



BlueCross BlueShield of Texas

# Investing in our Communities



At Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, our priority remains what matters most: standing with our members and communities.

Through our Community Collaborative Grant Fund, we've deployed funds across Texas to help our communities stay strong during the COVID-19 global crisis. We're partnering with local organizations on initiatives that impact hunger, child care, support for health providers, senior care and access to care in areas where the pandemic has had the most impact.

Here are some of the ways we're helping Texans.

## Communities Foundation of Texas

We donated \$1 million to Communities Foundation of Texas to help nonprofits deliver COVID-19 relief where it's needed most, by:

- providing first responders with personal protective equipment (PPE).
- helping provide child care for first responders and health care professionals.
- providing services for senior adults, including meal and grocery deliveries.

## Statewide Community Non-Profits

An additional investment of over \$555,000 was provided to more than 82 different statewide community partners and non-profits.

As many Texas organizations continue to be greatly impacted by the demand of COVID-19, our community partnership will provide needed support in the following focus areas:

- food insecurity
- emergency shelter and housing
- community and domestic violence
- child abuse
- access to care
- mental health services
- youth and after school programs
- vulnerable populations and special needs
- legal aid organizations





## Care Van® Shifts Gears

Our Care Vans have adjusted course from their regular initiatives to help community partners across the state provide COVID-19 education and relief.

- **In El Paso**, the Care Van averages 90 miles daily, visiting parks, open air malls and other popular gathering spots where they can educate people about the importance of social distancing.
- **In Houston**, the State of Texas Department of Social and Health Services Oral Health program is using the Care Van to partner with the National Kidney Foundation, renal nutritionists, social workers and dialysis clinics to ensure that dialysis patients have healthy food options and toiletries to keep themselves safe.
- **The Dallas County Health Department** is using the Care Van to deliver hand sanitizer to first responders.
- **The Family Health Center of Waco** uses the Care Van to redistribute PPE to frontline professionals throughout the city.
- **In San Antonio**, we're partnering with Meals on Wheels to deliver healthy foods to elderly Texans.

## Clinical Volunteers

As the pandemic continues to disrupt communities and strain health care organizations across the country, our clinical employees are rolling up their sleeves and serving as resources in local volunteer programs and initiatives supporting direct patient care and education.

## Texas Restaurant Relief Fund Supports Local Economies

Our \$1,000,000 grant to the Texas Restaurant Association's TX Restaurant Relief Fund provided immediate financial support to Texas independent restauranteurs and their employees by:

- keeping restaurant operations open and employees working.
- supporting independent restaurants that provide frontline workers and first responders with meals as they work to care for COVID-19 patients.

## Through it All®

As your trusted partner in health, we're standing with our members and communities. We're in this together.