

San Antonio Area Asset Funders Network 2024 Impact Report

The San Antonio Area Chapter of the Asset Funders Network

(SAA AFN) is a regional chapter of grantmakers who advance equitable wealth building and economic mobility. With a shared commitment to improving the financial wellbeing of people in our region, San Antonio Area AFN members collaborate within the nonprofit, public, and private sectors to share knowledge, put that knowledge to work through innovative practices and collaborative initiatives, and work to leverage and increase collective systemic investments in asset building.



2024 AFN NATIONAL CONFERENCE

In April, San Antonio Area AFN Steering Committee members traveled to New Orleans for AFN's national conference, with chapter members sharing in conference sessions about how involvement with AFN has catalyzed their work on cash assistance and broadband. Our chapter led on planning for a Health Wealth Breakfast, leading to a follow-up convening at the Grantmakers in Health conference, and a breakout session on the care economy.

PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC

In June, our chapter partnered with St. Mary's School of Law, Texas Appleseed, and Texas Fair Defense Project to host a Class C Pro Bono Legal Clinic and "Know Your Rights" presentation. 20 community members received information and 10 were provided pro bono legal services.

"I put myself at risk every day that I, as a working mom, decide to make life happen for ourselves."

- Client served during the clinic who was driving on a suspended license



HEIRS' PROPERTY INVESTMENTS

Steering Committee member investments in the Mexican American Unity Council's Homestead Preservation Center will clear the titles of 115 Westside homeowners, translating to an estimated **\$20,090,000** in property-based wealth retained by these families.

"MAUC appreciates AFN's support in connecting us with other organizations that share our mission. Working together has allowed us to make a bigger difference. Our partnership has allowed us to expand our impact, connecting with others who share our commitment to San Antonio." - Crystal Requejo, COO, Mexican American Unity Council





HOUSING EVENT SERIES

In May and October, our chapter convened **21 community partner organizations** working on economic mobility in our region to discuss emerging forms of shared equity homeownership like community land trusts and how we build the capacity of our ecosystem to support these new ownership opportunities. A Key Takeaways report synthesized ideas for future action.

"One powerful opportunity for action is creating rooms like this, with the work that the H.E. Butt Foundation and Asset Funders Network are doing, really just putting people in the same space."

- Ramiro Gonzales, Founder, Mission Affordable



LEARNING + COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our chapter hosted Steering Committee learning events with the Mexican American Unity Council, Financial Health Pathways, the Texas CDFI Coalition, JUST Financial, and Grounded Solutions Network and engaged in community building activities with mental health expert Sinclair Ceasar and the San Antonio African American Community Archive and Museum.

"The curiosity about new innovative asset-building strategies has led to great educational partnerships."

- San Antonio Area AFN Steering Committee Member



Sinclair Ceasar Workshop



SAAACAM Black History River Tour

SAA AFN 2024 Steering Committee Members

Alice Jewell, Co-Chair
McKenna Foundation

Barbara Ankamah Burford, Co-Chair
Wells Fargo

Andrea Figueroa
San Antonio Area Foundation

Caitlin Cowart De Leon
City of Antonio

Donna Normandin-Richardson
Frost Bank

Dorian Cockrell
JPMorgan Chase

Estrellita Garcia-Diaz
Jefferson Bank

Jeff Ivey
River City Federal Credit Union

Jesus Garcia-Gonzalez
San Antonio Area Foundation

Marycruz De Leon
Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas

Melody Woosley
City of San Antonio

Michele Barker
Frost Bank

Perri Rosheger
H.E. Butt Foundation

Sandra Martinez
Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas

Stephanie Smith
United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County

VanNhi Nguyen
JPMorgan Chase

Katie Sirakos
Asset Funders Network