EPISCOPAL HEALTH FOUNDATION

2025 in Review

Expansion in the North Region

In 2022, the Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT) formally reunited with the Episcopal Church in North Texas. The reunification expanded the Diocese–and EHF's service area–by 23 counties, creating opportunities to build relationships with congregations, nonprofits, health care organizations, and other community partners across North Texas.

Forging Deeper Connections with Congregations

Building upon two years of early engagement with congregations across the 23 new counties, EHF deepened engagement efforts in 2025, laying the groundwork for lasting relationships in a region untouched by earlier work. Notably, congregational engagement activities in 2025 included stronger coordination with EDOT's Community Mission and Vitality ministry. This work has revealed how partnering with the larger EDOT community can serve as a strategic lever for engagement, particularly in cultivating relationships and aligning efforts across congregational networks, including informing new grantee opportunities.

Though these relationships are still in their early stages, conversations with partners in the new region have made one thing clear: there is a genuine desire and need for EHF's presence. North Texas congregations are energized, engaged, and eager to deepen their work alongside EHF.

Investment in Priority for Change: Maternal Health

Among EHF's most significant investments in 2025 is a commitment to the North Texas Maternal Health Accelerator (MHA). EHF is the leading philanthropic investor and provided $3 million to help launch the program. It's a bold step in new territory, built on emerging partnerships and driven by an intentional cross-divisional strategy. Texas faces a maternal health crisis, and the MHA was formed to meet that challenge by bringing together stakeholders from more than 50 organizations to improve maternal health outcomes by addressing non-medical drivers of health. The investment helps bring partners together, giving the coalition the support it needs to build trust and work across sectors. During the first year, the grant also helped lay the foundation for an outcomes-based payment model that could attract new funding partners in the future.

Entering this early-stage pilot means partnerships are still forming, and innovative strategies are still being tested. This work reflects both a willingness to take risks through promoting multi-sector collaboration in service of meaningful change, and a commitment to advancing maternal health as one of our Priorities for Change.

Overarching Learning

North Texas has previously been a geographic area not part of EHF's service area. With the expansion into the North region, 2025 became a year of meaningful exploration that revealed an abundance of opportunities to connect with new organizations, cultivate emerging partnerships, and extend our impact in communities that are ready and waiting for this work.