



The ACCESS Endowment Fund

Sow the seeds of ACCESS' future

You can help ensure ACCESS serves our community for generations to come with a contribution to the ACCESS Endowment Fund.

Funding the Future...

In addition to maintaining good stewardship of the funds given to ACCESS, the management team continues to budget effectively and research new revenue streams. One such revenue stream is the ACCESS Endowment Fund.

Although ACCESS has continually exceeded annual donation goals, our programming needs and non-profit mission have demanded that most of our funding support programming. The ACCESS Endowment Fund ensures long-term financial benefits designed to sustain our relatively young organization.

Unlike funds that support programming only, the ACCESS Endowment Fund will support the fiscal health of our overall organization, which in turn helps maintain the high-quality programming for which our organization is known. Profits from investments can support those areas of our budget that indirectly

influence quality of programming but are not typically funded through grants, such as equipment, building maintenance costs, technology upgrades and other capital expenses.

...with Help from Our Friends

The ACCESS Endowment Fund started in Spring 2011 with a \$250,000 matching grant from The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston. With \$775,000 in combined monies and pledges secured by the August 2012 matching grant deadline – including more than \$450,000 in received funds – ACCESS exceeded its goal to begin its endowment fund with at least \$500,000 in seed money.

We are especially thankful for the ACCESS Endowment Fund development campaign members, Elizabeth Glasbrenner, Jeanne Joyner, Catherine Morton, Lynn O'Connor, Kellie Wilhite and Tammy Simmons, who helped steer the matching grant completion.

With the initial endowment fund seed money in place, the ACCESS Board of Directors approved an

“We are so appreciative to The Brown Foundation and our endowment fund supporters. These generous gifts provide ACCESS with a new revenue source and long-term financial stability, ensuring ACCESS continues to serve our community for many decades to come.”

– **Tammy Simmons, M.S., CCC-SLP,**
ACCESS Executive Director.

“Contributing to the ACCESS Endowment Fund is a wonderful tribute for parents, grandparents and others to honor their loved ones while offering educational and treatment opportunities to other families who need ACCESS.”

– **Kellie Wilhite,**
ACCESS Director of Development



endowment investment policy with the objective of earning an inflation-adjusted return over several years. This return will allow for an annual withdrawal percentage or spend rate, which may be used to determine annual contributions to the ACCESS operating budget at the beginning of each fiscal year (Aug. 1). Stephens Capital Management is administering the fund, which will be managed by the ACCESS Endowment Fund Committee.

...and You

These payments will fund maintenance and improvements for capital assets our staff members, students and clients use every day. This needed revenue stream allows even more of the ACCESS operating budget to support programming.

Please make your commitment to the ACCESS Endowment Fund today by completing the attached pledge form. Donors to the fund are recognized with permanent signage on the ACCESS Endowment Tree, prominently displayed in the ACCESS lobby. All giving levels include the opportunity to honor patrons, friends and family with an inscription. All ACCESS Endowment Fund donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.

The Brown Foundation, Inc., of Houston, was founded in July 1951 by Herman and Margaret Root Brown and George R. and Alice Pratt Brown. The Foundation has supported ACCESS programs and services for more than a decade, including providing funds to support the opening of ACCESS Academy, ACCESS' full-time educational program for students ages 5-21, and funding to support the move to the current ACCESS campus. The purpose of the Foundation is to distribute funds for public charitable purposes, principally for support, encouragement and assistance to education, the arts and community service.