

A Note from the Executive Director

Well, here goes! New grant. New grants management software. New Office Manager. New member portal. New online membership form. New website. New members! And now you know what we've been up to all summer! Impact Austin members, donors, staff, and volunteers have so much to celebrate this Fall.

Operationally, the Grants team rolled out our new grants management software aimed at enhancing the volunteer and nonprofit applicant experience. We welcomed our new Office Manager, [Nicole Genovese](#) - an impressive leader in her own right - and a woman deeply passionate about our shared mission.



Christina Gorczynski

With programs, we officially launched our [Social Innovation Grant](#) pilot and vote on the \$110,000 award at [Town Hall](#) on November 6. We created a member portal for you to keep in touch with each other online.

For Membership, we kicked off a new concept of membership recruitment events where current members bring their friends to hear our mission and become members. At the same time, we launched our new member initiative, Lunches with Leaders, where brand-new members dine with Impact Austin's committee chairs, board members and yours truly. Also, we developed a new website and online membership form to allow easier access to information and payment options. And we built the largest Girls Giving Grants (g3) class in our organization's history: 103 girls!

With all the new initiatives, so much remains the same. Impact Austin as a whole - and I personally - remain absolutely committed to basic values: a shared love of community; a passion for giving back; community impact; the power of women's philanthropy; and commitment to one another as members.

Most importantly, we stand united in the power of collective giving - the notion that one woman with \$1,000 can work together with 500 other women to leverage individual gifts into huge community investments. Working together, we transform \$1,000 into \$500,000. At times, being in a room with hundreds of Impact Austin members feels like magic. I do not know of another organization in Central Texas that can make that statement.

After a year of service and growth, I am proud of being part of this generous sisterhood. Thank you for entrusting me to lead this organization. Cheers to another 16 years of making an extraordinary impact.

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2019 Town Hall Meeting & Social Innovation Grant Vote

The Impact Austin Town Hall on November 6th will be an evening you won't want to miss! Join us for an engaging panel discussion featuring experts in the field of philanthropy and watch presentations by the semi-finalists for our first-ever Social Innovation Grant (SIG) before casting your vote. To find out more details about this event and our panelists head over to our [blog](#).



Please note that we will have limited capacity for our Town Hall meeting, so please [register now](#)!

Interested in sponsoring Town Hall Meeting? Looking for a way to get in front of potential future clients while doing some social good? We've got you covered! In a few short weeks, Impact Austin will be hosting our annual Town Hall meeting where over 250 members. We hope that we can count on your [help make this event one of our best](#). Can we count on your support for our Town Hall? Click [here](#) to pledge or contact nicole@impactaustin.org.

New Grant Cycle Begins; Applications Open in November

Fall is here and you know what that means! A brand new grant cycle is underway, with \$400,000 in grants to be awarded after a rigorous review process by our Grant Review Committees (GRCs).

If you, or somebody you know, may want to apply for an [Impact Austin grant](#), please consider attending our annual [Nonprofit Workshop](#) on October 24th. (Registration for the Workshop closes October 18.) This gathering is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Impact Austin grants process by hearing from Impact Austin leadership and a past grant recipient.

If you are an Impact Austin member, please know that GRC sign ups start October 21. Don't miss your chance to be an active participant in the selection process for these grants. Look for more information in your inbox soon!

Girls Giving Grants: Largest Class, Largest Grant

Girls Giving Grants (g3) is heading into their grants cycle with a record membership of 103 young women philanthropists! This means that g3 will award its largest grant yet when they announce their grant recipient in April 2020.

g3 grant applications are now being accepted for programs that benefit youth in the greater Austin area and the submission deadline is Friday, November 8th, at 5pm. Further information can be found on the [g3 website](#).



Recruitment



Are you looking for a way to spend more time with the amazing women in your life? Have you thoughts about inviting them to join Impact Austin and helping us grow our organization and the positive impact we have on our community? Please join us, with a friend (or two), at one of the upcoming Info Sessions that are in the works for the following dates and areas of town:

October 16th (Wednesday happy hour) - North Central Austin
November 2nd (Saturday brunch) - Travis Heights/Downtown
November 14th (Thursday morning) - Westlake
November 14th (Thursday evening) - North Austin
November 18th (Thursday evening) - Westlake

Register [here](#) to get specific information on time and location.

Membership Renewal

Now might be a good time to check if you have [renewed your membership](#) for 2020. Your status is one of the first things you'll see on the Member Portal. While you can renew through January 31st, 2020 and still be able to vote at our Annual Meeting, please note that your membership dues have to be in house prior to December 31, 2019 if you wish to participate on one of our Grant Review Committees.

Member Portal



If you have not yet headed over to the Member Portal section of the website, we warmly invite you to do so today and take a look! You'll find it on the top of our home page. The Portal gives all of our members a way to get in touch with each other, keep track of your membership status and choose a new volunteer role with one of of Impact Austin's many committees!

For more information, head over to our [blog](#), where you will also find out about actions you should take to make sure your

information is up to date.

On the Calendar

Important Dates

October 24 - Nonprofit Workshop (10-11:30am)

November 6 - Town Hall Meeting / Vote for Social Innovation Grant (5:30-9:00pm)

November 8 - g3 Grant Submission Deadline

Ongoing - Zone Events are happening throughout the



Downtown Zone Event

year, with several events offered around Austin! [Find a Zone](#) near you!

Follow and Promote us on Social Media

When you "like" and "tag" and repost our social media posts, you help to promote Impact Austin to a wider audience and potential members. Please [#JoinImpactAustin](#) on your social media platforms!



Check Out Our Blog

Aside from emails like this, we have a team of amazing individuals who work hard to always keep you up to date with what is happening at Impact Austin. If you have not been to our blog lately, now is a great time to take another look! [HERE](#) you will find event info, press releases, member profiles and so much more!

We're Listening

We'd love to hear from you...what do you want to learn more about? What type of information is useful for you? Contact us at contact@impactaustin.org.

