



**Doris Brown**

Doris is West Street Recovery's Co-Director of Community Research, Organizing, and Development. She is also a co-founder of the Northeast Action Collective (NAC). She graduated from Houston Community College with a degree in Human Service Technology and Certification in Mental Health. In 2016 she graduated from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. She joined staff at West Street Recovery in June of 2020.

West Street Recovery (WSR) is a horizontally structured grassroots organization in Houston, Texas, which aims to use the disaster recovery process to build community power. Their work is rooted in an understanding that disasters amplify previously existing inequalities. There are no natural disasters: the destruction of climate disasters is produced by social, racial, and political factors. Throughout the disaster recovery process, marginalized people and their communities are denied access to resources and influence; the same actors and forces that produced these inequities cannot be expected to deliver a just recovery. We aim to shift resources and decision-making power to flood survivors and frontline communities because the people most harmed by storms are also the ones who best understand what can protect them in the future.



**Jen Powis**

Jen Powis is the managing attorney of the Gulf Regional Office for Earthjustice, the largest public interest environmental law firm in the nation. She leads Earthjustice's litigation strategy, managing a team of attorneys across the Gulf South. She has nearly two decades of experience as a public interest attorney and has previously counseled a broad range of nonprofit entities across Texas. She is a former board chair of Bayou City Waterkeeper.

Prior to opening Earthjustice's first office in Texas, she held various nonprofit legal roles. After initially sharpening her litigation skills as a federal law clerk and at a private firm, Jen went in-house, working for multiple nonprofits to develop campaigns that united litigation with administrative advocacy. After nearly a decade in-house, Jen opened her own firm where she represented and provided legal counsel to nonprofits on issues related to campaign development, land conservation, emergency management, and generally, the environment. After Hurricane Harvey hit Houston in 2017, Jen co-founded the Coalition for Environment, Equity, and Resilience, a collaborative of 25 organizations dedicated to raising awareness of the connections between pollution, place, and public health. She was named a Top Lawyer for Nonprofits in Houston by Houstonia magazine and continues to serve her local community through board leadership.

Jen is a graduate of Texas A&M University and The University of Texas School of Law.



**Judith Revels**

Judith, at just 8 years old and a 3rd grader at B.C. Elmore Elementary School is a budding community advocate and Bayou City Waterkeeper's first junior honoree. This past summer, Judith fought for drainage equity and flood mitigation, a crucial issue that affects her neighborhood in Northeast Houston. Her commitment to this cause led her to speak at City of Houston City Hall about flooded ditches that had been illegally dumped in, just down the street from her campus. Judith is dedicated to making a positive impact on her community and her school. In her free time, she enjoys singing, dancing, and reading.