

TEXAS COUNCIL ON FAMILY VIOLENCE

2025 IMPACT REPORT



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Domestic Abuse**

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& Individual
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Gloria Aguilera-Terry

MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

To our valued Members,

In Texas, the need for TCFV's work has never been more urgent. Every policy we advance, every advocate we train, every system we strengthen, and every life we honor moves us closer to a future where violence is prevented, not simply endured. While our impact was robust, we highlight four specific measures that are transformative: SB1946, BIPP efficacy study, AISSC, and DVHRT.

1. **In 2025, TCFV turned that urgency into action.** We helped secure the passage of **SB 1946**, creating the Honoring Texas Victims Task Force, a major policy achievement that transforms the lessons of intimate partner homicide into statewide prevention strategies.
2. We expanded the evidence for accountability through the **Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) Efficacy Study**, showing that BIPP completers are 1.3 to 11 times less likely to reoffend. This confirms what our movement knows: survivor safety requires meaningful intervention with those who cause harm.
3. We launched the **AI Survivor Safety Council (AISSC)**, ensuring that innovation in family and domestic violence services is guided by survivor autonomy, confidentiality, and safety; not convenience alone.
4. We strengthened **Domestic Violence High Risk Teams (DVHRT)** as a critical homicide prevention strategy, helping communities identify the most dangerous cases earlier and coordinate action before violence becomes fatal.

Across Texas, TCFV continued building the capacity of the field: In 2025, TCFV delivered **313 training opportunities**, including **112 unique live training events and 201 prerecorded e-learning activities, reaching 12,458 attendees or completions** across advocates, professionals, and community partners. TCFV also responded to **879 unique technical assistance requests**, each of which may have involved multiple contact points, supporting programs serving survivors in every region of the state.

This is the work Texas needs: policy that saves lives, research that proves what works, innovation rooted in ethics, and training that equips communities to respond with skill and urgency.

We hold the names of those we lost in 2024 with reverence. Their memory fuels our mandate: to build a Texas where every home is a place of safety.

With gratitude and determination,




→ SB 1946

Creating Honoring Texas Victims (HTV) Task Force

→ BIPP STUDY

Battering Intervention & Prevention Program Efficacy Study

→ AISSC

AI Survivor Safety Council

→ DVHRT

Domestic Violence High-Risk Teams

SB 1946

Changing the System, Not Just the Outcome.

A highlight of the session was the passage of SB 1946 creating the Family Violence Criminal Homicide Task Force: Honoring Texas Victims. Created with TCFV's Honoring Texas Victims report as a guidepost, TCFV's very own CEO, Gloria Aguilera Terry was appointed as a steering member. This committee, comprised of leaders in the family violence field appointed by the Governor of Texas, are examining the top three lethality factors; stalking, strangulation and firearms. The Task Force must submit a report to the legislature with recommendations for the 90th legislative session.

"The creation of this task force is about accountability and learning directly from families & survivors. I'm hopeful its work will lead to solutions that protect families and prevent violence before it escalates."- Rep. Christian Manuel



Click Here

For the Full report on all legislative priorities

**Policy action creates safety for thousands of Texans.
Systems change is protection at scale.
→ Legislative wins + systemic reform**

Appropriations for HHSC Family Violence Services = \$93.9M in 89th session

"I was in an abusive marriage that lasted for 12.5 years, and in the end, it took broken bones for me to leave. At the time of his criminal proceedings, I was not given the opportunity to discuss the plea agreement offered to him and was only notified of the outcome after the plea was accepted. The outcome of this plea agreement was a reduction from felony aggravated assault to a mere misdemeanor along with court-ordered batterer's intervention classes. I feel that the lack of communication regarding these charges caused retraumatization and was yet another act of abuse on his part. I feel that this was a lost opportunity to support my safety and have my voice be heard while sending the message to him that this charge was a serious crime and also hold him accountable for his actions. I believe that SB 1120 would close a major gap in the Crime Victims Bill of Rights for family violence victims." **Audria Maltsberger who testified in support of SB 1120.**

**HB 4238: Stronger Protections
Against Coerced Debt**

**HB 3783: Safety in Court-
Ordered Family Counseling**

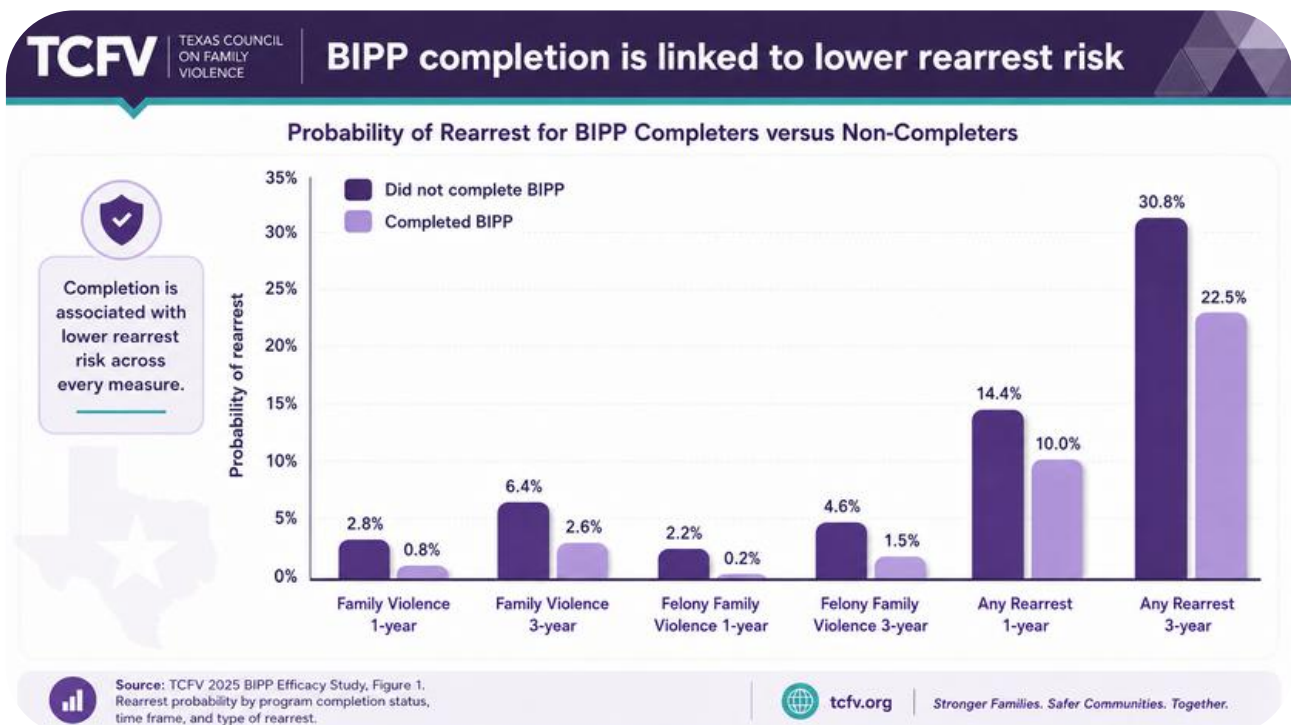
**SB: 1120: Expanded Crime
Victim Rights and Centering
Their Voice**

BIPP EFFICACY STUDY

Full Report 

Research Confirmed What Survivor Advocates Have Long Known: Intervention Works

In 2025, TCFV collaborated in one of the most important research efforts in Texas on offender intervention and survivor safety: **the statewide Battering Intervention and Prevention Program (BIPP) Efficacy Study**. Conducted in partnership with University of Texas at Dallas, researchers Denise Paquette Boots, Ph.D, and Timothy M. Bray, Ph.D and Texas providers, the study examined outcomes for more than 1,600 participants across 14 Texas BIPPs and found a clear pattern: people who complete BIPP are significantly less likely to be rearrested. This matters because survivor safety requires more than crisis response. It requires proven strategies that reduce repeat violence, strengthen accountability, and interrupt patterns of harm before they escalate.



Key Findings:

- BIPP completion was associated with lower rearrest rates across every measured category. However, the strongest separation appears for family violence arrests.
- Participants who did not complete BIPP were 1.3 to 11 times more likely to be rearrested than those who completed the program.
- For family violence rearrest, completers showed substantially lower rates over both one-year and three-year periods.
- The study provides strong evidence that BIPPs are a vital public safety and homicide prevention strategy that support survivor safety while promoting offender accountability and behavior change.

Source: *The Efficacy of Battering Intervention and Prevention Programs, 2025*. Texas Council on Family Violence.



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TCFV AI Survivor Safety Council: *Informing the Future of Survivor Safety*

The **AI Survivor Safety Council** serves as a listening and learning vehicle to help TCFV better understand how artificial intelligence (AI) is affecting survivor safety, advocacy, prevention, policy, and systems response. In addition to TCFV staff, the Council brings together cross-sector leaders and partners, including **Harris County Sheriff's Office, Amazon, TechSoup, EndTAB, researchers, judges, survivors, representatives from Office of the Governor, Texas Health and Human Services, domestic violence advocates, and TCFV board members.**

Listening. Learning. Informing Our Work.

The Council gathers insight on emerging harms, promising innovations, field concerns, and opportunities for survivor-centered change. These insights will strengthen existing TCFV structures by informing prevention strategies, training, safety guidance, capacity building with programs and advocates, policy priorities, legislative engagement, and broader systems-level responses. Through this approach, TCFV continues to evolve its core mission in response to new technologies while remaining grounded in survivor safety, coalition leadership, and field-informed action.

Guided by Three Core Pillars:

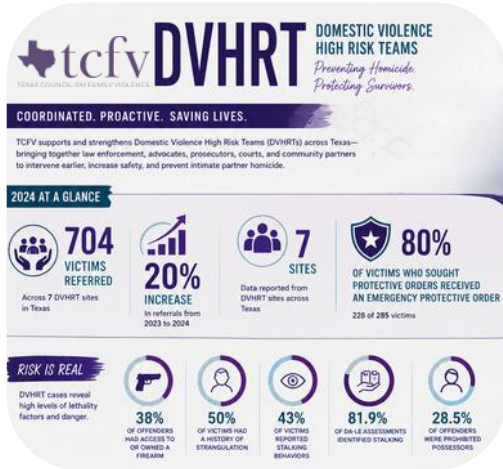
- 1. Understanding, anticipating, and preventing harm**
- 2. Building survivor-centered capacity**
- 3. Shaping policy and systems response**



2025 DVHRT



In 2025, TCFV's Domestic Violence High-Risk Team (DVHRT) work showed why coordinated, survivor-centered homicide prevention is essential in Texas. The 2025 DVHRT Statewide Report found that **704 victims were referred across seven Texas DVHRT sites, a 20% increase from 2024**, underscoring the growing number of survivors facing severe lethality risk. These teams bring advocates, law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and community partners together to identify danger earlier, strengthen safety planning, and improve offender accountability.



The report also documented urgent warning signs: firearm access, strangulation, stalking, repeat violence, and barriers that keep survivors from safety, including fear, children, love for the abuser, and financial instability. In 2025, **80% of victims who sought protective orders received an emergency protective order**, showing the life-saving potential of coordinated response when systems move quickly and together. TCFV's DVHRT work continues to turn data into action by helping communities intervene before violence becomes fatal. TCFV's state coalition work also identifies DVHRT support as a strategy to strengthen survivor safety, center offender accountability, and prevent intimate partner homicide.

TCFV 2025 TEXAS TOWN HALL

From Remembrance to Action: 2025 Texas Town Hall

TCFV's 2025 Texas Town Hall brought survivors, advocates, policymakers, partners, and community leaders together for a statewide conversation on domestic violence, prevention, and systems change. Hosted during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) as a hybrid event at the Texas Tribune Headquarters, the Town Hall expanded access through livestream participation and served as a public platform for survivor voices, policy dialogue, and the release of Honoring Texas Victims priorities. The event also elevated TCFV's HTV work, which memorializes Texans killed by intimate partners and uses data and stories to inform prevention, coordinated community response, and legislative action.



At the 2025 Texas Town Hall, we were honored to welcome Representative Lacey Hull (District 138) and Representative Rhetta Bowers (District 113). Two leaders committed to ending family violence and strengthening communities statewide. Thank you for your partnership, advocacy, and continued support in Creating a Safer Texas.



Representative Lacey Hull (District 138)

"I'm so impressed with advocates and survivors who come to the Capitol and share their stories. Seeing those stories influence change is absolutely incredible, and seeing the laws we pass make a change in people's lives; there is nothing compared to that."



Representative Rhetta Bowers (District 113)

"Rep Hull and I may serve on different sides of the aisle, but we certainly know how to work together when it comes to anything that would protect survivors of violence or criminal justice reform. This is not a blue or red issue. Together we are the co-vice chairs of the Criminal Justice Reform Caucus."



SURVIVOR VOICES

Jacqueline Picquard

Survivor

"I was juggling heartbreak, healing, court, and so many unknowns all at once. Like many survivors, I joined group therapy. When I shared my data and research there, someone told me about TCFV. They said, "They work with data. They work with the law. They're aligned with what you're already doing." So I reached out. That decision changed everything.

Terri Hackl

Survivor

"Because of their work, Texas now has some of the most advanced domestic violence laws in the country. Laws that take family violence seriously. Laws that understand mental health, risk, and danger. Laws that help protect survivors instead of dismissing them. I can say this with absolute certainty: We could not fight family violence in Texas without TCFV."



"TCFV is more than just an acronym.

For me, it means hope. It means having a voice. It means having a purpose."



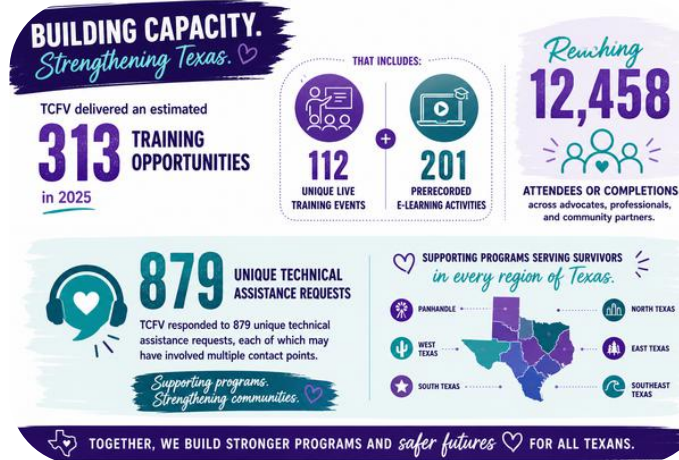
"I am so deeply grateful for TCFV.

When I was told the law wouldn't protect me, TCFV fought to change that reality."

STATEWIDE REACH & IMPACT

Connecting Texas to Resources and Support

In 2025, TCFV expanded its statewide reach as Texas' family violence coalition by strengthening programs, equipping advocates, informing communities, and connecting survivors and service providers to trusted resources.



TOP WEBSITES IN 2025

Your Path. Our Resources. Stronger Together.

Digital engagement remained a major gateway to TCFV's work in 2025. These are the top three website areas that visitors turned to most.



Digital engagement remained a major gateway to TCFV's work. The top three website areas in 2025 were:

membership, program resources, and survivor resources. Together, these results reflect TCFV's role as a statewide resource hub for member programs, survivor-centered tools, and public education are consistent with TCFV's ongoing work to maintain accessible online resources, training, technical assistance, and prevention information for Texas communities.

TCFV's public voice also grew through **National PR reach of 4.54 billion** via Sunwest Communications, the **Down the Rabbit Hole TCFV podcast on Spotify**, and expanding social media engagement across **Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn, and YouTube.**



4.54 BILLION TOTAL REACH Top 5 Sources by Views / Reach

RANK	SOURCE	TOTAL VIEWS / REACH
1	yahoo! news	4,235,538,470
2	msn news	110,190,076
3	NEWS BREAK	89,608,103
4	AUTHORITY MAGAZINE	48,828,907
5	KHOU-11.	8,812,558

2025 MISSION INVESTMENT

Income Statement Overview

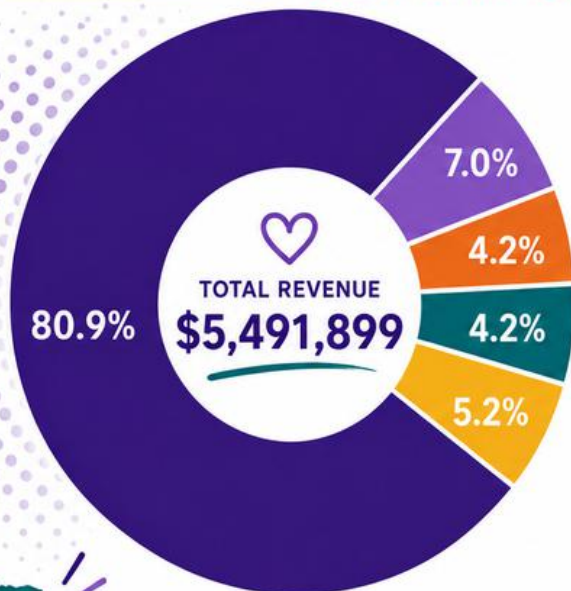
In 2025, TCFV invested in statewide strategic, sustainable investments for a safer Texas.

→ Gross Revenue	→ Decrease in Net Assets from Operations	→ Total Assets
\$5,491,899	\$ -24,395	\$12,704,042
→ Operating Expenses	→ Cash at the End of Year	
\$5,516,294	\$942,517	

Funding Overview

TCFV 2025 Funding Sources

• INVESTING IN A TEXAS FREE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE •



GOVERNMENT GRANTS

\$4,441,024 | 80.9%

Funding from federal, state, and local government partners.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

\$385,389 | 7.0%

Support from our member programs across Texas.



CONTRIBUTIONS

\$148,533 | 2.7%

Grants and contributions from foundations, corporations, and individuals.



INVESTMENT INCOME

\$231,722 | 4.2%

Income from investments and interest.



OTHER INCOME

\$285,231 | 5.2%

Other revenue including fees and miscellaneous income.



Stronger Together. Greater Impact. ♥

TCFV 2025 DONORS

Honoring Those Who invest in Safety, Stability, and Survivors' Futures

Because of You, in 2025, your generosity made a profound difference.

Thank You! 

In 2025, you invested in safety, stability, and survivors' futures.

Your generosity strengthens survivors, supports programs across Texas, and helps build a future free from family violence.

TOGETHER, WE BUILD A TEXAS FREE FROM FAMILY VIOLENCE.



This list includes combined annual giving, sponsorships, and event participation.



Every gift. Every partnership. Every act of support makes a difference.



Your belief in our mission fuels our work and changes lives every day. 

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\$85,000+

- Allstate Foundation
- Amazon
- Clear Channel Outdoor Advertising



LUMINARY CIRCLE

\$10,000+

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ThunderCloud Subs



United We Stand

Because of you, more Texans find safety, support, and hope.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR MISSION POSSIBLE.

Because of your investment in safety, stability, and survivors' futures, TCFV was able to strengthen programs across Texas, expand access to critical resources, and amplify the voices of those impacted by family violence. Your support fuels the work of advocates, empowers communities, and helps build a future where every Texan can live free from violence.

Every gift, whether through giving, partnership, or participation, creates lasting change. Together, we are not only responding to violence, but preventing it, transforming systems, and advancing hope.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment, your belief in this mission, and your partnership in creating a safer Texas.

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TCFV's Board of Directors brings together leaders from across Texas—advocates, executives, and community champions—guiding our mission to support survivors and end family violence statewide.



→ Stewarding the Mission Forward

TCFV is deeply grateful to our 2025 Board of Directors for their leadership, expertise, and unwavering commitment to building a safer Texas. These dedicated leaders guide our mission with vision and integrity, ensuring that survivors and communities across the state remain at the center of our work. **We extend special appreciation to board members who concluded their service in December 2025: Toni Johnson Simpson, Deborah Tomov, Marta Prada Pelaez and Maricarmen Garza**, whose contributions were instrumental to TCFV's impact and success in 2025. Their leadership helped strengthen our programs, partnerships, and statewide reach. As we look ahead to 2026, the TCFV Board of Directors remain committed to advancing innovative solutions, deepening community partnerships, and continuing to lead a coordinated, survivor-centered movement to end family violence in Texas.



"TCFV has been such a great help to our agency, Family Services. We have gone through so many floods like Harvey and Imelda, and I've seen how much support we've received from TCFV throughout all of those challenges

Deborah Tomov



Marta Prada Pelaez

"My history with TCFV dates back to the separation of TCFV and the NDVH as a program of TCFV. TCFV has grown in wisdom and its capacity to lead, which is not an easy thing to do. And so, we find ourselves today enjoying the fruits, challenges, and respect."



Maricarmen Garza

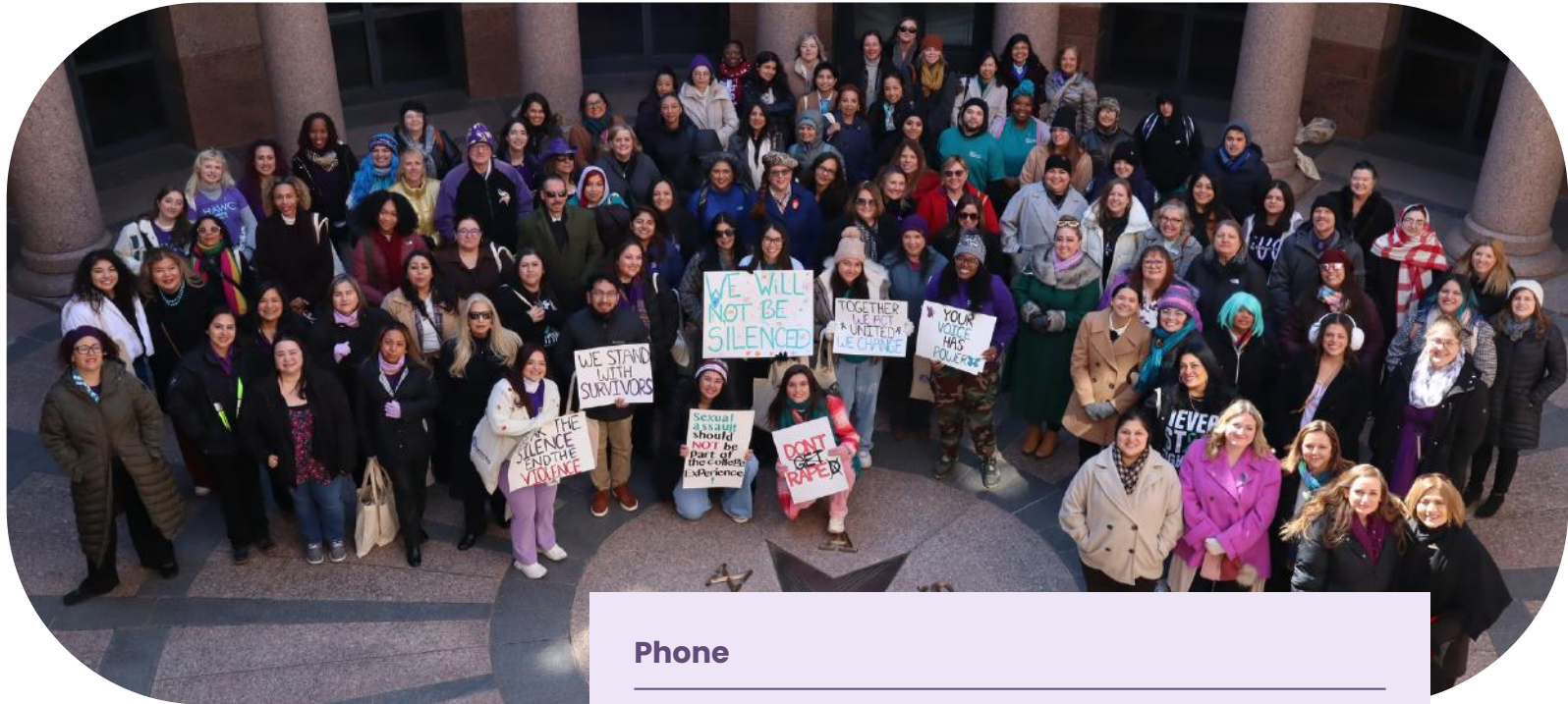
"I have known about TCFV for almost 30 years as a domestic violence attorney in the state of Texas working exclusively with survivors. I joined TCFV's Public Policy Committee in 2003 and have looked forward to guidance from TCFV during the course of my work in this movement."



Toni Johnson Simpson

"I leave this role inspired by the courage of survivors and the dedication of advocates statewide. The movement continues, and I know TCFV's future is stronger than ever. Leadership is temporary, but the impact of this mission lasts forever."

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