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Hind Jarrah is the Executive Director, co-founder (2005) and former President (2005-2009) of **Texas Muslim Women's Foundation TMWF**, a non-profit, educational, philanthropic, outreach and social service organization dedicated to empowering Women and their Families.

Dr Jarrah has been engaged in the promotion of understanding and respect for multicultural diversity since 1982. Following the tragic events of Sept 11 2001, there was a great deal of Public interest and misconceptions about Islam and Muslims, Dr. Jarrah was invited as a guest speaker or panelist in different venues, in schools, colleges, churches, synagogues and in professional organizations, Rotary clubs, Lions clubs or International Societies.

In 2005, while serving on the Faith and Philanthropy committee of the Dallas Women's Foundation, Dr. Jarrah was asked to identify the social services available within the Muslim Community in North Texas. She invited a group of thirty Muslim Women to identify their needs and priorities. Those priorities were the lack of mainstream public understanding and suspicion of Islam and Muslims, the lack of resources addressing the specific needs of this population, the Chasm between Muslim Youth and their families, and the extensive need for culturally specific services for victims of Domestic Violence. This lead eventually to the establishment of Texas Muslim Women's Foundation, with the mission to Empower, Promote and Support Women and their Families through Education, Outreach, Philanthropy and Social Services. The great diversity of the Muslim community was clearly evident at TMWF launch on August 21, 2005, when 300 women attended, from 29 different countries, and 22 different careers!

To fulfill its mission, TMWF offered many programs in Education, Outreach, Philanthropy and Social Services. The Educational program provides speakers, workshops and training on topics pertaining to Islam and Muslims. The Islamic Arts Revival series is a major component of this Program, presenting the Islamic arts as a bridge between peoples and communities. The Outreach and Interfaith provides presentations and panel discussions and collaborations with other faith communities. The Social Services program provides comprehensive social services, especially for victims of Domestic Violence. In addition, TMWF has a leadership Youth program training Muslim youth to be contributing members of society and future leaders.

Dr Jarrah was born in Beirut, Lebanon to Palestinian parents. Her undergraduate degree is BSc in Pharmacy from the American University in Beirut (1974) and PhD in Pharmacology from University Health Science center in Dallas (1980), and M.Sc. in Neuroscience and cognition from University of Texas in Dallas (2000).

Dr Jarrah has served as TMWF Executive Director since 2010. She served on the Faith and Feminism Committee at the Dallas Women's Foundation 2004-2006 and on the Board of Trustees from 2006-2009. She served on the Board of Trustees of Human Rights Initiative since 2011.