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## **Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation Awards Grant to Interfaith Action of Central Texas**

(Austin)—Interfaith Action of Central Texas accepted a \$30,000 grant from the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation today. Accepting the check on behalf of IACT was Tom Spencer, CEO and Jim Haley, President of IACT Board of Directors. The grant award was presented by Bob Jones, Board Chairman of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation and KiYa Moghaddam, Director of Community and Media Relations for State Representative Dawnna Dukes.

“Unfortunately, there are far too many families who are living in poverty and substandard conditions,” said Bob Jones, Board Chairman of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. “The services that Interfaith Action of Central Texas provides, such as critical home repair, are vital for these families. Our grant will this great Austin nonprofit to increase the number of underserved they can serve this year.”

“The support of TSAHC helps IACT to live out our mission of “cultivating peace and respect” through service to our community. Since 1989, we have repaired the homes of over 1,500 senior citizens and disabled individuals living in deep poverty,” said Tom Spencer, IACT CEO. “Thanks to our partnership with TSAHC, we are able to ensure that many disabled individuals can live in homes that are fully accessible and safe. Investing in home repairs saves our communities money in the long run by making it possible for people to remain in the homes they love, living independent lives.”

The grant is part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program of the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation. This award will enable Interfaith Action of Central Texas to provide critical home repairs to very low-income Austin homeowners through its Hands on Housing program, which is Austin’s largest volunteer-based housing rehabilitation program. The Hands on Housing program works to maintain affordable housing in Central Texas by utilizing volunteers to repair homes of homeowners who are financially unable to make the needed repairs themselves.

Interfaith Action of Central Texas received one of eight grants awarded this year across Texas by the Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation as part of the Texas Foundations Fund Program. Eligible grant applicants were nonprofits and rural government entities. Specifically, grants were awarded for the rehabilitation and/or critical repair of owner-occupied single family homes and for the provision of supportive services in multifamily housing. Income levels of families served through this grant must be at 50% of the Area Medium Income or less.

***About Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation***

*Texas State Affordable Housing Corporation (TSAHC) is a non-profit organization created by statute in 1994 for the promotion of public health, safety and welfare through the provision of safe, decent and affordable housing for low-income Texans and other underserved populations. Through the development and administration of innovative and unique housing programs, TSAHC facilitates affordable housing primarily for Texans who do not have comparable options through conventional financial channels. All TSAHC programs are offered statewide, with special attention given to rural areas and other select target areas.*

***Interfaith Action of Central Texas – Hands on Housing Program***

*Hands on Housing utilizes volunteers and skilled professionals to repair and revitalize the homes of senior citizens and disabled homeowners who are living in deep poverty. The goal is to help them safely remain in the homes they love and to provide an outlet for the compassion shared by all of the great faith traditions. Since 1990, Hands on Housing volunteers have repaired over 1,400 homes.*

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