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2008 Impact Report

making reproductive rights a reality

letter from the director

Dear Friend of the TEA Fund,

During difficult economic times, unwanted pregnancies can pose an even greater threat to the stability and survival of low-income and disadvantaged women and their families. At the same time, the cost of an abortion may grow further and further out of reach for women struggling to make ends meet in the face of unemployment, wage cuts, and rising food prices.

As the economic downturn snowballed rapidly last year, the number of calls we received from women went up. By October we were fielding approximately a hundred calls a week, most of them from single mothers barely able to support the children they already had.

Fortunately, the TEA Fund was prepared to respond.

In 2008, the number of women we assisted almost **doubled**, and the total funding provided to help pay for abortions increased by almost **two and a half times** the amount funded in 2007.

How did we do it?

Through the compassion and generosity of our supporters, of course – *people like you* who realize that being pro-choice means more than just taking a political position, it means making reproductive rights a reality for all women regardless of their economic status or ability to pay.

We're a small, grassroots, nonprofit organization that is cost-efficient, effective, and mission-driven. I encourage you to review the financial information and client statistics included in this report to see who we help and how our resources are spent.

The TEA Fund changes lives, one choice at a time. Every year, the assistance we provide lets hundreds of women and girls take charge of their lives and stay in school, pursue their professional goals, maintain their economic or emotional well-being, leave abusive relationships, or protect their health.

When women have nowhere else to turn, they turn to the TEA Fund. In order to be able to help them, we turn to you. Thank you for making this work possible.

Best regards,

Gretchen Dyer
Executive Director

letter from our client

I am a 38 year-old single mother of three. The termination of this pregnancy has saved my life as I am finding it harder and harder to afford to raise the kids I already have. Thank you very much for all your help. This organization is a godsend.

caroline, 38

one in 3

Two years ago, board members of the TEA Fund set a unique and ambitious goal: to create a work of theater that would counteract the silence and stigma surrounding abortion and represent a reality experienced by more than one out of three women in America.

In January 2009, this goal was realized with the world premiere of *One in 3* – a play about the reality, not the politics, of abortion. Funny, sad, fascinating, touching, infuriating, and enlightening – *One in 3* was a big success! It played to full houses and enthusiastic audiences for three weeks at the Green Zone, a new theater in the Design District of Dallas.

A collaboration among artists and activists, *One in 3* brought together the talents and energies of writers, designers, theater artists, actors, filmmakers, and many others committed to reproductive justice. It was co-produced by the TEA Fund, Project X Theatre, and One Mind Productions, Inc., in partnership with the National Network of Abortion Funds. The production was funded entirely by foundation grants and individual donors.

We hope you got the chance to see this powerful and entertaining work of art for social change. Plans for future productions in other cities and even a national tour are in the works. Stay tuned...



Actors Thiago Martins and Emily Ko perform a scene from *One in 3*.

ahead in 2009

As one of the largest and most active abortion funds in the US, the TEA Fund provides financial assistance to hundreds of low-income and disadvantaged women each year to help them terminate unwanted pregnancies. As part of our broader mission to promote reproductive justice for all women, we are currently developing several complementary programs:

CHOICES

A monthly drop-in meeting for women who have had abortions and want to share their experiences in a supportive, non-judgmental, pro-choice environment.

The Andrea Project

A program to help women with unwanted pregnancies incarcerated in Dallas County and Travis County jails by providing financial and pro-bono legal assistance to help them overcome the obstacles to abortion. A joint program with The Lilith Fund, based in Austin.

Community Outreach Program

A program for staff at local domestic violence shelters, homeless shelters, and housing for runaway teens to educate them about reproductive justice issues and inform them of the services provided by the TEA Fund.

in the works

Spanish Brochure

We're working on a newly designed bilingual brochure to make our services more accessible to the Spanish-speaking community. The TEA Fund already has a toll-free hotline for Spanish-speaking clients.

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letter from our client

amber,
17

I have a 10-month old son that has had problems since birth and I have struggled with him very much. I am 17 years old and I don't feel that I'm ready to become a mother again anytime soon. Thank you for giving me a second chance.

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Help make reproductive rights a reality today

Donate to the TEA Fund

\$50 **\$115** \$250 \$500 Other _____

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*Your gift at this level will help
one woman afford an abortion.*

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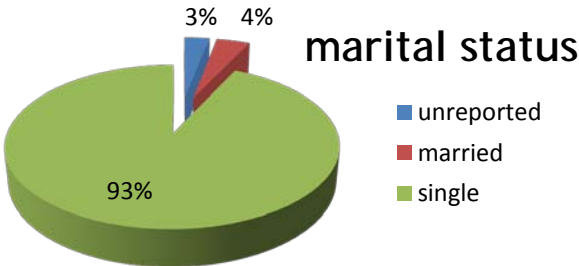
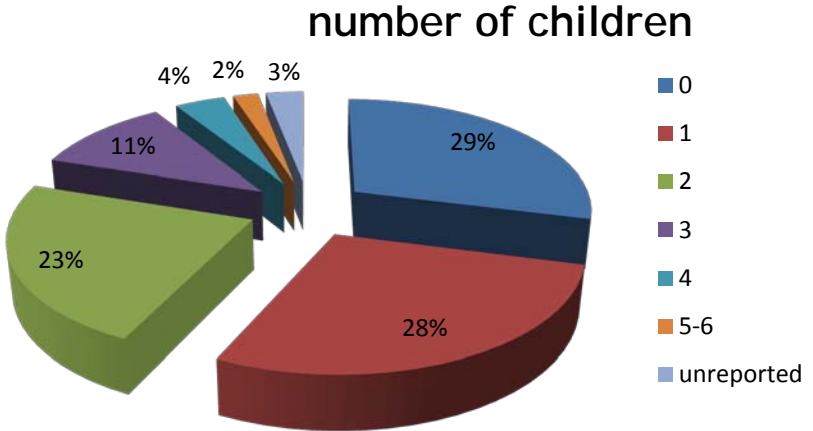
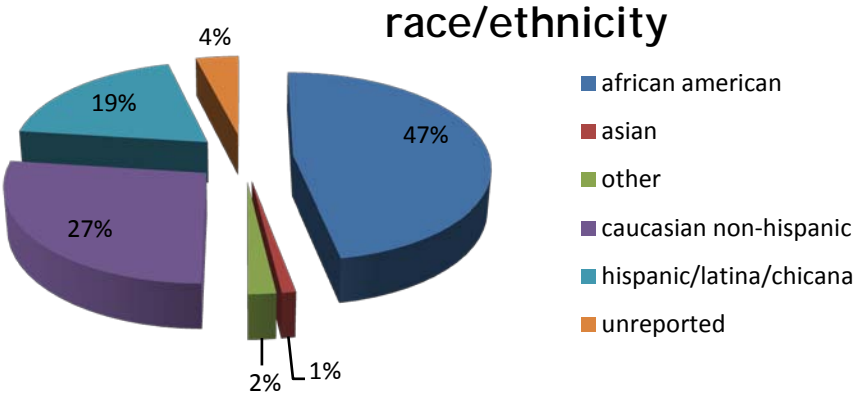
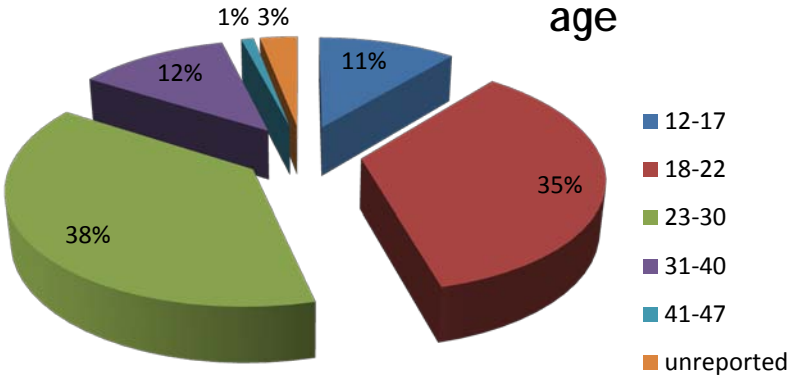
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our clients

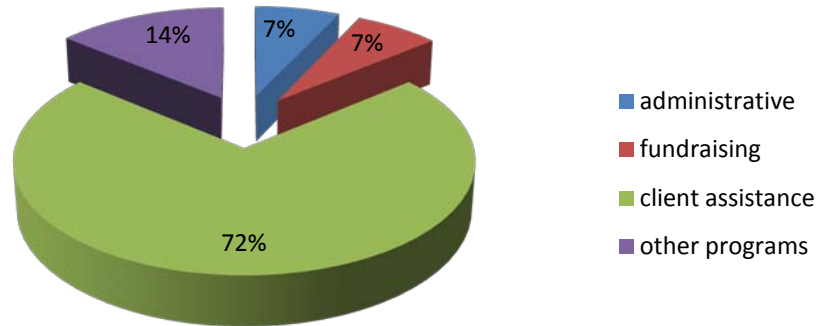
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2008 financials

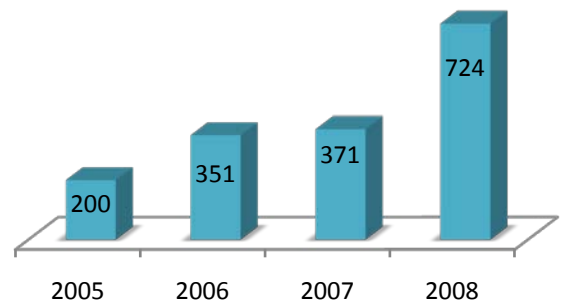
distribution of funds



Texas Equal Access Fund Balance Sheet Summary As of December 31, 2008

ASSETS	
Cash	44,796
Other Assets	1,179
TOTAL ASSETS	45,975
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities	478
Fund Balance	45,497
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	45,975

number of clients funded



Compared to 2007, the TEA Fund raised over twice as much in 2008—and spent 262% more dollars to assist clients in 2008!

