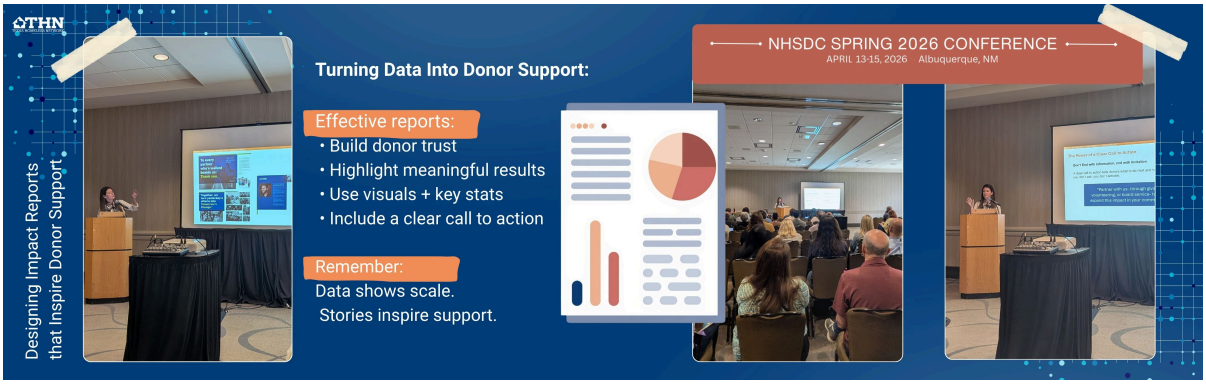
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TEXAS HOMELESS NETWORK



Welcome to this month's Texas Homeless Network newsletter. We're sharing updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the partnerships, programs and systems working to prevent and end homelessness.

In this issue, read about how THN's Youth Action Board is helping center youth voice in conversations around foster care and homelessness, explore lessons from THN's recent presentation on designing impact reports that inspire donor support, and stay up to date on initiatives and community impact happening across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care.

From the Field: *Stories and updates from communities across Texas, highlighting the people and programs making a real difference.*



Supporting Foster Youth Before Housing Instability Begins

Why youth voice, stable support systems, and prevention matter across Texas. Plus, THN's role.

Texas youth aging out of foster care face high risks of housing instability and homelessness, but advocates and young leaders say stronger support systems and youth-centered solutions can help change those outcomes.

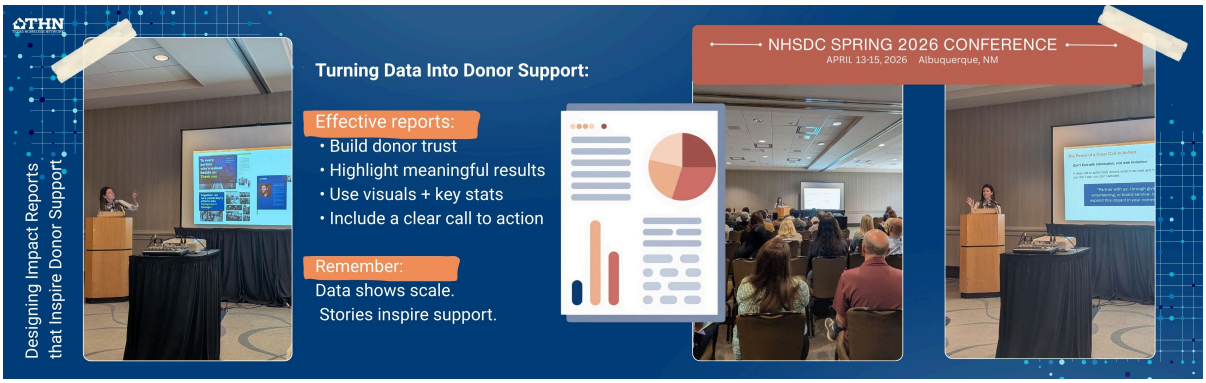
A recent report from the Texas Alliance of Child and Family Services calls for expanded housing support, stronger youth-adult relationships, improved access to education and employment, and greater youth involvement in shaping policies and programs.

Those recommendations align closely with efforts underway at Texas Homeless Network through its Youth Action Board (YAB), where young people with lived experience help shape programs, advocacy and statewide youth homelessness initiatives across the state.

"I want youth to know they are more than their circumstances," said Toni Johnson, YAB's president. "Young people deserve to be part of the conversations and decisions that affect their lives."

Read more about foster youth homelessness and how THN is working to support youth outcomes across Texas.

Read the Full Story Here



Designing Impact Reports That Inspire Donor Support

What makes an impact report truly connect with donors? It's about combining data with meaningful stories that show real change.

More than 80 people joined THN Chief Development Officer Alexandra Beckendorf at the National Human Services Data Consortium's Spring 2026 Conference for a session on designing impact reports that strengthen donor engagement and make impact easier to understand.

The session explored how organizations can create more effective reports by focusing on outcomes over activities, using real stories of impact, incorporating clear visuals and organizing content around a simple framework: **Problem → Action → Impact.**

Alexandra will present the session again at THN's **2026 Texas Conference on Ending Homelessness, Sept. 23–25, 2026, at the Houston Marriott Westchase.**

Stay tuned! Registration opens soon!

Coordinating Change: *Updates from the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, showcasing statewide coordination, planning, and strategies to end homelessness*

Seeking Nominations for CoC Board Seat 17

The CoC continues to seek nominations for Seat 17 on the CoC Board, representing elected public officials. That seat was added to the CoC Board in late 2025 because elected public officials are important partners in addressing homelessness.

Anyone interested in the seat is encouraged to submit an online nomination form at https://thn.wufoo.com/forms/w1pf0ql101z8ufo/. If you have someone in mind and would like THN staff to reach out to that person, please contact Mary Stahlke, Director of Engagement, at mary@thn.org or 512-861-2180.

What's Happening Across the TX BoS CoC

Communities across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care are responding to rising homelessness and working toward local solutions.

In Central Texas, faith-based nonprofit Armor of God is building a massive center to help unhoused people.

Port Arthur City Council approved funding mental health services for the city's unhoused population, and Christian Service Center in Abilene added showers to their resources and services for homeless families.

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