



**CENTRAL TEXAS
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Recovery In Action

**CENTRAL TEXAS
FLOOD RECOVERY IMPACT REPORT**

ONE YEAR AGO,

devastating floods forever changed communities across Travis and Williamson counties. In just a matter of hours, families lost loved ones, homes, vehicles and the sense of security they had built over a lifetime. While the floodwaters receded, they revealed a road to recovery that would be measured not in days or weeks, but in months and even years.

As we reflect on the past year of progress, our overwhelming feeling is gratitude. Because of the extraordinary generosity of individuals, businesses, foundations and community partners, Central Texas Community Foundation was able to help neighbors take tangible first steps to begin rebuilding their lives.

More than 1,200 individual donors, alongside countless organizations and corporate partners, stepped forward to support the Travis County CARES and WilCo CARES recovery funds. Together, you demonstrated what makes Central Texas so special: when our neighbors are in need, we show up.

Your generosity made it possible to provide nearly \$8 million in direct financial assistance to families recovering from the floods. These unrestricted dollars helped families begin addressing their greatest unmet needs—whether replacing a vehicle to regain mobility, covering funeral expenses to honor loved ones lost, repairing a home or simply taking the next step toward normalcy.

Just as importantly, your support reminded survivors that they were not alone.

Many families who came through our doors believed they had exhausted every option. They arrived carrying unimaginable loss and uncertainty. They left knowing their community had not forgotten them. While no amount of financial assistance can replace everything that was lost, your generosity provided hope, dignity and reassurance during one of the most difficult chapters of their lives.

On behalf of everyone at Central Texas Community Foundation—and, most importantly, the families whose lives you touched—we want to thank you. Thank you for volunteering, donating, advocating and reminding our neighbors that Central Texas is a community that comes together when it matters most.

Together, you helped turn one of our community's darkest moments into a story of resilience, hope and extraordinary love.

Amy Merida
Executive Director, Central Texas Community Foundation



YEAR ONE IMPACT

Immediately following flooding across Central Texas on July 5, 2025, the Central Texas Community Foundation worked with leadership in Travis and Williamson Counties to establish the Travis County CARES and WilCo CARES funds to raise and distribute direct financial assistance locally.

- The Travis County CARES and WilCo Cares funds received approximately 1,200 individual gifts and nearly 150 corporate gifts
- The average individual gift was about \$400 and average corporate gift was around \$68,000
- Approximately 260 families/individuals received financial assistance in Travis and Williamson Counties
- \$7.9 million in flood recovery funding was distributed across Travis and Williamson Counties
- \$500,000 in flood recovery funding was distributed in Burnet County
- \$1 million in flood recovery funding was distributed in Concho County
- Assistance amounts ranged from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$100,000, depending on verified unmet recovery needs

A core goal of the Travis County CARES and WilCo CARES programs was equitable access. Every applicant within the impacted geographic area who needed assistance gathering required documentation received support, and case management in Spanish when needed. Every eligible applicant with a completed application that met program qualifications received assistance, regardless of income level.

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IMPACT TESTIMONIALS

There are no words! I can not begin to express my thanks for your gracious assistance. I went from being a retired lady living on social security, to not knowing where I would lay my head the next night or nights to come. I lost everything except the clothes I had on. I had not even a pair of shoes.

By your wonderful gift I can rest knowing there is a light at the end of this nightmare tunnel. I often tell people I gained more than I lost and I don't mean monetary things or possessions. I experienced firsthand the beautiful gifts of love, strength, and hope from so very many total strangers. I saw firsthand God's grace and love that exists in this world. Thank you again, though that can never be said enough.

Patricia Riley
Travis County

The day of the flooding was the worst day of my life. In about an hour of being woken up by the fire department, everything I owned was gone in a flash. 65 years of memories gone. It took about a week until it really hit me. I can honestly say from day one, there was a lot of local help from the community and churches. I wasn't looking for handouts but rather a hand up and WilCo CARES reached out with both hands. I can't begin to tell you how grateful I am for all the donors. Honestly without these people with big hearts, I'd be homeless. I can't put into words the way I feel. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart. For helping me get back on track. It's still a work in progress, but you all got me back on my feet.

Gary (Pops) Heshmaty
Williamson County

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I want to cry as I write this, not because of the hardship but because receiving the CTXCF funds made a life-changing difference for my family.

After everything we went through following the flood, it finally allowed us to breathe again without the constant fear of losing our home or ending up homeless. More than anything, it helped keep my family together as one unit and gave us the stability we desperately needed during one of the hardest times in our lives.

I will always be grateful for the difference this assistance made in helping my family move forward and rebuild our lives after such a devastating experience.

Grateful in Leander,
Lea Curley

These past months have been long and overwhelming! Overwhelmingly awful and simultaneously overwhelmingly unexpectedly wonderful, as the floods have brought us closer to all of our neighbors and have introduced us to strangers who have now become friends. Strangers, like the Central Texas Community Foundation!

Receiving this relief from Travis County CARES makes it possible for us to consider starting to rebuild our home... and rebuilding much sooner than we could have ever expected or anticipated!

THANK YOU! Thank you! Thank you to each and every person whose heart was moved to give and to help us! To help utter strangers in our darkest hours. Who does that? Good people do! Kind people do, like the good and kind donors and Foundation team! May each of you who felt moved to donate know that your gift has made a LIFE ALTERING DIFFERENCE! And may you each be abundantly blessed by God, who sees your hearts and your actions to help strangers.

WOW WOW WOW WOW
Hope has Come! Relief has Come!

Surprised and Eternally Grateful,
A Thankful Sandy Creek Family

A photograph showing a person walking away from the camera on a concrete path that has been partially submerged by floodwaters. The path is flanked by large piles of debris, including branches and trash. In the background, there are trees and utility poles under a grey, overcast sky.

LOOKING AHEAD

One of the most important lessons from this recovery effort is that disasters do not end when the floodwaters recede. Recovery takes months—and often years. While the short-term fundraising phases have concluded, there is still an ongoing need to support long-term recovery efforts. In both Travis and Williamson counties, Central Texas Community Foundation is working with long-term recovery groups to help secure grants to meet the needs of those impacted.

In Travis County, we partner with Travis County Recovery Alliance and in Williamson County, the WilCo Long-Term Recovery Group. These organizations work through unmet needs tables, where community partners review individual cases and identify gaps that insurance, FEMA, or other assistance programs don't cover.

For those feeling called to support today, the most impactful action is to donate to long-term recovery efforts, which continue to support families as they rebuild in the years following a disaster.

For more information, visit ctxcf.org/floodrelief2025.