Current Position: Counselor, The Incest Recovery Program, The Family Place Dallas, TX

**Mary Laake, 23 years**

**Sherry Murphy, 23 Years** Current Position: Executive Director Family Crisis Center. Previous: Financial Director Family Crisis Center, Bastrop, TX

**Carla Ochs, 23 Years** Current Position: Manager of the Thrift Shop, The Family Place, Dallas, TX

**Donna Roberts, 23 Years** Current Positions: Volunteer, Panhandle Crisis Center, Perryton, TX

**Barri Rosenbluth, 23 Years** Current Position: Expect Respect Director, SafePlace. Previous: intern and volunteer Center for Battered Women/SafePlace Austin, TX

**Sandy Cain, 22 Years** Current Position: Shelter Advocate Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center, Marble Falls, TX

**Sonia Corrales, 22 Years** Current Position: Chief Program Officer, Houston Area Women's Center. Previous: Sexual Assault Awareness Advocate, Houston, TX

**Paige Flink, 22 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, The Family Place, Dallas, TX

**Waltraud Haywood, 22 Years** Current Position: Family Shelter Basic Needs Manager, SafePlace, Austin, TX

**Jan Edgar Langbein, 22 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, Genesis Women's Center. Previous: former Board Member Texas Council on Family Violence, former Board Member and volunteer Genesis Women's Center, Dallas, TX

**Paulette Shaw Maier, 22 years** Current Position: Clinical Services Manager, Women's Shelter of South Texas. Previous: volunteer Women's Shelter of South Texas, Corpus Christi, TX

**Jennifer Morrison, 22 Years** Previous: Executive Director, New Beginning Center. Director of Programs, New Beginning Center, Garland, Texas, Director of Sexual Assault Recovery Program Denton County Friends of the Family, Denton, Texas. Garland, TX

**Lynn Nelson, 22 Years** Current Position: Fiscal Manager, Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center, Marble Falls, TX

**Donna Sue, 22 years** Current Position: Service Area Director, Noah's Project, Abilene, TX

**Angela Walker, 22 years**

**Lori Hardy, 21 Years**

**Cathy Supple, 21 Years**

**Caryn Elliot, 20 Years** Previous: Executive Director Deaf Smith Crisis Center, Hereford, TX

**Linda Herbert, 20 Years**

**Marla Johnson, 20 Years** Current Position: Executive Director, Hays- Caldwell Women's Center, San Marcos, TX

**Diane Rhodes, 20 Years** Previous: SafePlace, Austin, TX

**Carol Robinson, 20 Years**

**Cynthia Sullivan, 20 Years**

### **In Remembrance**

**Gayle Martin, 32 Years**

Executive Director, Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc. Previous: co-founding member Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc., Board Member, President Emeritus and volunteer Domestic Violence Prevention, Inc., former Chair and Board member Texas Council on Family Violence, former Chair and Board member Arkansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Texarkana, TX

**Julie Oliver, 24 Years *In remembrance***

Current Position: Adult Counselor, Highland Lakes Family Crisis Center. Previous: Volunteer-Volunteer Coordinator, employed as Outreach Counselor Nonresidential Services, Marble Falls, TX

**Nancy Harrington, 22 Years**

Grant Writing and Development Consultant for Non profits. Previous: a founder of the Montgomery County Women's Center, and the executive director for The Montgomery County Women's Center; Co-founder of the Montgomery County chapter of the National Organization for Women, served on many state association boards, received the Federation of Houston Professional Women Lifetime Achievement Award and the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault Champion for Social Change.