

Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Fund

2020 Grants and Awards:

Organization: Boysville, Inc.

Description: A grant to support Boysville, Inc.

Amount: \$180,000

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: Children's Hospital of San Antonio

Description: A grant to support construction of the Children's Heart Center and MRI Suite and equipment for the Cardiac Catheterization Suite

Amount: \$320,000 in 2020 and \$1,280,000 over 4 years

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: Muscular Dystrophy Foundation

Description: A grant to support Muscular Dystrophy Summer Camp Programs

Amount: \$25,000

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: I Care San Antonio

Description: A grant to support Patient Vision Services at Haven for Hope

Amount: \$25,000

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: UT Health San Antonio

Description: A grant to fund the Voelcker Biomedical Research Academy

Amount: \$187,123

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: University of Texas, San Antonio

Description: A grant to create the Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Excellence Endowment and Max and Minnie Tomerlin Voelcker Distinguished Professorship in Chemistry

Amount: \$200,000

Initial Year of Grant: 2020

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: UT Health San Antonio

Description: A pilot grant to support Dr. Lizhen Chen, Ph.D.

Project Title: Targeting YAP-TEAD on Enhancers For Therapy Resistance in Breast Cancer

Amount: \$100,000

Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

Organization: UT Health San Antonio

Description: A pilot grant to support Dr. Josephine Taverna, M.D.
Project Title: Targeting AXL-JAK1 in Tumors and Immune Ecosystems of Lung Cancer
Amount: \$100,000
Location of Grantee: San Antonio, Texas

2020 Voelcker Fund Young Investigator Awards:

Award Recipient: **Dr. Weixing Zhao, Ph.D.**
Institution: UT Health San Antonio
Project Title: Mechanistic Insights into the BRCA1-BARD1-Aurora Kinase Axis in Neuroblastoma
Amount: \$450,000 (Over 3 Years)

Award Recipient: **Dr. Corina Maeder, Ph.D.**
Institution: Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas
Project Title: Uncovering Pre-messenger RNA Splicing Mechanisms in Retinitis Pigmentosa
Amount: \$450,000 (Over 3 Years)

Award Recipient: **Dr. Soo Chan Lee, Ph.D.**
Institution: University of Texas, San Antonio
Project Title: Roles of Enteric Fungi and Their Interactions with Bacteria in the GI Tract Diseases
Amount: \$450,000 (Over 4 Years)