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## **HELPING HAND HOME AWARDED \$10,000 FROM THE LOLA WRIGHT FOUNDATION**

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**Austin, TX (May 2010)** – Helping Hand Home for Children, a non-profit in Austin dedicated to meeting the community’s needs for the care of abused and abandoned children has been awarded \$10,000 from the Lola Wright Foundation. Funding will support technology at the home. With this generous donation, Helping Hand Home is able to update the current phone system which is over fifteen years old. These seemingly simple improvements will bring efficiency and improvement in communication for Helping Hand Home. *“While our ultimate goal is to provide the highest level of care for our children, it is also important to have a productive and technologically savvy work environment. It is a priority to be updated in our employee training, therapeutic practices, and industry trends, and to have the necessary equipment and technology to support those services.”* Ted Keyser, Executive Director, Helping Hand Home for Children.

Funding from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (TDFPS) accounts for approximately two thirds of Helping Hand Home’s operating budget but pays only for the basics for the children such as food, shelter, clothing, basic child care, and medical services. Funds for the crucial supplemental services that set Helping Hand Home apart from other treatment centers must be obtained from the community in the form of donations, corporate sponsorships, and grants.

### **About Helping Hand Home for Children**

For 117 years, Helping Hand Home for Children (HHH) has provided a place to heal for abused, neglected and abandoned children. The Home provides residential treatment services, foster care, adoption services, and a charter school for emotionally disturbed children and advocates for greater public support of early prevention, intervention, and treatment. Helping Hand Home’s Residential Treatment Center provides 24-hour care, supervision, and treatment services for up to forty-one severely abused children ages 4-13. The goal of the program is to heal emotional scars, build social skills and reestablish trust in order to insure a child’s success when they return to a family setting.

### **About The Lola Wright Foundation**

The Lola Wright Foundation was established by Johnnie Elizabeth Wright in memory of Lola Wright, a Georgetown, Texas, hotel owner. The Foundation donates thousands of dollars annually to a variety of nonprofits.

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