



## AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Big Thought commemorated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Creative Solutions program in partnership with the Dallas County Juvenile Department. (2015)

The NCAA selects Big Thought to develop and manage the community-wide service learning initiative in conjunction with The NCAA Men's Final Four © to engage more than 7,000 youth in service projects. (2014)

Big Thought is presented with the Texas Medal of Arts Award for Art Education. Given by the Texas Cultural Trust, the TMA Awards celebrate Texans who have enriched the unique culture of Texas. (2013)

Big Thought celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. President/CEO, Gigi Antoni, co-authors *More than the sum of its parts: Collaboration & Sustainability in Arts Education*, with Thomas Wolf. (2012)

President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities selects Big Thought President/CEO Gigi Antoni as a "Champion of Change," serving on a White House panel highlighting best practices in arts education. (2011)

The Wallace Foundation and RAND Corporation select Dallas & Big Thought's Thriving Minds summer camp program to participate in a three-year longitudinal study on summer learning loss tracking the impact of comprehensive summer programs on the academic success of incoming fourth graders in six U.S. cities. (2011)

The trustees of Communities Foundation of Texas, who oversee the W.W. Caruth, Jr. Foundation, award a \$2-million challenge grant to Big Thought to build a coordinated system upon the framework of its out-of-school-time initiative, Thriving Minds. (2010)

The Wallace Foundation awards Big Thought an \$8M grant to plan and implement a citywide creative learning system and renews its commitment with a four-year \$4.3M gift to continue implementation. (2010, 2005)

The Texas Education Agency awards three five-year grants to manage Big Thought's Thriving Minds After-School program in 33 Dallas ISD schools. (2010, 2009, 2008)

Americans for the Arts presents Big Thought with the Arts Education Award given annually to the organization identified as the best in arts education program design, execution, as well as leadership. (2009)

Big Thought is selected by the North Texas Super Bowl XLV Host Committee to design and execute the largest-ever youth-education program for the NFL in conjunction with Super Bowl XLV. (2009)

Big Thought publishes *More Than Measuring* outlining the organization's philosophy and assessment. (2007)

The U.S. Department of Education awards a \$1.1 million Model Development and Dissemination Grant to support Big Thought's ArtsPartners National Model and provides an additional \$1 million grant to train arts specialists as arts integration resources to strengthen the program. (2006, 2003)

Big Thought receives the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities *Coming Up Taller Award*. (2004)