



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

LILITH FUND

FOR REPRODUCTIVE EQUITY

Dear Friends,

In many ways, 2016 is a new beginning for our organization. As a volunteer-led organization since our founding in 2001, Lilith Fund strived to create an infrastructure that could support hiring staff who could focus their energy and commitment to our organization full-time. We've reached that pivotal moment and we are excited to share it with you.



Schell Carpenter
President

After a 9-month intensive hiring process, we hired Amanda Williams as our first-ever Executive Director in 2016. We looked for someone who could strengthen community relationships, build organizational capacity, sophisticate our fundraising and donor relations, expand our movement-building and advocacy, and create a more robust direct assistance program that will serve as many people as possible. Simply put, we wanted a leader who could both serve and strengthen our mission of funding abortion and advocating for change through the reproductive justice movement.

Amanda's core values and clear vision for reproductive justice directly align with Lilith Fund, and she has the professional background to take us to new heights. Amanda is no stranger to our organization. She started as a hotline volunteer in 2011 and joined our Board of Directors in 2012. She took a leave of absence from the Board to be considered for this role and we couldn't be happier with the outcome.

In the short time since Amanda has filled this role, we've already seen the value of her passionate leadership. On March 2, she spoke proudly about Lilith Fund's work at the rally on the steps of the Supreme Court of the United States the day they heard oral arguments on House Bill 2. She's taken dozens of local and national media interviews and has been actively meeting with our generous donors to steward and build those relationships. She's working closely with our Board of Directors to create long-term fundraising plans and is knee-deep in local policy work with our partners at National Institute for Reproductive Health, NARAL Pro-Choice Texas and the Texas Freedom Network. This spring she traveled across our service areas to meet with our community supporters and build connections with activists and local abortion fund members.

With Amanda at the head of our organization—and with your generous support—our impact can grow even greater than ever before. We're thrilled at the possibilities our future holds, and we're glad we have your support every step of the way. The growth of our organization could not be possible without your support, and our continued success depends on the generosity of people just like you.

Please join me in welcoming Amanda as Executive Director of the Lilith Fund.

Onward,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Schell Carpenter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Schell Carpenter
Lilith Fund President



Amanda Williams
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

It is with great excitement and honor that I take on the role of Lilith Fund's first-ever Executive Director. This incredible organization has been a transformational part of my life and the lives of so many others. As we celebrate our 15th Anniversary this year, I am filled with pride at our accomplishments and I look forward to our continued growth and impact.

In 2015, the landscape of Texas abortion access continued to falter as thousands of people seeking abortion care were forced to navigate the effects of a judicial rollercoaster. As we await a decision from the Supreme Court of the United States on Texas House Bill 2 in summer 2016, Texas remains at the center of a historical moment for the reproductive rights movement in the United States..

Last year, Lilith Fund heard from more than 4,000 people in Texas who need an abortion but cannot afford it. Thanks to your support, we were able to give out more than our budgeted \$175,000 in direct assistance to our clients, doubling the amount we gave two years prior. In 2015 we also raised our average grant amount to provide additional assistance to our callers.

We continued to bring awareness to our fight for safe abortion access at the local, state, and federal levels. We were awarded our first advocacy-specific grant from the National Institute for Reproductive Health to conduct local policy work promoting abortion access in the Houston area. Lilith Fund was also honored with the Movement Builder Award by the National Network of Abortion Funds at the 2015 Annual Summit for our efforts.

Looking forward in 2016, we're on track to give out more than ever before in direct assistance to our clients. As our callers are bombarded with medically unnecessary barriers to overcome to gain access to safe abortion, Lilith Fund provides a consistent and compassionate service that centers around our callers' individual experiences and needs.

Our vision is to create a Texas where all people have the means and opportunity they need to plan their futures and families with dignity, respect, and community support. Because of public funding bans on abortion, our entire budget is made up of private funding from individuals and foundations. We quite literally can't do this without you. As you read our annual report, we hope it will remind you of the impact of our work, and we hope it will inspire you to continue your generous support of our mission.

Thank you and cheers to 15 years!

Sincerely,

Amanda Williams
Lilith Fund Executive Director

FINANCIAL REPORT

2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Beginning Cash	\$239,025
Support & Revenue	
Events	\$123,218
Individual Contributions	\$87,706
Grants	\$69,000
Publications	\$16,088
Other Income (NNAF [†] Reimbursements, Merchandise)	\$1711
Interest Income	\$26
Total	\$297,749
Expenses	
Hotline Program	\$183,857
Less: Returned Clinic Payments	\$(7,181)
Outreach & Advocacy	\$4,177
Administration	\$43,757
Fundraising	\$8,070
Total	\$232,680
Operating Reserve	\$58,170
2015 Net	\$65,069
* Ending Cash	\$304,094

2016 BUDGET

Support & Revenue	\$218,180
Expenses	\$351,680
Net Income	\$(133,500)
Operating Reserve (3 months, costs of operations)	\$87,920
* Ending Cash	\$170,594

* Lilith Fund hired an Executive Director in February 2016. Ending cash is being used in 2016 to fund these increased staffing costs. The remaining cash will be spent down over a two-year period so the Executive Director can help grow the organization's resources over time. The Executive Director will build Lilith Fund's capacity to sustain and move forward with our work.

[†] National Network of Abortion Funds (NNAF)

HOTLINE FACTS

4,403

TOTAL CALLS
TO OUR
HOTLINE

\$182
AVERAGE
GRANT

\$249,280

TOTAL
ASSISTANCE
OFFERED
IN 2015

1,371

CALLERS
GRANTED
FUNDS

ABOUT OUR CLIENTS

11%

REPORTED
AN ABUSIVE
OR COERCIVE
PARTNER

91%

WERE
MOTHERS
ALREADY

25

MEDIAN
AGE

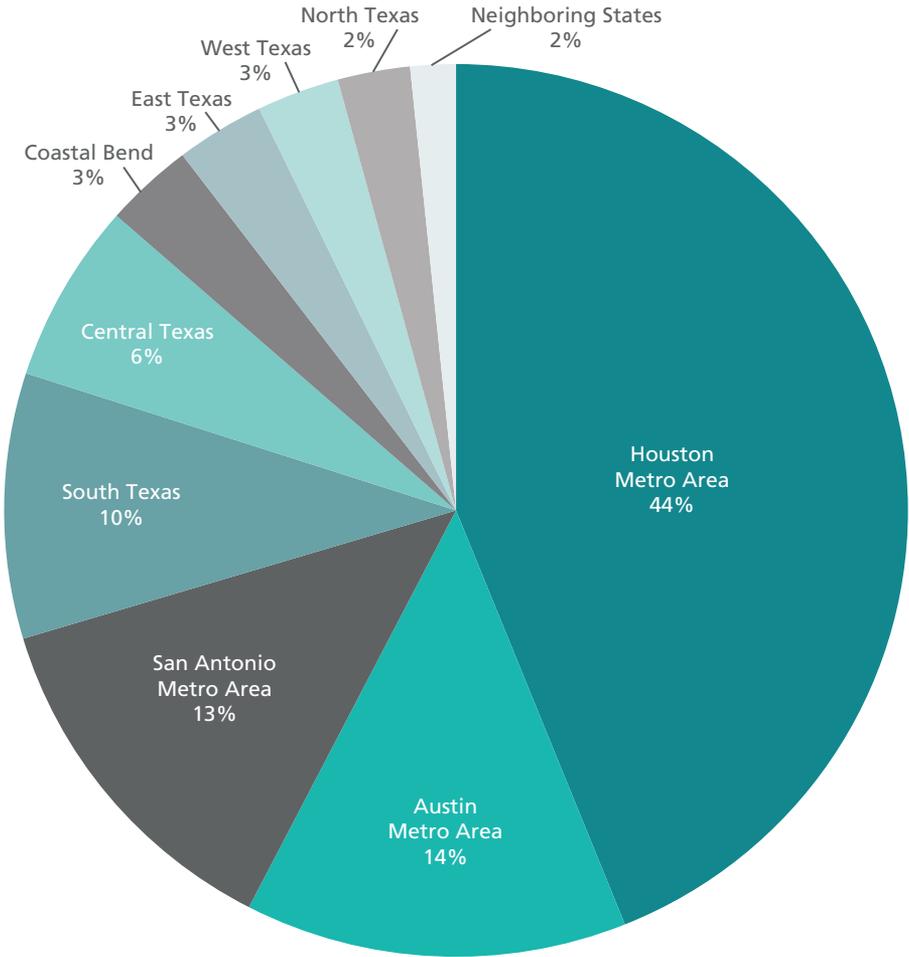
86%

WERE
WOMEN
OF COLOR

8%

REPORTED
RAPE
OR SEXUAL
VIOLENCE

CLIENTS BY LOCATION



Note: The North Texas region is primarily served by Texas Equal Access Fund and the West Texas region is also served by the West Fund.

The University of Texas Policy Evaluation Project released a recent report[†] evaluating the impact of the clinic closures caused by Texas House Bill 2. They found that the House Bill 2 clinic closures resulted in:

- Significantly increased travel distances, costs and overnight stays for clients.
- Decreased access to medication abortion.
- Client travel to the nearest abortion provider increased fourfold.
- Texas women whose nearest clinic closed traveled an average of 85 miles for abortion care.
- 36% of Texas women whose nearest clinic closed reported difficulties obtaining abortion.
- 32% of women whose nearest clinic closed spent more than \$100 beyond cost of abortion to access care.

[†]<http://www.utexas.edu/cola/txpep/releases/impact-of-clinic-closures-release-.php>



Lilith Fund Board of Directors and Executive Director
Photo by Zachary Hunt

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STAFF

Amanda Williams, *Executive Director*

Katherine Craft, *Hotline and Administrative Coordinator*

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