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# THE CELEBRATION ASBIGAS TEXAS

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# **OUR MISSION**

The State Fair of Texas celebrates all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment.

# **OUR CORE FOCUS**

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**PURPOSE:** TO BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER.

**NICHE:** BY HOSTING AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING OUR NONPROFIT MISSION.

# > OUR CORE VALUES<</p>



THE FAIR IS OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER

EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE AS **OUR FOUNDATION** 



PRESERVE THE TRADITIONS, INVEST IN AND EMBRACE THE FUTURE

**OPERATE IN A FISCALLY CONSCIOUS MANNER** TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS WILL THRIVE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

# **TEXANTUDE**

A HOWDY WITH A SMILE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

BE LIKE BIG TEX AND WELCOME EVERYONE

**TEXANS HELPING TEXANS** 

# ENTHUSIASTICALLY CUSTOMER FOCUSED

WE'RE IN THE BUSINESS OF MAKING MEMORIES WITH SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

> HUMBLY STRIVE TO **BE THE BEST**

# EXEMPLARY TEAM SPIRIT

WE WIN TOGETHER, AND WE LEARN TOGETHER

# **AFFECTION FOR THE FAIR & OUR MISSION**

SUPPORT THE GREATER COMMUNITY THROUGH INVESTMENT

SERVE FIRST MINDSET

# **STEWARDSHIP OF THE TRADITION**

INVEST IN THE FAIR PRODUCT, OUR FAIR PARK HOME, AND OUR MISSION



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IN ITS 30-YEAR HISTORY, THE **BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** HAS AWARDED MORE THAN

**\$16.1 MILLION** TO MORE THAN **TEXAS STUDENTS.** 

SINCE 2015, THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS HAS COMMITTED MORE THAN



TO SUPPORT PROJECTS IN FAIR PARK AND TOWARDS THE IMPROVEMENT OF STATE FAIR OPERATIONS.



THROUGHOUT NORTH TEXAS.



**8.9 MILLION** 

**FREE ADMISSION TICKETS** WERE GIVEN TO STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGHOUT NORTH TEXAS AND MORE THAN

900

**FREE ADMISSION TICKETS** 

WERE DONATED TO LOCAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SOUTH DALLAS/FAIR PARK COMMUNITY TO ENJOY THE FAIR.



A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE SIFFORD, BOARD CHAIR & MITCHELL GLIEBER, PRESIDENT

# **HOWDY, FOLKS!**

As the Dallas sunset graced the fairgrounds on the evening of October 23, the 2022 State Fair of Texas came to an end. Fairgoers savored their last bite of Fair food, the lights and sounds of the Midway slowly settled, and Big Tex made his birthday wish as he blew out all 70 candles. The 2022 State Fair of Texas proved to be exceptional, exceeding our mission of supporting all things Texan by promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement.

In continuing the Fair's efforts of giving back to the community, in The Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction raised a record-breaking \$1.9 million during the 2022 State Fair of Texas, including the Grand Champion Market Steer selling for \$130,000. More than 16,000 livestock entries hailed from 866 Texas cities and eight other states. In addition, the rodeo returned, bringing in more than 58,000 attendees. The Fair Park Coliseum hosted various rodeo events, such as Cowboys of Color, Mexican Rodeo Fiesta, and the UPRA finals.

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As we are grateful to call Fair Park our home for the 136th year, the State Fair of Texas continues to support the Park by contributing funds from our revenue. In addition, Dallas voters passed Proposition A in 2022, awarding Fair Park \$300 million for significant renovations to the Bandshell, Cotton Bowl, Coliseum, Automobile Building, Centennial Building, and Music Hall. We look forward to the enhancements of Fair Park and State Fair venues.

As we review the 2022 record-breaking year, we want to express our In 2022, the State Fair awarded more than \$578,000 in community grants and sponsorships to 83 organizations serving the South Dallas/Fair Park area. With community involvement as a pillar of the State Fair's mission, we are proud to announce that in just seven State Fair's mission, we are proud to announce that in just seven As we review the 2022 record-breaking year, we want to express our gratitude to our sponsors, community partners, the Tex team family, and of course, our fairgoers. With the support of all of you, our nonprofit mission is possible. We can't wait to open our gates in 2023 and greet you with a Texas-sized "Howdy."

# See y'all at the Fair!



**BRUCE SIFFORD** Board Chair, State Fair of Texas



MITCHELL GLIEBER President, State Fair of Texas







Agriculture serves not only as a pillar of this organization but as a fundamental feature of the Lone Star State and its history. The State Fair of Texas offers a variety of interactive exhibits focusing on agriculture and livestock — implementing hands-on activities that are both fun and

informative. Activities range from feeding furry friends at the petting zoo to learning about different livestock species during daily guided tours through the livestock barns.

Every year, thousands of students from around the state work diligently in preparation for the competitive livestock events and leadership contests at the State Fair. The largest of these events, the annual Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction, celebrates the agricultural heritage of our great state while providing scholarships and prizes to students all over Texas.

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# 2022 LIVESTOCK HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 16.000 livestock entries were entered and processed by our team leading up to the Fair.
- The State Fair of Texas hosted eight pre-Fair horse shows in the weeks leading up to the Fair, with more than 2,000 riders participating.
- · We welcomed livestock participants from more than 860 different Texas cities and eight additional states outside of Texas.
- More than 4,600 Texas 4-H and FFA members competed, showing their animals across the five species during the Fair's youth market week.
- The Collegiate Livestock Judging contest involved 294 college students from across the nation.
- More than 12.300 exhibitors participated in the Fair's livestock shows and other competitive events.
- Fairgoers witnessed and helped welcome 60 animals, that were born in the Livestock Birthing Barn.

# 74<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL YOUTH LIVESTOCK **AUCTION**

- Approximately 3,000 entries from across the state competed for one of the coveted 470 spots in the 2022 Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction.
- The annual Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction raised more than \$1.9 million in scholarships and prizes for Texas youth in 2022.

# **2022 GRAND CHAMPION MARKET SALES INCLUDE:**

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BROILER \$16.000





Aven Horn of Jones County 4-H sold her Grand Champion Market Steer to the Big Tex Champion Club.

# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CONTESTS

- Youth who are passionate about every facet of the agricultural industry - food, byproducts, wildlife conservation, range management, resource conservation, technology, business, and much more, have many opportunities to grow their skills while they are here at the Fair.
- With youth development contests ranging from AgRobotics and Agriculture Mechanics to Job Interviews and Public Speaking, participation included approximately 4,200 students during the 2022 Fair.

# AG AWARENESS DAY

- Supporting our mission, students from across the state participated in a canned food drive followed by a scavenger hunt across the fairgrounds. Approximately 6,500 students, representing 166 chapters of 4-H, FFA, and FCCLA participated in the canned food drive.
- More than 28,500 pounds of food was collected and donated to the North Texas Food Bank.

# **BIG TEX'S FARMYARD**

Big Tex's Farmyard offers an educational experience through interactive exhibits, as well as live animal displays, including calves, piglets, and hatching chicks. During the Fair, fairgoers can learn about agriculture and its role in our everyday lives — from how farmers and ranchers produce food that feeds the world to how animals are cared for and raised.





# LIVESTOCK 101 STAGE

Offering daily presentations from resident livestock experts, the Livestock 101 Stage gives visitors the opportunity to learn more about the animals being exhibited in the barns on any given day of the Fair. Afterward, visitors can attend a guided tour through the livestock barns to get up close and personal with some of our furry friends.

# LIVESTOCK BIRTHING BARN

A new addition in 2018, the Livestock Birthing Barn is a unique, educational experience exhibiting the incubation and birthing process of various livestock animals, with 60 births during the 2022 exposition. With agriculture and education as the Fair's foundation, this exhibit highlights the agricultural importance of breeding livestock and its role in our everyday lives.

# MILKING PARLOR

Cows from nearby farms are brought to the Fair for an entertaining and educational exhibit of modern milking procedures, available for visitors to view multiple times throughout the 24-day exposition.

# **GRAND CHAMPIONS ROW**

Providing an up-close look at the prize-winning livestock entries, Grand Champions Row displays the Grand Champion steer, barrow, lamb, and goat outside the Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center following the Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction.





Introduced in 2016, the Fair's Big Tex Urban Farms is a mobile agriculture system comprised of planting beds and hydroponic systems housed in the heart of Fair Park. The mission of Big Tex Urban Farms is to create a food system that:

- Invests financial and human capital into surrounding Fair Park neighborhoods and companies.
- Connects like-minded food-related organizations to each other.
- Provides free, fresh, and organic produce to entities focused on hunger issues and healthy lifestyle programs.
- Adds community gardens throughout Southern Dallas through our "Farming Farms" program.

In its seventh full year of production, the Farms reached a milestone in its program history. Announced in 2018, the million servings mission committed the State Fair of Texas and its signature program, Big Tex Urban Farms to grow and donate one million servings to the local community. In less than four years, the State Fair of Texas made that goal a reality — donating 1,000,000 servings of fresh produce to the South Dallas community for our neighbors in need. On July 15, the one-millionth serving was donated to the Baylor Scott & White Juanita J. Craft Health and Wellness Center.

# **GARDENING WITH THE COMMUNITY**

Our work through the Farms isn't limited to what we do inside Fair Park. A key part of Big Tex Urban Farms' mission is to initiate and participate in outreach projects in our local neighborhood and beyond. Big Tex Urban Farms continues to make regular produce donations to the organizations shown in this map.

# **GLOBAL PRESENCE**

Since its inception in 2016, Big Tex Urban Farms has been a unique model of sustainable urban farming in the state, nation, and world. The Farms have become a true "innovation destination" for the global horticulture and agriculture industry, welcoming private entities, government officials, and delegates from developing countries to see the opportunities the Big Tex Urban Farms model presents to their unique situations.



- E Faith Cumberland Presbyterian Church
- **F** FJV Foundation
- **K** T.R. Hoover Community Development Corporation





# EDUCATION

Home to the world's largest collection of Art Deco structures, Fair Park houses some of Dallas' top museums and cultural centers. By offering fairgoers a wide variety of entertaining and educational exhibits throughout the grounds, the State Fair of Texas also supports the individual missions of its fellow Fair Park establishments – focusing on educating visitors about Texas history and agriculture.

Thanks to the continued support of loyal fairgoers, the State Fair is able to provide a diverse assortment of educational programming for all ages. Fairgoers also have access to a number of science and nature discovery programs, Texas history exhibits, agricultural activities, Hispanic culture exhibits, and the African American Museum exhibits – which is home to one of the largest collections of African American folk art in the country.

# **BIG TEX SUMMER SAMPLER**

In 2022, 85 elementary school students in third through fifth grade took supervised field trips around Fair Park to the Texas Discovery Gardens, Children's Aquarium, Big Tex Urban Farms, and the State Fair of Texas Midway; providing youth with fun and enriched activities. Participating agencies included Bold Believers United, Braswell Child Development Center, BridgeBuilders, Cornerstone Community Development Corporation, and T.R. Hoover Community Development Corporation.

# STATE FAIR OF TEXAS CURRICULUM

With education being a fundamental pillar of our mission as an organization, the State Fair of Texas works to provide quality learning opportunities for students within the community - both locally and statewide. In support of our student ticketing program, the Fair has expanded educational initiatives to the classroom with an innovative curriculum, created in partnership with Big Thought.

The online curriculum combines the unique culture of the Fair with Texas history and agriculture, incorporating it into a TEKS-aligned program that focuses on STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering, and math) for grades four through 12. In 2022, a curriculum focusing on the legacy of civil rights icon Juanita J. Craft was released. For more information on the State Fair of Texas curriculum, visit BigTex.com/Education.

# LITTLE LONE STARS CLUB

Launched in 2020, the Little Lone Stars Club is a kids club for even the tiniest of Fair fans. From May through September, activity packets are mailed out to Little Lone Stars across the state. These activity packets include fun educational activities, like crosswords about Texas agriculture or word jumbles about Texas icons.

# **NEXT FEST**

NEXT Fest is a one-of-a-kind event that aims to empower high schoolers to build the future they desire while addressing their current needs by exposing them to potential employers and vocational opportunities. In 2022, 135 Dallas ISD students from the South Dallas/Fair Park area high schools attended NEXT Fest. The students sit in on informative sessions to learn about various careers from industry leaders and expand their financial literacy. We would like to thank the seven community partners who contributed to the success and production of the 2022 event: 97.9 The Beat, AutoZone, Broadway Dallas, City of Dallas Department of Aviation, Frost Bank, and The Workshop by TBK Bank.



# **RACE TO KINDNESS BOOK DRIVE**

In May, the Fair co-sponsored a book fair with Race to Kindness and ThriftBooks. Nearly 175 children were able to attend and select a book to take home.

# **GIRL POWER PROGRAM**

Girl Power provides social-emotional learning (SEL) programming that utilizes the Girl Rising Curriculum, which is designed to help young women harness their power for individual and collective change in their communities. In 2022, this program engaged with 16 young women from three South Dallas high schools.





# HIGHLIGHTS

- DISD STUDENTS
- **YOUTH LIVESTOCK**
- SEASONAL EMPLOYEE
- TOTAL AWARDED





# **BIG TEX SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Established in 1992, the Big Tex Scholarship Program has awarded scholarships to more than **3,000 students for a total of more than \$16.1 million.** Eligible recipients in 2022 included graduating high school seniors around the state of Texas who participated in competitive youth livestock events held at the State Fair, graduating seniors from six Dallas Independent School District high schools in the Fair Park area, and seasonal employees of the State Fair of Texas or their dependents. Introduced in 2018, Franklin D. Roosevelt High School is the sixth South Dallas/Fair Park DISD school eligible to apply for the Big Tex Scholarship Program. Scholarship recipients receive a \$6,000 grant, renewable each semester while working towards a degree at an accredited Texas college, university, or trade school.

In 2022, the State Fair of Texas proudly continued its mission of promoting education by awarding 202 new college scholarships – 77 Juanita Craft, 119 Youth Livestock, two Seasonal Employee, and four ancillary scholarships. To learn more about the Big Tex Scholarship Program and how to apply, visit **BigTex.com/Scholarship**.



## TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED

	JUANITA CRAFT (DISD)	YOUTH LIVESTOCK (STATE OF TEXAS)	SEASONAL EMPLOYEE (STATE OF TEXAS)	ANCILLARY SCHOLARSHIPS	TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED
2018	\$630,000	\$720,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$1,398,000
2019	\$510,000	\$666,000	\$42,000	\$30,000	\$1,248,000
2020	\$492,000	\$720,000	\$12,000	\$24,000	\$1,248,000
2021	\$402,000	\$582,000	\$12,000	\$24,000	\$1,020,000
2022	\$462,000	\$714,000	\$12,000	\$24,000	\$1,212,000
TOTAL	\$6,629,000	\$9,306,000	\$102,000	\$126,000	\$16,163,000







# **2022 JUANITA CRAFT SCHOLARSHIP**

Honoring the legacy of South Dallas resident and civil rights activist, Juanita Craft, the State Fair of Texas awards multiple \$6,000 scholarships to selected applicants from the following Fair Park-area high schools.

- FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL IRMA LERMA RANGEL YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SCHOOL JAMES MADISON HIGH SCHOOL LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
- NORTH DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL
- WOODROW WILSON HIGH SCHOOL

# 2022 YOUTH LIVESTOCK SCHOLARSHIP

The State Fair of Texas awards \$6,000 scholarships to selected applicants who have competed in specific competitive youth livestock events held at the State Fair. Scholarships are given to applicants who are graduating from a Texas high school, with preference to those enrolling in an agricultural-related or agricultural-benefiting natural science curriculum at a Texas college or university.

## 2022 SEASONAL EMPLOYEE **SCHOLARSHIP**

Initiated in 2018, the Fair began awarding Seasonal Employee Scholarships each year to seasonal staff members directly employed by the State Fair of Texas or to a dependent child, stepchild, grandchild, step-grandchild, foster, or adopted child of the qualified seasonal employee. This scholarship is available for applicants who plan to attend an accredited two-year or four-year Texas college, university, or vocational-technical school. Eligible seasonal staff are those who have completed at least three years of seasonal employment as of January 1 of the current year in which the scholarship is to be awarded and have worked an average of 20 hours a week during the prior Fair.



### KIMI BROWN

Juanita Craft Scholar University of Texas - Arlington Graduating class of 2024 Major, Civil Engineering

"When I found out I was selected as a Big Tex Scholar, I was happy that some of my financial burden of paying for college would be alleviated. I was especially thrilled that the scholarship was renewable and not just a one-time payment. Being a Big Tex Scholar means being an investment in the future of Texas as having this scholarship supports my pursuit of becoming a professionally licensed civil engineer in the state of Texas."



### BRADY WILSON

Youth Livestock Scholar West Texas A&M University Graduating Class of 2026 Major, Agricultural Media & Communications

"I am very grateful for this scholarship money. It was a huge help during my first semester at West Texas A&M. I am blessed that you have invested so much time and money into my future over the last ten years. I can never say thank you enough for everything you have done for me! I was elected to the West Texas A&M student government organization, and I am an acting student Senator for the Freshman class. In October, I secured campus employment with the Testing and Tutoring Services. Again, thank you so much for investing in my future."



### ABIGAIL SANCHEZ

Seasonal Employee Scholar University of North Texas – Denton Graduating Class of 2024 Major, Biology

"It was a comfort to know that I had been chosen for the Seasonal Employee Big Tex Scholarship and that I would be able to pursue high education with certain financial aid. Being a Big Tex scholar is being the future. Thank you for investing in my future."

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# COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT $\star \star \star \star \star \star$

As a long-standing Dallas institution, the State Fair of Texas has a unique appreciation for the local support that makes such a substantial event possible every year. With the ultimate goal of having a positive community impact, the Fair aims to give back through its partnerships with local organizations and initiatives. On top of the initiatives and donation programs that take place during the annual exposition, the Fair continuously works to maintain a year-round presence in our community. Since the inception of the Community Affairs department in 2016, the Fair has invested more than \$3.6 million in support of many great initiatives, sponsorships, and partnerships within the South Dallas/Fair Park area. Through new and existing efforts in 2022, the Fair was able to contribute more than \$620,000 in community support, which included sponsorships, programmatic support through funding, in-kind donations, technical assistance and trainings, and investments made through our signature programs, benefiting 83 South Dallas/Fair Park area organizations.

In addition to offering financial resources, our Community Affairs department connected local organizations to foster community relationships, form partnerships, and develop initiatives that work to make a positive impact. Our ability to serve and continue growing our scope of service is strengthened through the support of our fairgoers, relationships with like-minded organizations, and dedication of our State Fair team.

# **BUILDING CAPACITY OF NONPROFITS**

### **GRANT AND SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

The State Fair of Texas' Grant and Sponsorship Program offers opportunities for local nonprofits to receive financial support during designated cycles throughout the year. Completing the Program's fifth year in 2022, 84 organizations received more than \$576,000 in project funding through grants and sponsorships. As a neighbor in the South Dallas/Fair Park community, we are committed to supporting nonprofits providing services in this area and understand that these organizations, like ours, depend on year-round generosity from citizens, volunteers, and other organizations. This program focuses on funding initiatives that provide support in four areas that complement our mission: education, capacity building of nonprofits, economic development, and social and racial justice. For more information about the Grant and Sponsorship Program, please visit **BigTex.com**/ Grants

### 2022 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS GRANT CYCLE & SPONSORSHIP RECIPIENTS:

826 Dallas Project Abide Women's Health Services \*Act (Advocates for Community Transformation) African American Museum After8toEducate Alliance for Greater Works Beacon Hill Preparatory Institute \*BigHope Bishop Arts Theatre Center BOCA (Body of Christ Assembly) Creative Support Services Bold Believers United Bonton Farms Braswell Child Development Center BridgeBuilders Broadway Dallas buildingcommunityWORKSHOP Cara Mía Theatre — Latino Cultural Center **CARDBoard Project** CHILDREN AT RISK CitySquare Communities Foundation of Texas Community Developers Roundtable Compudopt — Dallas Cornerstone Community Development Corporation Cornerstone Crossroads Academy Crossroads Community Services Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce Dallas Divas II Dallas Free Press Dallas ISD State of the District Dallas Mayor's Back to School Fair Dallas Prestige Group DFW Cares Mentoring Movement DHNA (Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Association) Dolphin Heights Neighborhood Association Dress For Success Dallas Dwell With Dignity Empowering The Masses First Choice Social Services Forest Forward Frazier Revitalization Friends of Fair Park Friends of Juanita Craft — Communities Foundation \*Genesis Women's Shelter & Support

**KELVIN BROWN** CEO of Housing Crisis Center

"This is our first award from the Fair in my tenure at Housing Crisis Center," said Kelvin Brown, CEO of Housing Crisis Center. "I think the specific needs of our city are pretty well documented. As we continue working to prevent homelessness, I am very thankful to have the State Fair of Texas as a strategic partner in our capacity building."

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Green Careers Dallas H.E.L.P. (Hope Encourage Love Protect) Housing Crisis Center ICDC (South Dallas Fair Park Innercity Community Development Corporation) Inspiring Tomorrow's Leaders Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce James Madison High School - DISD Jubilee Park and Community Center Junior League of Dallas LinGloss for Love Lone Star Justice Alliance LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Miles of Freedom \*Ntarupt (North Texas Alliance to Reduce Unintended Pregnancy in Teens) Outcry in the Barrio Project Unity S.M. Wright Foundation ScholarShot South Dallas/Fair Park Faith Coalition Southern Dallas Link, Inc. Spida, Inc. (Braswell) St. Anthony Community Center St. Philip's School and Community Center Stars United Global Outreach \*The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center The Concilio \*\*The Walls Project The Way Back — Re-Entry Program TMJ Dance Project \*\*TRHCDC (T.R. Hoover Community Development Corporation) TRM (Trinity Restoration Ministries) Trusted World Viola's House \*Well Community Women Empowering Women \*Young STEM Professionals Young Women's Preparatory Network \*\*Youth Revive Zan Wesley Holmes Jr. Foundation

\*Denotes a first-time State Fair of Texas grant recipient.

\*\*Received a grant and a sponsorship from the State Fair of Texas

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### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DAY

Community Engagement Day luncheons and events are hosted by the Fair, with the goal of bringing South Dallas nonprofits together to share resources and build their social capital. In 2022. Community Engagement Day resumed in person with much success.

More than 160 folks came out during the Fair to learn and network with like-minded community members. Keynote speaker. Dr. Stacia Alexander, focused on leadership, the importance of mental health, and solutions to stress.

### PASTORS LUNCHEON

The 2022 Pastors Luncheon hosted 50 pastors and clergy on October 13 during the State Fair of Texas. This event was designed to create an environment to celebrate congregations and invite clergy leaders from the community to fellowship. Guest speaker, Pastor Chris Simmons from Cornerstone Baptist Church, spoke to the attendees, and awards were presented to recognize community faith leaders and their contributions/services to the community.



### **DIANA EINSTEIN** Dwell with Dignity

"I have been attending Community Engagement Day for many years now.

I love hearing about the focused and caring work the State Fair of Texas is

doing, and having the opportunity to meet other passionate community members."

### PASTOR CHRIS SIMMONS Cornerstone Baptist Church

"The challenges of serving in the South Dallas/Fair Park community can be overwhelming. As pastors seek ways to expand outreach in their local

congregations, they can become discouraged by the number of needs versus the lack of resources. The Pastors Luncheon is not only a time to gather with other pastors for fellowship, but the networking and collaboration are invaluable. The State Fair of Texas has a number of resources available to assist pastors to have a better impact on their congregations and community."

### JUANITA CRAFT HUMANITARIAN AWARDS

Presented for the fifth time during the 2022 State Fair of Texas, the Juanita Craft Humanitarian Awards was created to honor Ms. Craft's legacy as an influential activist during the civil rights movement and the crucial role she played in integrating the State Fair of Texas among other universities, restaurants, and theaters around Dallas. Hosted by the State Fair of Texas and the Friends of the Juanita J. Craft Civil Rights House & Museum, this annual event serves as a



# **REV. YETTE BLAIR- LAVALLAIS**

2022 Juanita Craft Humanitarian Award Winner

family has gathered and enjoyed for decades. To be

honored with the Juanita Craft Humanitarian Award for this community work that I do to dismantle food insecurity locally and nationally speaks volumes, and I am grateful. This recognition of distinction, in the namesake of an incomparable visionary leader, is the impetus that will guide the work that I is forever etched in my heart."

fundraiser for repairing Ms. Craft's home – a Dallas landmark that now serves as a museum. Through necessary renovations, the house will become an educational tool and resource for generations to come. The 2022 ceremony recognized past, present, and future leaders who are following in her footsteps, as well as presented awards to individuals who have made an impact on civil rights in the City of Dallas. The 2022 recipients include Janie Cisneros (Catalyst Award), Larry James (Legacy Award), and Rev. Yette Blair-Lavallais (Visionary Award).

### THANA SIMMONS



I was deeply honored when I was contacted about my Honorable Mention for the Juanita Craft Visionary

CEO of Viola's House / 2022 Juanita Craft

Humanitarian Award Honorable Mention

mission has been to lead and guide our organization's service, as we continue to serve homeless teen mothers, so that they may transition from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Juanita Craft's legacy lives on in Dallas because of the lasting, humbled to know that our work at Viola's House is seen in our community as this type of positive impact, and that positive transformation continues to



# STATE FAIR CARES

### NORTH TEXAS FOOD BANK

Through annual discount day programs like the "Feed the Need" campaign, fairgoers brought canned goods in exchange for discounted admission. During the run of the 2022 Fair, 450 Fair volunteers collected 280,000 pounds of canned food items at State Fair gates, which equated to more than 233,000 meals for the North Texas Food Bank to serve the community in the fall of 2022. This equates to roughly 80,000 more pounds of food donated in 2021.

### **STATE FAIR CARES FOOD DRIVE**

Taking place the day after the Fair concludes, State Fair Cares partners with concessionaires and vendors to collect any leftover food to be donated to local food pantries and shelters. The 2022 food drive collected donations from 23 vendors, representing 86 booths throughout the fairgrounds. Donations were divided up and shared amongst six South Dallas/Fair Park area organizations. These organizations included: Cornerstone Community Kitchen, Empowering the Masses, Inspired Vision Compassion Center, Jubilee Park Community Center, Living Word Harvest, and T.R. Hoover Community Development Center.

### STATE FAIR CARES HOLIDAY EVENT AND BENEFIT

The fifth annual State Fair Cares Holiday Event and Benefit joined together State Fair food and beverage vendors, related third-party vendors, State Fair full-time staff, and members of the State Fair of Texas Board to celebrate the start of the holiday season and donate items to a local nonprofit, Braswell Community Center. Braswell Community Center is a nonprofit organization in Dallas that provides childcare services for children who represent all socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. To support them best, the Fair asked attendees to bring baby strollers, toys, clothing, bikes, gift cards, and cash donations.



MURRIEL WEBB

Braswell Child Development Center

"As Braswell CDC proudly serves children daily, we acknowledge that Christmas is a time of great need of

resources. Christmas 2022 was the most joyous celebration for 129 children enrolled in and served by Braswell CDC, thanks to the generosity of the State Fair of Texas vendors. These children received blocks, dolls, roller skates, bicycles and tricycles, and other toys. In addition, there were coats, gloves, hats, and other clothing items donated to prepare them for the winter months. There was even cash assistance provided to special needs families to purchase diapers and formula. The children's smiling faces conveyed a huge "thank you." This gracious act of giving was followed by a marvelous barbeque dinner with all the trimmings, where several families from Braswell were treated as guests of honor. To quote one of our parents, Ms. Jessica Comacho, 'My child is ready for winter with her new hooded coat because the State Fair of Texas vendors care about children that they don't even know. They showed that people really do care about us.' Thank you, State Fair of Texas vendors."





# **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

### **BIG TEX BUSINESS MASTERCLASS**

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, the Big Tex Business Masterclass returned in 2022, with seven participating vendors and two partners. Of the seven vendors, six graduated from the program successfully. Fairs, festivals, and expositions are a significant contributor to the hospitality and tourism industry, and for many small business owners in the Southern Sector, these events can be a great opportunity to generate revenue. The Big Tex Business Masterclass (Formerly known as the Concessionaire Cohort for Fairs, Festivals, and Expositions (CFFE)) was created to offer local entrepreneurs a dynamic education series through guidance from the State Fair of Texas along with our partnerships with organizations like Comerica Bank and SCORF Dallas.

### **GOODR PARTNERSHIP**

The State Fair of Texas, United Way Dallas' Southern Dallas Thrives, and Communities Foundation of Texas announced a pilot partnership with Atlanta-based Goodr. The program provided a series of mobile food markets to communities in need throughout South Dallas. In addition to the pop-up format, four weeks of grocery deliveries were also made, targeting populations who may have been sheltering in place or had limited access to transportation.

United Way's Southern Dallas Thrives initiative and sustainable waste management and hunger relief company, Goodr, in partnership with North Texas Food Bank, provided meals to 550 Southern Sector families in 2022. Each family received up to 80 pounds of fresh groceries, including a Thanksgiving turkey for the first 250 registrants thanks to Tom Thumb / Albertsons at a free Pop-Up Grocery Market at the State Fair of Texas on November 19th. The event is part of Southern Dallas Thrives' and Goodr's year-long hunger relief

# SHANTELLE HAWKINS BIG 🛞 TEX BUSINESS MASTERCLASS

Mother Dears Southern and Creole Cuisines

"The State Fair of Texas has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to be a part of their culture in this aspect

was absolutely a dream come true. From the educational one-on-one meetings to shadowing State Fair vendors, and the thrill of attending the Fair, this was such a great experience. I would encourage anyone in the food industry to apply in hopes of attending the Big Tex Masterclass. This program is the perfect jumpstart to introducing new vendors to the Fair culture."

efforts, which to date has provided more than 62,000 pounds of food to Southern Dallas communities. This Pop-Up Grocery Market is intended to ease the financial burden that the holidays present for many families.

### SOUTH DALLAS/FAIR PARK TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

According to a study conducted by Zip Code Connection in 2016. more than 45 percent of households in South Dallas live without transportation. This number includes many senior citizens who do not have access to transportation. Announced in 2020, the State Fair of Texas began working with several community organizations to start the South Dallas/Fair Park Transportation Initiative. Using a van provided by Ford Motor Company and the State Fair of Texas in partnership with the Dallas Innovation Alliance, Curtis and his team have been transporting seniors to medical appointments, the grocery store, and even the polls during the election season.

# FUNDRAISING AND EVENTS

In addition to our annual State Fair of Texas exposition, we host several other fundraising events throughout the year, with all proceeds from each going directly to the Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction and Scholarship Program. The Fair's scholarship program benefits students who have competed in youth livestock events at the State Fair. students attending six DISD high schools in the Fair Park area, and seasonal employees of the State Fair of Texas or their dependents. Through the Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction and Scholarship Program, the State Fair has awarded more than \$31 million in auction awards and college scholarships.

For more information on our fundraising opportunities and to get involved, please visit BigTex.com/Get-Involved/Events.

THROUGH THE BIG TEX YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THE STATE FAIR HAS AWARDED MORE THAN

**S31 MIL** IN AUCTION AWARDS AND COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

### **BIG TEX CLAY SHOOT CLASSIC**

- The 13th Annual Big Tex Clay Shoot Classic was held at the Dallas Gun Club, with all proceeds going directly to the Big Youth Livestock Auction and Big Tex Scholarship Program.
- The 2022 event raised a record of \$253,000, with more than 350 participants competing on 75 teams.

### **BIG TEX GOLF CLASSIC**

- The 12th Annual Big Tex Golf Classic was held at Fair Parkadjacent Tenison Highlands, with all proceeds going directly to the Big Youth Livestock Auction and Big Tex Scholarship Program.
- The 2022 event raised a record-breaking \$145,450 and had • more than 180 golfers participating on more than 40 teams.









### **BIG TEX CHAMPION CLUB DINNER**

- The annual pre-Fair fundraising dinner welcomed folks back to the Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center this year.
- The 2022 event raised a staggering \$195,500.

### **BIG TEX YOUTH LIVESTOCK AUCTION**

- As one of the culminating events for the Fair's scholarship program every year, the Big Tex Youth Livestock Auction pools efforts from annual fundraisers like the Big Tex Clay Shoot, Big Tex Golf Classic, and the Big Tex Champion Club Dinner to invest in Texas youth.
- The 2022 auction raised more than \$2.5 million in premium awards and scholarships. Of that total, a record-breaking \$1.9 million was raised on Auction Day alone, with the additional fundraising and donations received over the year.









# SUPPORT OF FAIR PARK

Since the establishment of the State Fair of Texas in 1886, the Fair has hosted its premier event of the year in the location now known as Fair Park. After serving as the State Fair's official home for a century, Fair Park was officially designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1986 because of its historical significance. With 136 years of shared history, the State Fair has maintained a deep-rooted connection to Fair Park and continues to call it home.

Each year, the net proceeds from the Fair are reinvested in Fair Park, in the form of capital improvements, given as scholarships to deserving students throughout the state of Texas, used to support the Fair Park museum facilities and community outreach programs, and used to improve the State Fair's operation.

A portion of the Fair's revenue is reinvested in Fair Park going towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Fair's home – Fair Park's historic buildings and facilities, as well as the iconic Cotton Bowl Stadium. Throughout the years, the State Fair has contributed tens of millions

of dollars toward such improvements, in addition to making financial donations to support Fair Park museum programming. From its longtime devotion to Fair Park, to its lasting dedication to fairgoers, the State Fair considers tradition an essential component of its organization.

The State Fair of Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and does not receive any government funding or support. Our nonprofit purpose is funded through the proceeds from the annual State Fair of Texas event. As a nonprofit organization, the Fair serves as an advocate for the community through its commitment to preserving Fair Park and continuing to build upon its legacy as a National Historic Landmark.

The Fair's ability to provide funds to improve Fair Park is a direct result of the success of its annual event. The chart on the following pages illustrates the investment made in our home throughout the years.

# **FUNDING FOR FAIR PARK & STATE FAIR OPERATIONS**



# **HIGHLIGHTS**













# 2022 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS $\star \star \star$

The 2022 State Fair of Texas, themed "Treats of Texas," celebrated something our Fair has become known for: **amazing food.** When you ask folks what their favorite part of the State Fair is, without skipping a beat, many will answer FOOD. As an event that blends more than 2.5 million people from all walks of life, our wide variety of food represents just that.

# THE 2022 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

The 2022 State Fair of Texas was undoubtedly one to remember. The offerings that will live on for many years. With another season under annual event brought people from all walks of life together – from our belt, we recognize that the measurement of each Fair's success iconic State Fair traditions to new innovative additions, fairgoers alike goes far beyond these numbers. Our true achievements come from our enjoyed their visit to the State Fair. The State Fair of Texas welcomed ability to give back through this annual event. Thanks to the continumore than 2.5 million people through the gates during its 24-day run. ous support from our fairgoers, the annual State Fair of Texas Nearly \$93 million was generated in gross coupon sales for food, continues to serve as our largest fundraiser of the year. Proceeds from beverages, and rides, with the majority of funds going to vendors. The the event allow us to continue building upon our nonprofit mission of 2022 Fair again saw increases in livestock participation and creative promoting agriculture, education, and community involvement, as well arts entries, along with introducing new attractions and family-friendly as future Fairs to come.

FAIR DAY	DAY	DATE	DAILY ATTENDANCE
1	Friday	September 30	81,255
2	Saturday	October 1	142,462
3	Sunday	October 2	80,776
4	Monday	October 3	54,340
5	Tuesday	October 4	55,482
6	Wednesday	October 5	59,334
7	Thursday	October 6	71,861
8	Friday	October 7	126,481
9	Saturday	October 8	207,380
10	Sunday	October 9	118,755
11	Monday	October 10	158,619
12	Tuesday	October 11	109,144
13	Wednesday	October 12	82,604
14	Thursday	October 13	105,737
15	Friday	October 14	145,399
16	Saturday	October 15	158,013
17	🌧 Sunday	October 16	66,708
18	Monday	October 17	77,849
19	Tuesday	October 18	84,916
20	Wednesday	October 19	80,648
21	Thursday	October 20	105,754
22	Friday	October 21	107,712
23	Saturday	October 22	141,080
24	Sunday	October 23	124,980
		TOTAL	2,547,289

Rain cloud indicates Fair days that experienced rain during its hours of operation.





# **2022 KEY INITIATIVES**

As an organization that strives for excellence in all areas, the Fair is committed to preserving historic traditions while seeking opportunities to progress continuously. The five key areas of brand experience initiatives include safety and security, cleanliness, landscaping, family-friendly entertainment, and Texantude/customer service. The following list is an overview of the key projects the Fair focused on during the 2022 season.

- Deployed high-visibility, clear-messaged signage at all State Fairowned Gates in effort to promote ease and efficiency of parking on-site.
- Additional wayfinding directions were included both on-site through signage and in the Fair's communication channels.
- To assist with the guest experience at the entrance of gates five and six, adjustments were incorporated to the queuing process to increase the ease of guest entry.
- Invested in and deployed an emergency mass communications system, Alertus, to enhance fairgoer and staff safety.

- Restoring historical murals through a park-wide painting program, bringing the beauty of the murals back to life.
- A brand-new Will Call booth was built and deployed, which increased the booth's visibility via signage and lighting, making locating the booth easier for guests.
- Investments were made in the Big Tex Urban Farms Greenhouse on the Midway following a roof collapse early in the year.
- The all-new Kroger Starlight Parade brought family-friendly fun to the fairgrounds each night, featuring brand-new floats.

# **ATTRACTIONS**

The Fair offers a world of entertainment to fairgoers, with all daily shows and exhibits included in the price of admission. On any given day, there are hundreds of activities and shows to enjoy. The fun doesn't end when the sun goes down – the Kroger Starlight Parade and Mattress Firm Illumination Sensation fill the Fair's nightly skyline with light and color.



VISITED THE HALL OF STATE TO ENJOY TWO EXHIBITS, MAVS VAULT AND 100 YEARS, 100 STORIES: 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DALLAS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

MUNDO LATINO'S

'DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS' EXHIBIT FEATURED A TOTAL OF **25 ALTARS.** 

HONORING THE MEMORY OF LOVED ONES, INCLUDING VICTIMS OF THE MASS SHOOTING IN UVALDE, TEXAS.

WAS BROKEN BY RESIDENT STRONGMAN MIGHTY MIKE, AS HE JUGGLED THREE **10-POUND BOWLING BALLS FOR 20 SECONDS,** BREAKING THE WORLD RECORD.

More than

58,000 PEOPLE

ENJOYED THE RETURN OF 13 PERFORMANCES OF THE STATE FAIR OF TEXAS RODEO PRESENTED BY UNITED AG & TURF IN THE HISTORIC FAIR PARK COLISEUM, WITH 507 RIDERS PARTICIPATING IN SIX EVENTS.



# **CREATIVE ARTS**

With more than 1,100 contest categories, including photography, canning, art, sewing, and cooking, the State Fair's Creative Arts competitions provide people of all ages a place to showcase their creative skills. The opportunities to win a coveted blue ribbon are endless – and they don't just start on Opening Day. In addition to the virtual and pre-Fair participation opportunities, there are cooking contests throughout the run of the Fair. In 2022, community members got crafty with 9,823 entries in the Fair's Creative Arts competitions and more than 3,800 ribbons were awarded to folks celebrating their creativity this year. In addition, the 2022 State Fair cooking contests featured 2,166 participants from across the state.



WERE PLACED ON THE MEMORIAL'S PANELS AT THE TEXAS VIETNAM VETERAN'S MEMORIAL TO HONOR THOSE TEXAS VETERANS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES DURING THE VIETNAM WAR.









JESUS CARMONA Owner of Milagro Taco Cantina

"I am very blessed to have joined the State Fair of Texas concessionaire family in 2022. After my first Fair I saw a huge impact on my year-round business. People still come to my restaurant and ask about the fried empanadas from the State Fair. I can't wait for year two," said Jesus Carmona, owner of Milagro Taco Cantina.



# FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Capitalizing on the anticipation and culinary excitement brought each year to the State Fair, our concessions team has developed restaurant-caliber dining experiences throughout Fair Park, providing business support to nearly 90 small business concessionaires who operate 260 concessions locations during the Fair, and introduced value programs such as "Thrifty Thursdays" and reduced-price beverage stands.

This year, the Fair welcomed seven new concessionaires to the list of small businesses.



**FOOD AND BEVERAGE GROSS REVENUE** 

\*Due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Fair of Texas because of COVID-19, the revenue made by food and beverage vendors in 2020 was significantly decreased, however, the vendors were able to generate some revenue via the Big Tex Fair Food Drive-Thru.

# **BIG TEX CHOICE AWARDS**

Each year, State Fair concessionaires fry up their tastiest and most unique dishes for a chance to be crowned a winner of the annual Big Tex Choice Awards competition. Kicking off another season of Fair food for 2022, the 18th annual Big Tex Choice Awards proved that there is no shortage of creativity when it comes to this competition. With 51 total entries into the 2022 competition, the list was narrowed down to only 10 finalists. After a valiant effort by all finalists and a tough deliberation by the all-star panel of judges, three dishes reigned supreme.

### **2022 BIG TEX CHOICE AWARDS WINNERS**





Best Taste – Savory Fried Charcuterie Board by Tami Nevins-Mayes and Josey Mayes



JEROME GARZA

The Garza family concessions

"For the Garza family the State Fair of Texas is a family tradition, and winning the Big Tex Choice Award for

most creative was a wonderful surprise and huge blessing to our family. First to have the judges believe the Cha-Cha Chata was as a great as we thought, and secondly, to have friends, family, and strangers tell us they had a Cha-Cha Chata every time they visited the State Fair in 2022."

Best Taste - Sweet Peanut Butter Paradise by Chris Easter and Nicole Sternes





Most Creative Cha-Cha Chata by the Garza family

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# LIVE MUSIC

With live music as one of our cornerstones, we take pride in filling our 24-day run with a wide variety of musical acts. Five stages across the fairgrounds offer daily performances of country, pop, soul, jazz, and regional sounds, all included in the price of admission. Launched in 2019, the Lone Star Music Series features all Texan acts on stages, showcasing the best the state has to offer. During the third year of the Lone Star Music Series, more than 70 Texas music artists performed throughout the grounds. Free concerts were once again held on the Chevrolet Main Stage, with Ashanti, La Fiera De Ojinaga, Trace Adkins, Night Ranger, and La Mafia drawing the largest crowds.

# FOOTBALL

More than 146,000 fans were in attendance for the State Fair Classic and the AT&T Red River Showdown, at the historic Cotton Bowl Stadium during the 2022 State Fair of Texas.

# **STATE FAIR CLASSIC**

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY **34** 

GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY

# **AT&T RED RIVER SHOWDOWN**

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

# SHOPPING

The State Fair of Texas housed 200 exhibitors in approximately 400,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor commercial exhibit space during the 2022 Fair. A trip to the State Fair offers countless opportunities to find amazing deals and specials on a wide range of products. With 13 dedicated shopping locations around the park, visitors have no trouble finding the perfect gift or keepsake to take home as their own piece of the Fair. Because it's the State Fair of Texas, retailers and exhibitors offer Texas-sized savings on everything from jewelry and tools, to mattresses and farm equipment.



This year, the Fair welcomed 35 new shopping booths to its diverse lineup of exhibitors.



ANGELA SOLANO Owner of Pria Handmade Accessories

"Being a first-time vendor at the 2022 State Fair of Texas helped us realize the full potential for Pria

Handmade Accessories and plan our future growth model. We are truly appreciative for this continued opportunity and are already looking forward to the 2023 State Fair of Texas. Not to mention the entire Fair staff was supportive, engaging, and inspiring throughout our first year as a new vendor."

# MIDWAY

The State Fair Midway offers 24 days of fun and thrills, with rides The State Fair of Texas strives to innovate accessible options for all. and games that are sure to excite fairgoers of all ages. Undergoing In 2022, the State Fair discovered an opportunity to enhance the annual reassessments of space, rides, and game offerings, our operaaccessibility of the Texas Skyway, one of the Fair's most popular tions team has developed a formula for measuring year-over-year rides. Additional room was made in each Skyway car, allowing more growth in excitement and revenue. The State Fair of Texas operates fairgoers, including those needing wheelchair access, to enjoy the an independent Midway, meaning we book a collection of small Skyway experience. Continuing our innovative efforts, the State Fair businesses to operate all rides and games. In 2022, our Midway was adjusted the layout of the Midway by strategically placing rides, comprised of 14 game operators and 21 ride owners. This year, more games, and concessionaire booths, to decrease foot traffic congesthan 430,000 plush prizes, valued at over \$1.4 million, were won on tion, especially on high attendance days. Not only did these changes improve the fairgoer experience, but it also positively impacted our the State Fair Midway. employees, the Safety Team, and first responders.



\*Due to the cancellation of the 2020 State Fair of Texas because of COVID-19, there is insufficient data for this year in terms of ride and games.





### JEREMY SOLEM

Owner of Solem Concessions, Inc.

"In the games department we always strive to provide family fun for all fairgoers. I have been a part of that

for 30 years, watching parents bring their children every year and playing the games they love. It's an honor to be a part of the State Fair of Texas for as long as I have and to have one of my games be the #1 game this past year was humbling. On behalf of myself and my company's employees we appreciate the trust that is given to us by our leaders in the State Fair games department to help fairgoers make memories and enjoy the Fair for all these years."



### GAMES RIDES 🔶 TOTAL MIDWAY GROSS REVENUE

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## **TEXAS AUTO SHOW SHIFTING GEARS SINCE 1913**

There are auto shows – and then there's the Texas Auto Show (TXAS). For more than 100 years, the Texas Auto Show has thrilled millions of visitors through its innovative exhibits and unique atmosphere on the State Fair of Texas grounds. Fairgoers had direct access to everything from high-power sport and luxury vehicles to rugged trucks that blur the lines between heavy-duty and high-end. Whether guests are

die-hard car fanatics or just like to look around at the newest models, the Texas Auto Show is the ultimate destination for all things auto.

With approximately 90% of fairgoers visiting the Auto Show, the 2022 Texas Auto Show attracted more than 2.16 million fairgoers throughout the 24-day run.

# LEARN MORE





# MARKETING AND MEDIA IMPACT

Through quality entertainment in a family-friendly environment, the Fair continually looks for ways to tell our story and connect with Fair enthusiasts around the world. The State Fair continued to have a major media footprint in 2022.

# **2022 MARKETING & PR METRICS**











\*ACCORDING TO 2022 CISION REPORT

759,008

Our marketing communications and public relations plans are a combination of partnership marketing with various sponsors, paid placement, earned media coverage, direct mail and printed collateral, and utilization of State Fair channels - BigTex.com, email, and social media.



# 271 PLACEMENTS OF **INTEGRATED PRINT AND INTERACTIVE ADS WITH**











**ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM,** TWITTER, AND TIKTOK GARNERING

# 96.1 MILLION

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS **DURING THE FAIR'S PROMOTIONAL WINDOW** (8/1 - 10/18)





# **2022 COVERAGE HIGHLIGHTS**

The State Fair of Texas was talked about worldwide through a variety of mediums. The Fair was a daily highlight in traditional news and radio broadcasts, as well as starring in TV shows and documentaries. This page lists only a snapshot of the local, national, and global exposure that we received in 2022.

# LOCAL & **STATEWIDE**

- AUSTIN AMERICAN STATESMAN **CBS 11** CULTUREMAP CUMULUS RADIO DALLAS EXAMINER D MAGAZINE DAILY TEXAN DALLAS MORNING NEWS DALLAS OBSERVER DFW CHILD EATER DFW FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM FOX 4 GOOD MORNING TEXAS HOUSTON CHRONICLE IHEARTRADIO **KERA NEWS** KRLD AM
- KCEN NBC WACO **KENS CBS – SAN ANTONIO KHOU CBS – HOUSTON KTEN NBC - TEXOMA KTEK - TYLER KVUE ABC - AUSTIN** KWES NBC - MIDLAND, ODESSA **KXAN NBC – AUSTIN KZTV CBS – CORPUS CHRISTI** NBC 5 SPECTRUM NEWS TELEMUNDO **TEXAS METRO NEWS TEXAS MONTHLY TEXAS STANDARD** UNIVISION WBAP/KLIF NEWS WFAA

# NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL

247SPORTS ABC NEWS **ASSOCIATED PRESS** AUTOMOBILE MAGAZINE BBC **BUSINESS INSIDER US &** AUSTRALIA **CBS NEWS CBS SPORTS** COOKING CHANNEL DAILY MAIL **DISCOVERY CHANNEL** EARLY TODAY EATER ESPN ESPN RADIO ESPNU FOOD NETWORK FORBES FOX NEWS FOX SPORTS THE HISTORY CHANNEL ITV

JIMMY KIMMEL LIVE! THE KELLY CLARKSON SHOW THE LATE LATE SHOW WITH JAMES CORDEN LIVE WITH KELLY AND RYAN LOS ANGELES TIMES MLB MSN NBC NEWS NBC SPORTS NFL NHL NPR SEC NETWORK SPORTS ILLUSTRATED TODAY USA TODAY VICE VOGUE WASHINGTON POST THE WEATHER CHANNEL YAHOO! US, CANADA, UK, SPAIN, AND GERMANY

# **NEW AT THE FAIR IN 2022**



Featuring brand-new, over-the-top, spectacular floats, the Kroger Starlight Parade lit up the Fair Park skyline in all-new ways at the 2022 Fair. 



The lives of the party returned with two new characters you might recognize -Showstoppers took over the Hall of State steps in 2022. Giant inflatable characters, now including Little Big Tex and Champ, entertained guests of all ages with their wild antics.





At Leonhardt Lagoon, fairgoers traveled back in time with Dinosaurs at the Lagoon: a self-guided dinosaur exhibit in both English and Spanish.



Mavericks hosted an exhibit at the Hall of State for the 2022 State Fair of Texas, titled "Mavs Vault". Highlighting the remarkable history of our local NBA team, this exhibit featured interactive experiences, never-before-seen historical artifacts, and more.





Created by Kern Studios of New Orleans, this nightly parade wandered through the fairgrounds all 24 nights of the Fair, bringing a colorful assortment of floats, life-size puppets, animated characters in ornate costumes, and more



New in 2022, Tanna Banana Storytime brought children's stories and songs to life!



Big Tex sported a brand-new set of threads in 2022, a custom-made shirt by Fort Worth-based clothing brand, Dickies

ollowing an incredible playoff run, the Dallas



The State Fair of Texas proudly welcomed the Year-End Finale of the United Professional Rodeo Association (UPRA) to the Fair Park Coliseum as part of the Fair's rodeo lineup in 2022.







# STEWARDSHIP

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, our nonprofit purpose is funded through the proceeds from our annual State Fair of Texas event. We are committed to operating in a fiscally conscious manner and ensuring our workplace is representative of all of Texas, and we aim to reinforce our transparency in this commitment through the production of our annual report. As a historic institution rooted in a historic landmark, we practice responsible stewardship by investing in the Fair product, our Fair Park home, our full-time and seasonal staff, and our community, to ensure that our home and surrounding neighborhood will continue to thrive with the State Fair of Texas for future generations. Every year, a summary of our audited financial statements can be found on our website at BigTex.com/ About-Us/Financial-Highlights.

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# **STATE FAIR CULTURE**

Diversity, belonging, inclusion, and equity are fundamental components of the Fair's mission and culture. Diversity encompasses all the characteristics in which people may differ, ensuring they are represented in the organization. **Belonging** is ensuring all persons feel they genuinely belong, are valued, relied upon, empowered, and ultimately matter. Inclusive environments strive to provide a space where all individuals are welcome and thoughts, ideas, and perspectives of all individuals hold value. **Equity** is addressing the cultural and historical factors that impede a level playing field for those impacted by systemic racial injustice, social injustice, and oppression.

The State Fair of Texas is continuing an intentional journey of exploration to identify how to build the core values of diversity, belonging, inclusion, and equity into all aspects of our operations. We will continue to proactively examine opportunities and adopt practices that promote a culture for diversity, belonging, inclusion, and equity in the workplace.

# **DBIE INITIATIVES**

- The State Fair's full-time staff participated in a 21-day racial equity challenge. This challenge included weekly calls led by H to discuss daily content, which ranged in topics from environmental racism to gender-based violence.
- The Fair created a Racial Equity Committee to discuss, define, ar begin plans of implementing intentional DBIE practices as an overall lens of our work. The committee is comprised of team members from each level of the company, each bringing a unic perspective and diverse qualities.
- The Fair follows a procurement and purchasing policy that seeks provide equitable treatment of all persons or firms, including minority and women-owned business enterprises.
- Prior to the opening of the Fair, all Tex team members (seasons part-time, and full-time) participated in customer service training which included DBIE practices.
- Instituted in 2020, the Fair's parental leave policy allows for fo weeks of paid leave.
- The Fair's minimum wage is continually updated to **match the** living wage index for Dallas County, based on research published by MIT.



	•	Vendor diversity continues to be a focus area for the Fair,
R		supporting a variety of vendor and exhibitor backgrounds. With
		47% of all concessionaires being concessionaires of color at the
		Fair in 2022, the Fair continues seeking to diversify through
nd		outreach and marketing.
	•	Through programs like the Big Tex Masterclass, the Fair partners
		with community organizations to assist locally owned Southern
que		Dallas businesses to build their capacity by providing training,
		technical assistance, and mentoring.
to	•	Professional development and educational opportunities are made
		available for all full-time staff.
	•	To celebrate all Texans, the Fair is intentional in providing divers
al,		and inclusive entertainment and attractions, and we will
ing		continue, through our partnerships, to add to our roster of talent
		from these communities.
ur	•	Introduced in 2022, the all-new Dinosaurs in Texas exhibit was
		the first bilingual exhibit produced by the State Fair of Texas
		entirely in English and Spanish.

# **DBIE STATISTICS**







\* This number reflects only the employees on the payroll of the State Fair of Texas, and does not include the employment figures of the hundreds of small business vendors operating throughout the fairgrounds.

\*\* Inclusive of retirement payments.

 $^{\star\star\star}$  Inclusive of all full-time employees as of Dec. 31, 2022.

# CONCESSIONAIRE RACE/ETHNICITY\*

	Ethnicity	%
•	Caucasian	53%
•	African American	22%
•	Hispanic/Lantinx	17%
•	Asian/Pacific Islander	6%
•	Other	2%



	Ethnicity	%
•	Caucasian	64.52%
•	African American	16.13%
•	Hispanic/Lantinx	16.13%
•	American Indian or Alaska Native	0%
•	Asian or Pacific Islander	0%
•	Other	3.23%

2022 STATE FAIR OF TEXAS

# **STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES**

# **REVENUES**



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\$45,335,895
\$30,128,202
\$4,838,600
\$6,410,951
\$855,711
\$845,537
\$88,414,896

# **EXPENSES**



	2022
• FAIR TIME EXPERIENCE (57%)	\$41,514,532
• AGRICULTURE (9%)	\$6,549,438
• EDUCATION (4%)	\$3,061,981
• COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (16%)	\$11,544,230
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL (8%)	\$6,044,463
• FUNDRAISING (6%)	\$4,304,261
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$73,018,905
YEAR EI	NDED DECEMBER 31

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$15,395,991
REALIZED & UNREALIZED INVESTMENT LOSSES	(\$2,168,512)
TAX CREDIT	\$291,653
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$13,519,132

		2022		2021		
	NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL	NET ASSETS NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS RESTRICTIONS		TOTAL
REVENUES						
CONCESSIONS AND ADMISSIONS	\$75,464,097	-	\$75,464,097	\$64,348,007	-	\$64,348,007
EXHIBIT SPACE AND OTHER RENTALS	4,838,600	-	4,838,600	4,749,586	-	\$4,749,586
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	855,711	-	855,711	313,004	-	\$313,004
OTHER	845,537	-	845,537	690,709	-	\$690,709
CONTRIBUTIONS	2,685,953	2,588,984	5,274,937	3,604,846	2,160,646	\$5,765,492
DONATED GOOD & SERVICES	1,136,014	-	1,136,014		-	
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	2,588,984	(2,588,984)		2,118,977	2,118,977	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$88,414,896	-	88,414,896	75,825,129	41,669	75,866,798
EXPENSES						
FAIR-TIME EXPERIENCE	41,514,532	-	41,514,532	35,805,859	-	35,805,859
AGRICULTURE	6,549,438	-	6,549,438	5,477,805	-	5,477,805
EDUCATION	3,061,981	-	3,061,981	2,512,068	-	2,512,068
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	11,544,230	-	11,544,230	1,367,541	-	1,367,541
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	6,044,463	-	6,044,463	5,067,188	-	5,067,188
FUNDRAISING	4,304,261	-	4,304,261	3,551,123	-	3,551,123
TOTAL EXPENSES	73,018,905	-	73,018,905	53,781,584	-	53,781,584
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	15,395,991	-	15,395,991	22,043,545	41,669	22,085,214
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED INVESTMENT GAINS	(2,168,512)	-	(2,168,512)	2,170,552	-	2,170,552
TAX CREDIT	291,653	-	291,653		-	
GAIN ON LOAN (PPP) EXTINGUISHMENT	-	-	-	6,058,845	-	6,058,845
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	13,519,132	-	13,519,132	30,272,942	41,669	30,314,611
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	75,261,784	41,669	75,303,453	44,988,842	-	44,988,842
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$88,780,916	\$41,669	\$88,822,585	\$75,261,784	\$41,669	\$75,303,453

	2022			2021		
	NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL	NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS	NET ASSETS WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS	TOTAL
REVENUES						
CONCESSIONS AND ADMISSIONS	\$75,464,097	-	\$75,464,097	\$64,348,007	-	\$64,348,007
EXHIBIT SPACE AND OTHER RENTALS	4,838,600	-	4,838,600	4,749,586	-	\$4,749,586
INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME	855,711	-	855,711	313,004	-	\$313,004
OTHER	845,537	-	845,537	690,709	-	\$690,709
CONTRIBUTIONS	2,685,953	2,588,984	5,274,937	3,604,846	2,160,646	\$5,765,492
DONATED GOOD & SERVICES	1,136,014	-	1,136,014		-	
NET ASSETS RELEASED FROM RESTRICTIONS	2,588,984	(2,588,984)		2,118,977	2,118,977	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$88,414,896	-	88,414,896	75,825,129	41,669	75,866,798
EXPENSES						
FAIR-TIME EXPERIENCE	41,514,532	-	41,514,532	35,805,859	-	35,805,859
AGRICULTURE	6,549,438	-	6,549,438	5,477,805	-	5,477,805
EDUCATION	3,061,981	-	3,061,981	2,512,068	-	2,512,068
COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	11,544,230	-	11,544,230	1,367,541	-	1,367,541
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	6,044,463	-	6,044,463	5,067,188	-	5,067,188
FUNDRAISING	4,304,261	-	4,304,261	3,551,123	-	3,551,123
TOTAL EXPENSES	73,018,905	-	73,018,905	53,781,584	-	53,781,584
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	15,395,991	-	15,395,991	22,043,545	41,669	22,085,214
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED INVESTMENT GAINS	(2,168,512)	-	(2,168,512)	2,170,552	-	2,170,552
TAX CREDIT	291,653	-	291,653		-	
GAIN ON LOAN (PPP) EXTINGUISHMENT	-	-	-	6,058,845	-	6,058,845
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	13,519,132	-	13,519,132	30,272,942	41,669	30,314,611
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	75,261,784	41,669	75,303,453	44,988,842		44,988,842
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$88,780,916	\$41,669	\$88,822,585	\$75,261,784	\$41,669	\$75,303,453

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	15,395,991
REALIZED AND UNREALIZED INVESTMENT GAINS	(2,168,512)
TAX CREDIT	291,653
GAIN ON LOAN (PPP) EXTINGUISHMENT	-

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	13,519,132
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	75,261,784
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$88,780,916

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# STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR FAIR PARK IMPROVEMENTS     11,775,175     11,283,449       RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR COTTON BOWL IMPROVEMENTS     359,131     359,131       INVESTMENTS     362,792,172     70,904,730       ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE     755,545     962,122       INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     193,633       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,255       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,723       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:         MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,133       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,144       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     336,960     10,466       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     18,851,158     18,170,566       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,933       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES <td< th=""><th></th><th>2022</th><th>2021</th></td<>		2022	2021					
CASH     \$309,557     \$367,433       RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR FAIR PARK IMPROVEMENTS     11,775,175     11,283,413       RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR COTTON BOWL IMPROVEMENTS     359,131     359,131       INVESTMENTS     82,792,172     70,004,733       ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE     755,545     962,122       INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     193,633       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,25       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,722       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:     96,450,704     84,391,722       MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,13       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,144       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,465       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       LAND     4,754,089 <td colspan="8">ASSETS</td>	ASSETS							
RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR FAIR PARK IMPROVEMENTS     11,775,175     11,283,413       RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR COTTON BOWL IMPROVEMENTS     359,131     359,131       INVESTMENTS     359,131     359,131       INVESTMENTS     82,792,172     70,904,730       ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE     755,545     962,122       INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     193,633       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,255       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,723       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:         MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,133       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,466       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       ITAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,993       IESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       IESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION	CURRENT ASSETS:							
RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR COTTON BOWL IMPROVEMENTS     359,131     359,131       INVESTMENTS     82,792,172     70,904,733       ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE     755,545     962,122       INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     193,633       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,254       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,723       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:         MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,133       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,467       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,993       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,566       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,933       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-US LIABILITIES	CASH	\$309,557	\$367,432					
INVESTMENTS     82,792,172     70,904,733       ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE     755,545     962,122       INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     193,633       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,254       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,723       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:     96,450,704     84,391,723       MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,133       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,465       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,566       DEFERED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,933       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     1,313,060     0	RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR FAIR PARK IMPROVEMENTS	11,775,175	11,283,419					
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE     755,545     962,122       INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     133,633       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,255       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,722       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:     96,450,704     84,391,722       MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,13       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,463       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       ITAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,993       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,566       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,937       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     1,313,060     0	RESTRICTED INVESTMENT FOR COTTON BOWL IMPROVEMENTS	359,131	359,131					
INVENTORIES, NET     200,507     193,63       PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,25       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,724       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:         MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,765       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,13       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,465       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,993       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,933       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	INVESTMENTS	82,792,172	70,904,730					
PREPAID EXPENSES     258,617     321,25       TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,723       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:	ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	755,545	962,122					
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS     96,450,704     84,391,723       PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:	INVENTORIES, NET	200,507	193,637					
PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:       MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,137       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,467       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,433       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     11,8851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,934       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	PREPAID EXPENSES	258,617	321,254					
MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,137       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,466       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,432)       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     118,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,937       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     11,313,060     11,313,060	TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	96,450,704	84,391,725					
MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS     15,036,044     \$14,996,763       AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,137       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,466       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,432)       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     118,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,937       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     11,313,060     11,313,060								
AMUSEMENT RIDES     21,897,407     21,897,407       BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,137       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,465       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,995       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,435       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     118,851,158     18,170,566       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,937       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, AT COST:							
BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS     26,104,724     23,690,13       FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     111,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,461       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,436       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     118,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,936       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	MIDWAY IMPROVEMENTS	15,036,044	\$14,996,763					
FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT     11,187,866     10,398,142       CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,467       LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,435       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,934       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	AMUSEMENT RIDES	21,897,407	21,897,407					
CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS     396,960     10,467       LAND     4,754,089     4	BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	26,104,724	23,690,131					
LAND     4,754,089     4,754,089       TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,439       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,936       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	FURNITURE, FIXTURES, AND EQUIPMENT	11,187,866	10,398,142					
TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS     79,377,090     75,746,999       LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,436       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,936       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS	396,960	10,467					
LESS - ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION     (60,525,932)     (57,576,435       NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,936       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     16,340,400     16,340,400	LAND	4,754,089	4,754,089					
NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT     18,851,158     18,170,560       DEFERRED COMPENSATION     2,124,754     2,287,930       FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES     1,313,060       OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-US LIABILITIES     16,340,400	TOTAL PROPERTY AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS	79,377,090	75,746,999					
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FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES1,313,060OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-US LIABILITIES16,340,400	NET LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT	18,851,158	18,170,560					
OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-US LIABILITIES 16,340,400	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	2,124,754	2,287,938					
	FINANCE LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE LIABILITIES	1,313,060	-					
TOTAL ASSETS \$135,080,076 \$104,850,22	OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-US LIABILITIES	16,340,400	-					
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$135,080,076	\$104,850,223					

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LIABIL	TIES AND NET ASS	ETS	
CURREN	T LIABILITIES:		
ACCOUN	TS PAYABLE AND ACCI	RUED LIABILITIES	
ACCRUE	D FAIR PARK IMPROVE	MENTS	
FINANCE	LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE	LIABILITIES	
OPERAT	NG LEASE RIGHT-OF-U	SE LIABILITIES	
TOTAL C	URRENT LIABILITIES		
DEFERR	D RENT LIABILITY		
DEFERRI	D COMPENSATION		
FINANCE	LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE	LIABILITIES	
OPERAT	NG LEASE RIGHT-OF-U	SE LIABILITIES	
TOTAL L	ABILITIES		

NET ASSETS
WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS:
UNDESIGNATED
BOARD-DESIGNATED OPERATING RESERVE
BOARD-DESIGNATED FUTURE FAIR PARK PROJECTS
BOARD-DESIGNATED SCHOLARSHIP FUND RESERVE
TOTAL NET ASSETS WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS
WITH DONOR RESTRICTIONS
TOTAL NET ASSETS
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

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2022	2021
\$6,240,819	\$8,772,812
11,815,845	11,497,690
311,416	-
980,514	-
19,348,594	20,270,502
-	6,988,330
2,124,754	2,287,938
1,034,633	-
23,749,510	-
46,257,491	29,546,770
61,675,901	55,677,964
19,446,274	13,758,812
4,937,422	2,657,633
2,721,319	3,167,375
88,780,916	75,261,784
41,669	41,669
88,822,585	75,303,453
\$135,080,076	\$104,850,223

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	2022						
	PROGRAM SERVICES		SUPPORTING SERVICES				
	FAIR TIME EXPERIENCE	AGRICULTURE	EDUCATION	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	FUNDRAISING	TOTAL
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$102,623	\$113,730	\$20,599	\$1,584	\$4,156	\$2,513,632	\$2,756,324
CONTRACT SERVICES	13,499,705	1,289,319	44,842	34,661	125,410	34,097	15,028,034
DEPRECIATION AND Amortization	3,041,895	139,844	32,563	42,469	127,459	8,074	3,392,304
FAIR OPERATIONAL COSTS	9,384,574	923,244	346,698	199	6,916	13,761	10,675,392
FAIR PARK Improvements	-	-	-	9,566,889	-	-	9,566,889
GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE	_	1,834,469	38,535	829,738	2,239	-	2,704,981
INSURANCE	1,222,941	63,023	14,675	19,139	57,442	3,639	1,380,859
OCCUPANCY	3,375,531	311,288	196,740	162,854	642,447	191,362	4,880,222
OTHER	271,497	96,860	49,929	10,922	321,885	377,480	1,128,573
PROFESSIONAL FEES	182,922	7,839	93	-	988,001	43,625	1,222,480
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	836,754	124,661	10,442	30,313	20,121	1,286	1,023,577
SALARIES, WAGES, BENEFITS, TAXES	8,284,191	1,479,256	1,361,095	839,211	3,681,795	1,042,270	16,687,818
SCHOLARSHIPS	-	-	917,250	-	-	-	917,250
SUPPLIES	1,311,899	165,905	28,520	6,251	66,592	75,035	1,654,202
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$41,514,532	\$6,549,438	\$3,061,981	\$11,544,230	\$6,044,463	\$4,304,261	\$73,018,905

	2021						
	PROGRAM SERVICES		SUPPORTING SERVICES				
	FAIR TIME EXPERIENCE	AGRICULTURE	EDUCATION	COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT	MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL	FUNDRAISING	TOTAL
ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	\$100,008	\$71,044	\$300	\$372	\$2,778	\$2,075,492	\$2,249,994
CONTRACT SERVICES	12,332,823	754,501	22,607	3,083	28,674	31,932	13,173,620
DEPRECIATION AND Amortization	2,913,876	137,819	28,756	43,118	111,510	9,248	3,244,327
FAIR OPERATIONAL COSTS	7,384,070	837,109	288,616	23,145	3,704	3,072	8,539,716
FAIR PARK Improvements	-	_	-	19,401	-	-	19,401
GRANTS AND OTHER ASSISTANCE	_	1,748,724	18,980	542,163	_	-	2,309,867
INSURANCE	1,105,431	52,284	10,909	16,357	42,303	3,509	1,230,793
OCCUPANCY	3,019,600	281,519	183,661	130,907	540,952	179,836	4,336,475
OTHER	363,592	62,317	46,520	3,523	140,880	310,352	927,184
PROFESSIONAL FEES	177,228	4,081	4,003	4,827	928,584	_	1,118,723
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	639,241	116,201	4,762	23,004	15,661	1,281	800,150
SALARIES, WAGES, BENEFITS, TAXES	6,796,477	1,175,885	1,079,964	552,684	3,206,981	893,092	13,705,083
SCHOLARSHIPS	_	-	802,000	_	_	-	802,000
SUPPLIES	973,513	236,321	20,990	4,957	45,161	43,309	1,324,251
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,805,859	\$5,477,805	\$2,512,068	\$1,367,541	\$5,067,188	\$3,551,123	\$53,781,584

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31

\* The December 31, 2022 and 2021 financial information presented herein is derived from our audited financial statements. This excerpted information does not include the footnotes that are integral to a full presentation of our financial position. A complete set of audited financial statements is available on https://bigtex.com/about/ financial highlights.



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