

Healthcare

Submitted by Andy Miller, The Morris Foundation

- Reduced revenues and increased expenses is a consistent theme across all of the healthcare systems. Hospitals are seeing a **30% increase in Covid cases over the past week and an accompanying rise in inpatient hospitalizations**. Many of the more rural hospitals are reaching capacity and sending patients to Tarrant and Dallas County hospitals that have the ability to care for them.
- PPE access continues to be a concern. As hospitals have been able to acquire supplies to meet the previous demand, the need is at unprecedented levels. For example, Texas Health Resources is going through **more than 40,000 isolation masks per day** and on a high day more than 60,000. In addition, they are using over **9,000 N-95 respirator masks per day, as compared to 10,000 for the entire last year**.
- Caregiver stress and burnout is an issue across all systems, with **needs for mental health and respite support increasing significantly**. For example, JPS' seven spiritual care and ethics team members, who are masters-degreed chaplains, are working to respond to requests for comfort, care and consultations from staff. The number of calls for ethics **consults alone have gone up 80%** since May. Chaplains have gone from seeing an average of 165 patients/family members a week during the months March – May to an average of 357 a week in June. **Chaplains have consistently had 900-1,000 staff encounters a week**. Compounding provider stress is witnessing a **higher number of patient deaths**. MHMR has experienced cuts to respite funds for families in the Early Childhood Intervention program for children with special needs/disabilities.
- Family and economic needs are increasing. Cook Children's has traditionally had a patient population that is approximately 50% Medicaid and 50% commercial insurance. Many more **families need assistance with co-pay assistance, medication support, access to basic needs (food and clothing), housing and utility assistance due to loss of jobs**. North Texas Area Community Health Centers are also seeing an increase in patients needing co-pay assistance due to loss of job or insurance.
- In the last three months, **Cook Children's has seen a doubling in the number of child abuse cases**, coupled with the belief that this is only a small percentage of the growing number of cases occurring. Without schools serving as the safety net for the identification of abuse, fewer cases are being identified.

- MHMR launched *Help Me Grow* earlier than planned in order to help with the growing number of child abuse and neglect cases being reported.

Education

Submitted by Elizabeth Brands, The Morris Foundation & Sara Redington, The Miles Foundation

- **Fort Worth ISD**
 - Students can choose in-person instruction or virtual school enrollment for the fall. 13,000 of the approximately 86,000 students (as of last academic year) have enrolled. **57% have said they would like in-person instruction and 43% want virtual instruction.**
 - Back-to-School Jump Start will not take place this summer for students to practice grade-level academic skills important for them returning to school.
 - **Summer School enrolled 11,000 elementary school students** from all 83 elementary schools. This is an **increase of 4,000 over last year.**
- **Read Fort Worth & Best Place for Kids Road to Readiness**
 - Road to Readiness Drive-Up Carnivals in six locations across Fort Worth on Saturday, August 1st. Each drive-in hub will have [“Top 10 Readiness Skills Checklists”](#) for students, technical assistance training for parents and basic needs supports for families.
 - Community Porch Visits <https://bestplace4kids.com/porch-visits/>
 - Students are identified for home visits based on spring grades, frequency of engagement during spring distance learning, and zip codes.
 - **750+ students received calls and a home visit** from a trio of FWISD teachers, social workers, and neighborhood champions who delivered instructional materials, SEL resources, and basic needs to families.
 - 100+ Fort Worth ISD staff, social workers, and community members volunteered to visit families.
 - **60% of the families were at home when visited.** For those that were unavailable, the resources that families requested were left.
 - Families have been open to talking to social workers and emphasized that the calls done ahead of time were beneficial.
 - Social service referrals are made based on family feedback. **Family responses are being recorded with the goal to provide requested resources to families in the next two weeks.**

Child Care

Submitted by Ximena Antunez de Mayolo, Rainwater Charitable Foundation

- On June 25, 2020, Texas Health and Human Services Commission enacted new emergency rules to limit the spread of COVID in child care. These rules utilize the

CDC's guidelines for child care programs to remain open. In addition, on July 14th, Texas Workforce Commission voted to delay the restart of attendance and electronic check-in procedures for families receiving child care subsidies. This will allow child care providers to further minimize interactions with families during drop off and pick up, per the CDC guidelines.

- Child care centers must report to child care licensing within 24 hours if they have a COVID positive case on site of either a staff member or child. Tarrant County child care centers have access to free deep cleaning services through Child Care Associates.
- The number of COVID cases in Texas child care centers has been increasing significantly since May (59 cases in 53 facilities in May to 1,335 cases in 883 centers in July). This increase coincided with the state's June decision to remove emergency safety precaution requirements for child care providers. The governor had issued recommendations for safety but these were not enforceable until the recent June 25th change.
- There are currently 9,843 open child care seats in Tarrant County. This number has been relatively steady since mid-May. The majority of open seats are in non-Texas Rising Star centers.
- Child Care subsidies for essential workers are to expire mid-August. Some cities are exploring the possibility of using CARES money to continue to support essential workers but to-date, the state does not appear to have plans to continue this funding.

Food

Submitted by Garrett March, North Texas Community Foundation

- Demand has not abated.
 - Tarrant Area Food Bank is distributing more than **one million meals each week**.
 - Westaid, near Last Vegas Trail, reported that last Tuesday they saw a **new high since reopening of 165 families**.
 - Meals on Wheels is providing **over 5,000 meals per day**.
- Governor Abbott extended **emergency SNAP benefits through the end of July**, which provides for the maximum allowable amount to be given to each individual or family receiving the benefit. There may be an increase in demand on food banks when this benefit ends.
- The National Guard has begun standing down incrementally. This will create a void that will likely need to be filled with temporary contract workers in lieu of volunteers.
- Coronavirus Relief Funds/CDBG funds have provided additional avenues of support for nonprofits, but there remains additional gaps (e.g. contract workers, PPE, meals not covered by grants, etc.).

Art

Submitted by Rose Bradshaw, North Texas Community Foundation

- [Live Theatre League of Tarrant County](#) has launched a relief [fund](#) to support the more than 500 local theatre-makers who collectively lost jobs due to Covid-19. The League has seeded \$15,000 towards a goal of \$125,000 to reach each of these impacted individuals. Artists and technicians who lost work will be eligible to apply for a one-time grant of \$250.
- [The New Normal](#) challenged local visual artists to create work in response to COVID 19. 46 artists received grants of \$2-3,000 through a competitive grant cycle. Their work will be exhibited in the coming months at local museums.
- [Sounds of Resilience](#) challenges area musicians to compose works about resilience to fuel the city's creative economy and to help drive community healing and positive change. Sounds of Resilience will provide financial support to 41 musicians to reflect on their recent experiences and begin driving change and healing through music.
- **The Cliburn**
 - **EDUCATION: CLIBURN KIDS:** (<https://cliburn.org/kids/>) is being redeveloped and expanded as a free, robust online resource of 55 videos that explore musical concepts. Initially focused on Texas, but potential to expand nationwide.
 - **POP-UP CONCERTS IN ALTERNATIVE VENUES:** casual, live concert experiences at alternative venues that lend themselves to safe, social distancing—featuring regionally based artists.
 - **NEIGHBORHOOD CONCERTS:** opportunities for interactive family concerts with an inclusive spirit, using primarily outdoor spaces that are easily accessible to members of each community. Events for free, with a focus on lower-income and underserved areas.
- **Performing Arts Fort Worth / Bass Hall**
 - Generally operates at 90% earned income. No opportunity for earned revenue (touring Broadway productions, concerts, Fort Worth Symphony, Texas Ballet Theater, Fort Worth Opera) since March.
 - **CHILDREN'S EDUCATION PROGRAM:** serves 70,000 students and teachers with curriculum-based arts education programming. This year they are pivoting to develop virtual opportunities for arts education that focus on Black History and systemic racism. Programs will serve primarily schools within the Fort Worth ISD system that are socioeconomically disadvantaged and underserved. Cost: \$1,200,000.
 - **RE-OPENING FACILITY:** implementing numerous facility and operational changes to ensure the safety of staff, volunteers and our patrons. (rigorous cleaning protocols before, during and after performances, regular disinfecting of the venues, sanitizer stands throughout the buildings, the addition of touchless faucets and flushers in all facilities, temperature scanners, and bulk purchases of PPE for staff and hundreds of volunteers. Cost: \$380,000.

- **BASIC OPERATIONS:** During this time of crisis, even without performances, there are ongoing costs to maintain Bass Hall including preserving critical staff, utility costs and annual maintenance projects. Cost: approximately \$320,000 per month.
- **Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra**
 - **BASIC OPERATIONS:** FWSO received a \$1.589 million PPP loan, which it anticipates will be forgiven. Now forecasting a deficit of approximately \$250,000 (on a \$13.9 million budget).
 - **ON-LINE PRESENCE:** FWSO *Music Lab* was launched in under three weeks and has attracted a wide following. In the final stages of negotiating with the musicians' union to be able to add a significant number of archived FWSO recordings to this digital platform
- **Texas Ballet Theater**
 - **EQUITY DIVERSITY & INCLUSION:** TBT recently participated in The Equity Project: Increasing the Presence of Blacks in Ballet, a three-year partnership program to support the advancement of racial equity in ballet companies. TBT seeks funding to continue its efforts, which includes working with Ms. MiShon Landry, a Certified Diversity Professional and CEO of DFW-based Culture Consultants, to develop new strategies and actionable steps moving forward and expand TBT's Summer Intensive and Company audition tours to new cities/regions. Cost: \$45,000 for 2020 - 2021 Season
 - **PPP AND TECH UPGRADES:** As TBT continues to rework its operations to adequately provide a safe environment for students, patrons, staff, and dancers, several unexpected expenses have recently been added to TBT's annual budget (PPE) and cleaning supplies for each TBT facility, and technology-related costs. Cost: \$175,000
 - **RELIEF FUND:** TBT anticipates the potential of a total overall revenue loss of \$3,238,256 based on a decline in school tuition and production revenue. TBT Relief Fund was established to assist in retaining all TBT artists and staff, creating presentations that creatively utilize available resources outside of the studios and performance halls, and adapting programs to be shared virtually with students in Texas Ballet Theater School and the public through social media platforms. Goal: \$3.2 million

Homeless

Submitted by Andy Miller, The Morris Foundation

- Significant funds for housing have come into Tarrant County, with the goal to significantly deconcentrate emergency shelters. Rules for rapid re-housing are being re-written to increase flexibility of fund use.
- The FW Convention Center emergency shelter has been decommissioned and a new shelter has been established to house up to 100 overnight guests. All

other guests were directed back to existing emergency shelters. Towneplace Suites on West Vickery will provide a site for quarantine/isolation of COVID-19 patients or those with potential exposures.