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## **Genesis Women's Shelter & Support Granted \$5,000 to Support Domestic Violence Survivors by Texas Bar Foundation**

DALLAS (November 20, 2024) – Genesis Women's Shelter & Support has been selected as one of the Texas Bar Foundation's grant beneficiaries to support survivors of domestic violence through legal services.

Since its inception in 1965, the Texas Bar Foundation has awarded more than \$28 million in grants to law-related programs. Supported by members of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Bar Foundation is the nation's largest charitably-funded bar foundation. The \$5,000 grant awarded by the Texas Bar Foundation will benefit the Genesis Client Legal Assistance Program, a service that Genesis has provided since 2016 that assists women in Family Law cases at no cost and with no strings attached. Particularly, this grant will support the interpretation and legal fees incurred by Genesis clients during the legal process.

"Of the many barriers women can face on their journey towards healing, navigating the legal justice system can be one of the most challenging for women who need a divorce or child custody" says Genesis Chief Executive Officer Jan Langbein. "Not only does the process require legal fees that she may not have available from lack of resources or financial abuse, trying to face it alone can feel like an overwhelmingly difficult task for someone already trying to heal from the trauma of abuse. It is because of this that we saw the need to add legal services to our continuum of care so that she has a trauma-informed team walking alongside her throughout the Family Law process."

With over 50% of Genesis legal clients requiring an interpreter, the funds received from Texas Bar Foundation fills a critical need that addresses the disparities in language so clients can receive individualized, thorough legal representation from Genesis attorneys.

### **About Genesis Women's Shelter & Support:**

Since opening its doors in 1985, Genesis Women's Shelter & Support has provided safety, shelter and expert counseling services to women and children who have experienced domestic violence. Genesis is committed to removing every roadblock a woman might face on her journey to the abuse-free life she deserves. These life-changing services include an emergency shelter, long-term housing, an award-winning onsite, K-8 school, daycare, access to legal representation and cutting-edge therapeutics. Genesis serves more than 3,700 women and children each year and relies on the generous support of the Dallas community to continue providing these services at no cost to clients. For more information, visit [www.genesishelter.org](http://www.genesishelter.org).