



# Bulletin

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## Texas C-BAR Celebrates Outstanding Volunteers and Delivery of \$1 Million in Free Legal Services

On October 16, Texas C-BAR presented the second annual Community Builder Awards to honor volunteers for their exemplary contributions over the past year. Since October 2000, 240 attorneys from 35 law firms and corporations have provided \$1 million in free legal services to 125 nonprofit organizations through Texas C-BAR.



*Rosemary Washington*



*Children at the block party*

Volunteer attorneys, community leaders, nonprofit staff, and neighbors gathered at a block party in Houston, which was co-hosted with Re-Ward Third Ward, Inc. The nonprofit is building new homes for first-time homeowners in the community. Many of the attendees had never been in the Third Ward before and commented on how rewarding it was to be out in the community and see the impact of C-BAR's volunteers and clients working together. "It was wonderful to get to see the nonprofit's new houses and meet the residents," said Brandy Copley, an attorney with Skadden Arps.

One of the speakers at the block party was Carolyn Walker, who shared her story about purchasing her first home from Re-Ward just the week before the block party. Seven years ago, Ms. Walker was a single mom addicted to alcohol and drugs with three small children. Today, she is a pre-K teacher working on a master's degree in sociology and the proud owner of a new four-bedroom home in the Third Ward. "This lady is a true success story," remarked Rosemary Washington, the Director of Re-Ward, "and now her kids have a wonderful new home." 🏠

## 2002 Community Builder Award Recipients

**Conoco, Inc.:** For the corporation's on-going support of Texas C-BAR and participation as Texas C-BAR's first Community Counsel partner. Conoco attorneys have been serving as general counsel to two affordable housing organizations, assisting them with a broad range of transactional legal needs.

**Bracewell & Patterson:** For providing hundreds of hours of legal services to nonprofit groups and for serving as general counsel to Re-Ward Third Ward. Bracewell & Patterson is Texas C-BAR's first law firm to participate as a Community Counsel partner.

**Cynthia Bast, Locke Liddell & Sapp:** For her quality pro bono legal services to four C-BAR clients and serving as a mentor to our other volunteers on countless matters. Cynthia was also honored for her on-going, enthusiastic commitment to Texas C-BAR and service on Texas C-BAR's board. 🏠



*Cynthia Bast*



## Corporate Attorney Lends Her Skills to Help Create Child Care Center

Diana Borden is a corporate lawyer working with the Austin law firm of Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody (GDHM). Throughout her career as an attorney, pro bono work has always been a meaningful way for her to feel connected to the wider community. When she was a litigator, she often provided pro bono family-law services by helping low-income women with divorce and custody issues. When she made the transition to corporate law, however, she found pro bono opportunities much harder to come by within her field of expertise. When Texas C-BAR approached her firm to provide corporate legal services to community-based nonprofits, both she and others at GDHM saw a way to get GDHM's corporate attorneys more involved in pro bono.

Through Texas C-BAR, Diana was matched with Colonias Unidas, a nonprofit organization in South Texas working to increase the availability of quality, affordable child care for its community. It turned out to be a great match: "My heart is really in this matter," Diana says. "From my own experience as a working mother, I know how difficult it is to find affordable, high-quality child care, and I understand that the problems of finding child care are even more acute in the Valley." She also feels her work through Texas C-BAR adds an important dimension to her professional life. "It's great to do corporate legal work that has a direct impact on people's lives and their communities." She is equally enthusiastic about what Texas C-BAR offers her firm. "It's wonderful to have these pro bono opportunities brought to our doorstep. We would have never connected with Colonias Unidas any other way." 🏡

## Texas C-BAR Welcomes New and Returning Attorney Volunteers

(July 1, 2002, to November 1, 2002)

John Ale—*Skadden Arps*

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Josh Ham—*Patton Boggs*

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JoAnne Wallace-McIntosh—*Armbrust & Brown*

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Jim Williams—*Graves, Dougherty, Hearon & Moody*

# C-BAR Expands Mission to Include Economic Development Initiatives



Candida Garza and grandchildren.

C-BAR has already begun serving nonprofits focusing on increasing opportunities for low-income persons in high skills job training, low-interest credit, and high quality preschool and after-school programs. Lack of access to quality, affordable childcare is one of the highest barriers to

entering and remaining in the workforce for many parents.

Candida Garza lives in the colonia where the nonprofit organization, Colonias Unidas, is setting up a childcare center. Mrs. Garza watches her grandchildren while their parents work. The new daycare center will provide a much-needed opportunity for quality early childhood education. Another C-BAR client, Community Resources Group, has built a new home for the extended family. 🏠



# Nonprofit Legal Toolkit Now Available

Texas C-BAR's new Nonprofit Legal Toolkit is now available on the Texas C-BAR Resource Center, at [www.texasbar.org](http://www.texasbar.org). The toolkit contains information on a broad range of Texas and federal laws affecting nonprofits, including reporting rules, public disclosure requirements, and a legal compliance audit. The toolkit should be an invaluable resource for both nonprofit organizations and attorneys assisting nonprofits. 🏠

## Upcoming Legal Workshops for Nonprofits

**Clearing Title: How to Make the Law Work for You**  
January 24, 2003; *Houston*  
Co-Sponsored with LISC

**Employment Law for Nonprofits**  
February 19, 2003; *Austin*  
Co-Sponsored with ACC  
Center for Community-Based  
and Nonprofit Organizations

**Nonprofit Legal Compliance**  
March 25, 2003; *Houston*  
Co-Sponsored with LISC

**How to Form a Nonprofit Community Development Corporation**  
June 3, 2003; *Corpus Christi*  
Co-Sponsored with TACDC

For information on registration, as well as an updated list of all Texas C-BAR workshops, log onto [www.texasbar.org](http://www.texasbar.org), or call 512-447-7707, ext. 379.

## Our Outstanding Volunteers

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Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR) is a statewide business law pro bono project which provides community-based nonprofits with the legal tools they need to succeed in transforming distressed neighborhoods into healthy communities. As a special project of Texas Rural Legal Aid, Texas C-BAR currently partners with more than 35 law firms and corporations to help nonprofits build communities and ultimately better the lives of thousands of low-income families throughout the state. For more information about Texas C-BAR, or to participate in our pro bono program, please contact the staff of Texas C-BAR at:

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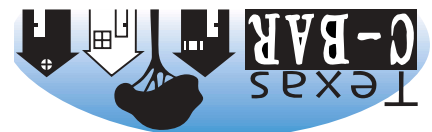
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