



# Tecaboca

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## **TECABOCA RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT TO PARTNER WITH INGRAM AND HUNT SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND KERR COUNTY YMCA**

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**AUSTIN** –Tecaboca, Marianist Center for Spiritual Renewal and Home of Texas Catholic Boys Camp has been selected as one of 40 recipients of Renewing Our Communities Account (ROCA) nonprofit capacity building grants. They will receive up to \$25,000 from this grant to build their capacity and strengthen their collaborative partnerships.

Through a competitive grant process, OneStar Foundation: *Texas Center for Social Impact*—in partnership with the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)—selected 40 small- and medium-sized faith-based and community organizations (FBCOs) for ROCA grants.

Tecaboca will use these funds to forge more effective collaborations with Hunt ISD, Ingram ISD, and Kerr County YMCA. These partners will work with Tecaboca to develop a leadership program for 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders that can be used by the schools, the YMCA, and Tecaboca, collaboratively and independently. The program will be structured around the 40 Developmental Assets, which is designed to improve a community by helping youth build assets that they need to thrive through adolescence. The grant includes funds for training for all faculty and staff in the YMCA and both school districts, funds to support curriculum development, and funds to provide educational materials for the faculty surrounding the 40 Developmental Assets. Additionally, the grant provides support for a self assessment and strategic planning process at Tecaboca.

“This county has so much to offer youth, and the youth have so much to offer the county, if we can just collaborate in a positive way,” states Kay Tally-Foos, Executive Director of Tecaboca. “We believe that

this type of cooperative spirit between local schools, a youth serving organization, and Tecaboca can help youth build their assets to be productive citizens. We are proud to be the recipient of a grant that can support these efforts.”

Tecaboca is a local retreat center and summer camp that was established in 1951 as the Texas Catholic Boys Camp, and is owned and operated by the Marianist Province of the U.S. It is on a beautiful site on Johnson Creek, just about two miles east of Mountain Home. Tecaboca’s purpose is to provide opportunities for spiritual development, leadership training, and community building for both laity and religious, with an emphasis on young people.

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