

## TEXAS APPLESEED

2011 Annual Report



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Texas Appleseed partners with pro bono attorneys to address the root causes of injustice facing the most vulnerable—including our children, low-income families, and those with mental disabilities.





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JUVENILE JUSTICE • FOSTER CARE • SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE PAYDAY LOAN REFORM • DIVERSITY LEGAL SCHOLARS MENTAL HEALTH CODE UPDATE • HOUSING & DISASTER RECOVERY

### THREE TOP RUNGS REACHED IN 2011

» Funding to help low-income communities repair hurricane damage » Restructuring of Texas' juvenile justice system » First steps toward meaningful state regulation of payday and auto title lending in Texas

### DISASTER RECOVERY

#### **Building Fairness Into Disaster Recovery**

Texas Appleseed continues to ensure that the poor and disadvantaged share in the \$3.1 billion in federal funds for the rebuilding of Texas communities and lives displaced by Hurricanes Ike and Dolly. Our statewide efforts succeeded in channeling \$54.6 million in 2011 to lowincome communities—including impoverished South Texas colonias—to improve streets and drainage.



Photo: Rachel Denny Clow/Corpus Christi Caller-Times (Fiesta Ranch colonia)



Photo: Richard Ross, Juvenile-in-Justice Project: (Giddings Unit)

## PAYDAY LENDING

#### **Doing More to Protect Borrowers**

Texas Appleseed assembled a coalition of religious leaders, cities, and advocates for low-income families and the elderly to advocate for meaningful consumer protection in 2011 for payday and auto title loan borrowers. While the State moved to license these lenders and require greater disclosure, some Texas cities went even further—and with our support, adopted ordinances limiting high fees and loan rollovers.

## JUVENILE JUSTICE

#### Prioritizing Community-Based Rehabilitation

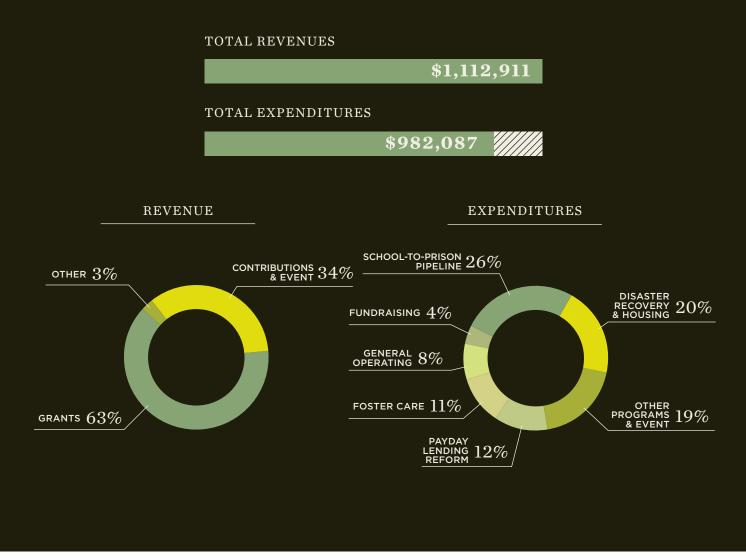
Texas Appleseed took a leadership role in helping pass legislation in 2011 to restructure youth corrections in Texas emphasizing community-based treatment programs over incarceration. Our efforts contributed to a potential \$150 million taxpayer savings from merging two juvenile justice agencies into the new Texas Juvenile Justice Department and the closure of three state-run youth secure facilities.



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