



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Moody Foundation Awards \$25,000 to Texas Advocacy Project To Match Teen Ambassadors of Hope Program**

**AUSTIN, TX Oct. 1, 2020** – Moody Foundation to match \$25,000 raised by Texas teens for Texas Advocacy Project’s Teen Ambassadors of Hope program. For more than 75 years, the Moody Foundation has funded projects and programs that better communities in our great state of Texas.

Teen Ambassadors of Hope (TAOH) is a dynamic healthy relationship and violence prevention program that educates and empowers teen leaders to create a safer future for youth. The intention is to generate a true cultural shift in what is acceptable and unacceptable relationship behavior. TAOH goals are three-fold: raise awareness of teen dating abuse, champion the Project’s mission, and raise funds for the organization.

The 6th year of TAOH was due to launch in March 2020 with a record 80 Teen Ambassadors. However, due to Covid-19 and shelter in place mandates, the teens had to make dramatic shifts and adapt their fundraising plans accordingly. The teens pivoted and created campaigns such as selling masks, virtual tutoring and virtual dance lessons.

With this generous funding match from the Moody Foundation, the teens’ hard work and money raised will be matched and essentially doubling their efforts during such a critical year to raise money for survivors of domestic violence.

#### **About Moody Foundation**

The mission of the Moody Foundation is empowering Texas communities to thrive and prosper.

#### **About Texas Advocacy Project**

Last year TAP served 4,738 clients, impacting the lives of nearly 10,659 women and their children. Their mission is to prevent domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking throughout Texas through FREE legal services, access to the justice system, and education. Details at [www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org](http://www.TexasAdvocacyProject.org). If you need help, call 1-800-374-HOPE.

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