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2012

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THE SEEDS
OF JUSTICE

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90+

HOURS DONATED
1,800+

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\$773,000+

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PAYDAY & AUTO TITLE LOAN REFORM

Protecting Texas' Working Families

Texas Appleseed helped form the Texas Fair Lending Alliance of 60-plus consumer groups, charities, and cities supporting meaningful state reform of payday and auto title lending. We also worked with the cities of Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio to pass local ordinances to address the cycle of payday and auto title debt entrapping local borrowers.



SCHOOL DISCIPLINE REFORM

Promoting Alternatives to Criminalizing Student Misbehavior

Texas Appleseed published a study documenting the high taxpayer cost and poor student outcomes associated with removing kids from school for minor misbehavior. Our work on a special Judicial Council committee, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court, resulted in legislative proposals to reduce court involvement in student discipline.

UPDATING THE STATE MENTAL HEALTH CODE



Reflecting Modern Mental Health Practices

Texas Appleseed worked with a Steering Committee of legal and mental health experts to recommend changes to the Texas Mental Health Code reflecting best practices in emergency detention and protection of patient rights. In the year prior to the release of this report, more than 40 hearings were held across the state to gather input from mental health stakeholders.

DISASTER RECOVERY & REBUILDING HOUSING

Helping Low-Income Communities Heal

Texas Appleseed's advocacy on behalf of low-income families helped them secure their fair share of millions of dollars in federal assistance to rebuild housing, roads, and drainage systems in Houston, Galveston, and the Valley that were heavily damaged by Gulf Coast hurricanes. Our work also figured in Galveston's decision to rebuild all of its hurricane-damaged public housing.

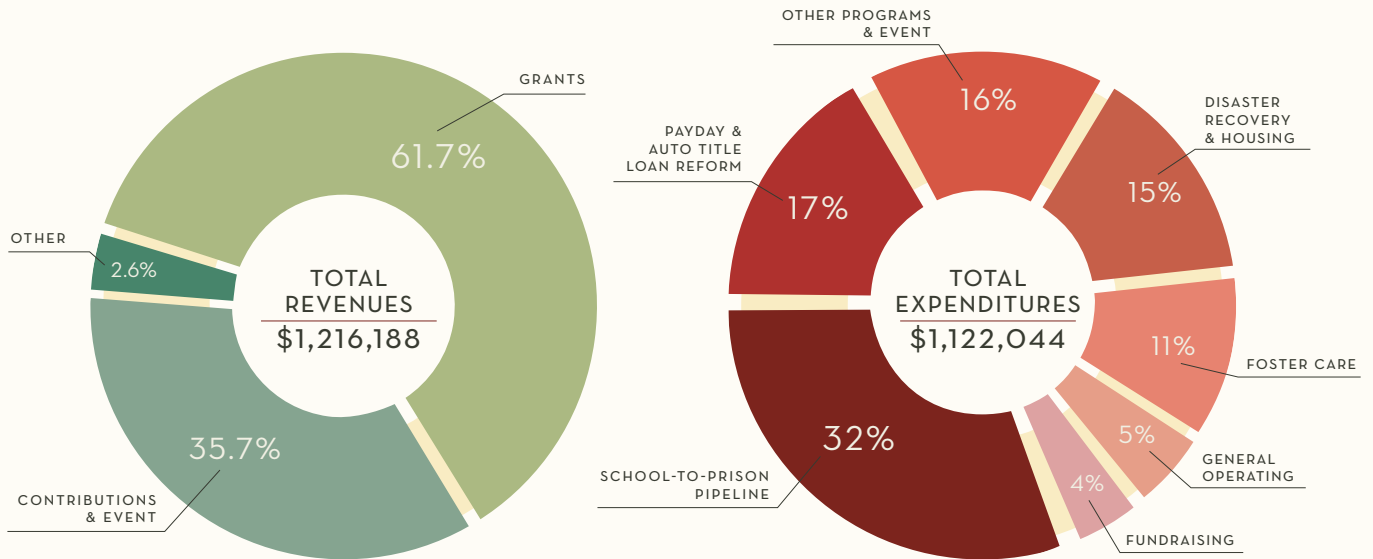


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– Gail Rowland, Houston payday borrower

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year ended December 31, 2012

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