



NEWS



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Executive Director

Dear Members & Friends,

The Final 10 are in.....This year, more than 100 women rolled up their sleeves to participate on one of Impact Austin's five grant review committees. They examined 95 Letters of Inquiry, evaluated 39 grant proposals, and invited 15 nonprofits to open their doors for a site visit. At our Annual Meeting on June 6th, we will vote to decide which five organizations will receive our grant awards of \$426,000.

Congratulations to the Grant Committee for their rigorous and thorough review to put forth [10 outstanding nonprofit organizations](#) for the women of Impact Austin to consider.

Impact Austin members, it's now time to cast your vote and make your voice heard! It is also that time of year when we look forward to raising a glass to celebrate the culmination of our good work throughout 2016. Register now and please invite a friend to experience the impact of Impact Austin and Girls Giving Grants!

Monday June 6th
5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Dell Jewish Community Center
7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731 ([map](#))
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Thanks for your support and dedication to our mission of bringing women together to provide high-impact grants to build the greater Austin community. See you on the 6th!

Sincerely,
Donna Benson-Chan

Girls Giving Grants Names Casa Marianella as 2016 Grant Recipient

Young philanthropists award \$7,000 to east Austin shelter for women and children

Girls Giving Grants (g3), the Impact Austin youth initiative for girls in 8th-12th grade, presented their 2016 grant to Casa Marianella on May 11. The \$7,000 grant is earmarked to support case management and resident needs.

Casa Marianella is a volunteer-driven emergency homeless shelter in east Austin serving recently-arrived immigrants and asylum seekers from around the world. A branch of Casa, Posada Esperanza, includes four houses and provides full-service transitional housing for immigrant mothers and their children escaping domestic or cultural violence. [Read more.](#)



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Mark Your Calendar for these Great Events!

Annual Meeting, June 6

Join fellow Impact Austin members and grant finalists on June 6 from 5:30 - 9:00 pm for fun and fellowship at our Annual Meeting - the highlight event of the year. While you're there, make sure to **stop by the IMPACT-edu table** and let committee members know what you want and need in terms of education to reach your personal philanthropy goals. We will be collecting your hopes, dreams and ideas on our feedback board during the reception and dessert/vote counting. For more about the event and registration, [CLICK HERE.](#)



Members cast their votes at the Annual Meeting

Grant Awardee Ceremony, June 15

Also, mark your calendars to join dignitaries, grant recipients and Impact Austin leadership for the official grant presentation ceremony for our new Community Partners at Austin City Hall on June 15. The ceremony will take place in the City Council Chambers starting at 10 am and lasting roughly 45 minutes.

Membership Event, July 12

Network with Impact members while learning new interior decorating and design tips in July. Our Membership Event will be held at Design with Consignment, Tuesday, July 12th 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Register [HERE.](#)

Impact Austin Launches Speaker Bureau

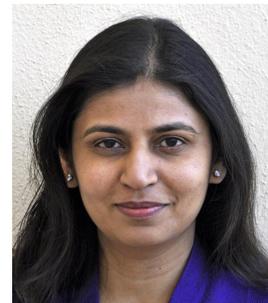
Early this spring, Impact Austin formalized its Speakers Bureau in response to frequent requests from community groups to learn more about our organization. Several seasoned

members of Impact Austin have offered their time and talents to present to organizations wanting to know more. If you know a group or organization that would be interested in learning more about Impact Austin and its world-class collective giving programs, contact [Marisa Bushee](#).

Member Spotlight

Get to Know Shubhada Saxena

As the founder and president of nonprofit organization SAIVA (South Asians' International Volunteer Association), and with a background serving community organizations around the globe, Shubhada Saxena brings unique experience and perspective to Impact Austin. Learn more about what makes her tick [HERE](#).



Shubhada Saxena

Community Partner Spotlight

Drive a Senior Connects Volunteer Drivers with Seniors Who No Longer Drive

As the senior population in Austin-and nationwide-continues to grow, more and more seniors continue to live independently in their own homes. But transportation options often don't meet their needs, which is where Drive a Senior comes in to help meet an increasing community need.

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