



NEWS

For Extraordinary Members

Executive Director Message



Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Executive Director

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Membership Update

10 Year Anniversary

MILESTONES!

It is important to recognize and celebrate milestones in life. Impact Austin has hit a BIG milestone, TEN YEARS! Over the last ten years, Impact Austin grew from over 100 members to over 500 members, gave out over \$3.6 million dollars into the community and became known as one of the leaders in collective giving across the country.

Impact Austin will celebrate this achievement in many ways this year, from sharing our ten year anniversary story with the community, highlighting our founding members, and hosting a special 10 year celebration in the Spring!

We hope that you will help us



Please help us make Impact Austin's 10th year the best yet by becoming a member for 2013!

Ladies, if you have not yet completed your [membership form for 2013](#), please do so today! If you're ready to become a member now, please complete the entire form, front and back, and email to [Liz Fitzgerald](#) or mail to:

Impact Austin
PO Box 28148
Austin, TX 78755

celebrate Impact Austin's anniversary by sharing your story about Impact Austin, inviting friends and family to become members of Impact Austin, and renewing your membership for 2013, our 10th year!

One way I want to personally celebrate Impact Austin's anniversary is by running the New York Marathon on November 4th, two days before my 40th birthday! I will be raising funds for Impact Austin. If you would like to support me in my first marathon and Impact Austin, please consider [donating](#) and select Beyond Impact Donation under program designation, and note under dedication: In Honor of Liz Fitzgerald.

Together we can ensure Impact Austin will be impacting our community for another ten years.

Happy Anniversary to Impact Austin!

Cheers,
Liz

Mark Your Calendar

Membership Coffee Hostess & Speaker Training

Wednesday, August 29th
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Liz Fitzgerald's Home
7300 Bluntleaf Cove
Austin, TX 78750

[Register](#)

Contact: Liz Fitzgerald
efitzgerald@impact-austin.org

Community Membership Coffees

Monday, September 10th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Caplan Miller Events
4410 Burnet Rd #A
Austin, TX 78756

[Register](#)

Wednesday, September 19th
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Daily Grill @ The Domain
11506 Century Oaks Terrace
Austin, TX 78758

[Register](#)

Or check 'count me in' in the upper right-hand corner, fill in your contact information, and pledge to pay your membership dues by 11/11/12.

To sign-up online and pay by credit card, visit the [Impact Austin online donation page](#).

It's Coffee Season!

In June, the women of Impact Austin awarded five \$103,400 grants to five different Central Texas non-profits. These high-impact grants will positively transform countless lives in the Austin area. Impact Austin has now extended 35 grants for a total of \$3,671,000 since 2004.

Members - this is an exciting time to share your Impact Austin story with a friend and bring her to a Membership Coffee. Or, if you're not already a member, we invite you to come learn more about our organization and to meet some of our members and Community Partners.

All of our scheduled Membership Community Coffees are listed in the left-hand column of this newsletter in the Mark Your Calendar section. Please choose the one that works with your schedule and register today!



Tuesday, October 2nd**6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Kendra Scott

1400 South Congress Ave
A-170

Austin, TX 78704

[Register](#)**Wednesday, October 10th****6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Chico's @ Arboretum

10000 Research Blvd, Ste 111

Austin, TX 78759

[Register](#)**Monday, October 15th****6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Lake Travis Wine Trader

900 Ranch Road 620 S.

Lakeway, TX 78734

[Register](#)**Thursday, October 18th****5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

Plug & Play

13343 N Highway 183 #200

Austin, TX 78750

[Register](#)**Thursday, October 25th****6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Collectic Home

2785 Bee Cave Road

Austin, TX 78746

[Register](#)**Thursday, November 8th****6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Sikara & Co.

417 West 2nd Street

Austin, TX 78701

[Register](#)**Speaker Series**

"Voice, Activism & Money: Women Creating the World We Know is Possible" with Kathy LeMay

Wednesday, October 17th**6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Marriott Hotel South

4414 South IH-35

Austin, TX 78744

[Register](#)

Contact: Liz Fitzgerald

efitzgerald@impact-austin.org**In The News**

Board President **Lorene Phillips** is featured in [this article](#) about employees making a difference by volunteering in the community. Thanks, Lorene!

Congratulations to members **Lisa Allen** and **Patti DeNucci**, who were recognized as finalists in the [2012 Profiles in Power](#) awards, which recognizes Central Texas Women of Influence!

What Our Members Are Saying

Impact Austin awarded five \$103,400 grants at the 2012 Annual Meeting

We need members to host and/or speak at membership coffees in September, October, and November! Please attend our [Membership Coffee Hostess & Speaker Training](#) on August 29th at 7 p.m. or contact Liz Fitzgerald at efitzgerald@impact-austin.org for more information.

Save The Date

2012 Speaker Series

Join us for an exciting evening with Kathy LeMay. She will discuss "Voice, Activism & Money: Women Creating the World We Know is Possible."

Kathy LeMay is the Founder, President & CEO of Raising Change, which helps organizations raise capital to advance social change agendas and individuals create Generosity Plans to help change the world. In 2000, LeMay was nominated for a Reebok Human Rights Award for her 15 years of service as a human rights activist. She was just named one of Business West Magazine's '40 Under 40' and, in January 2010, she released her first book, *The Generosity Plan*.



Kathy LeMay's *GENEROSITY PLAN* for everyone

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6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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4414 South IH-35

Austin, TX 78744

[map](#)[Click Here to Register](#)

Ticket price is \$25 for members (+ \$2.37 credit card fee) and \$27 for nonmembers (+ \$2.47 credit card fee). A dessert reception and book signing will follow the event. Books will be sold by Barnes and Noble.

Please gather your friends, family, and co-workers and register for this inspiring event. We hope to see you there!

Thank you to our Event Sponsor:

In the November newsletter we will share the details from the 2011-2012 Member Survey, but in the meantime, here is what a few members had to say about their Impact Austin experience.

"Such a phenomenal organization! Well run and organized. I'm so proud to be part of it!"

"My experience serving on a FAC was stimulating and rounded out my years of hands on philanthropy in the community.

I've never been on the grant analyzing side before and found it most interesting. I'm so proud to be associated with the organization."

"Thanks everyone who works so hard to make IA a reality."

"It has been a wonderful experience. I like the fact that the meetings start and end on time, the leadership is effective at executing business, and the members are warm and friendly. This is a great group of women."

Connect with Us

We invite you to visit us online at www.impact-austin.org and connect with Impact Austin's social media community. This is a great way to keep in touch with other Impact Austin members and stay up-to-date on our current events. Please join us on:

Find us on **Facebook** 

View our profile on **LinkedIn** 

Follow us on **twitter** 

View our videos on **YouTube** 

Sign up to [volunteer](#).

Our Mission

We're a progressive leader in women's philanthropy, bringing new resources to the community and making philanthropy accessible. Through high-impact grant making, we engage, develop and inspire women to effect positive change.

Our Vision

Our vision is that our women are inspirational role models reaching

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FY2013 Update

Announcing the 2013 Board of Directors and Committee Cabinet

Impact Austin is pleased to announce its fiscal year [2013 Board of Directors and Committee Cabinet](#). The Board is the governing body of our organization. These women set policy and provide strategic direction. The Operations Team (including the Committee Cabinet) performs the day-to-day work to ensure Impact Austin meets its annual goals.

Board of Directors:

Lorene Phillips, President

Human Resources Administrator, Pedernales Electric Company

Kali' Rourke, Vice President

Public Education Advocate and Philanthropist

Martha Gimbut, Secretary

Founder and Principal, Gimbut and Associates

Valerie Kirk, Treasurer

Of Counsel, Enoch Kever, PLLC

Jacqueline Rixen, Immediate Past President

Business Attorney, Law Office of Jacqueline Rixen

Lisa Allen, Director

Co-Owner and Partner, PlanningWorks, Inc.

Rebekah Bonde, Director

Financial Administrator

Mary Campana, Director

Chief Development Officer, Communities In Schools of Central Texas

Paula Klante, Director

Executive Engineering Consultant, Klante & Associates

Diane McCartney, Director

Senior Compliance Manager, ACS

Sara Pantin, Director

Managing Partner, Asset Strategies Group, L.L.C.

Lauren Paver, Director

Chief Operating Officer, United Way Capital Area

Committee Cabinet:

Mary McGovern, Executive Administrator

Rebekah Bonde, Financial Administrator

Betsy Blair, Grants Chair

Frances Fortanely, Marketing Chair

Meg Arnold, Membership Development Chair

Dina Mavridis, Girls Giving Grants Chair

Kathy Gray, Event Planning Chair

Community Partner Spotlight

Our 2012 Community Partners Have Hit the Ground Running!

their full giving potential for a better quality of life in our community. We will ensure our long-term sustainability by tapping into the talents of our members and building Impact Austin from the "inside out."

Our Values

Transparency - We are an open book.

Excellence - We are thorough, professional and go above and beyond.

Inclusiveness - We are open to all women.

Democracy - Each member has an equal voice.

Integrity - We are honest and ethical.

Respect - We consider the impact of our words and actions on others.

Accountability - We say what we're going to do and we do it.

Innovation - We are creative, but prudent risk-takers.

Continuous Improvement - Through feedback and other input, we are always improving.

Our new Community Partners shared information on their new programs and their thoughts about the impact of winning an Impact Austin grant.

Culture: Theatre Action Project



"Theatre Action Project is humbled to have the financial support and vote of confidence from Impact Austin to start 'New Stages Youth Theatre Ensemble' for dozens of youth recently released from juvenile detention. 'New Stages' youth will be a part of a positive peer group meeting weekly to develop original theatre performances. Through the process youth will have an opportunity to develop their creativity, communication skills and self-confidence as well as redefine their lives and become leaders in the community. In addition, each member will receive payment to tour their annual performances to other youth in the community. With recidivism rates as high as 75% and annual costs for youth detention nearing \$62,000 annually, this program will make a significant impact in the Austin area."

- Karen LaShelle, Executive and Artistic Director, Theatre Action Project

Education: AVANCE-Austin



"This is a critical time in Austin. It's a time of two stories, one of investment driven growth and one of growing poverty, where a large part of the community is unable to take part in the prosperity. With the high cost of living, many of Austin's neediest families are moving to nearby Del Valle, where they are isolated, lack transportation, and there are few resources. This funding will ensure that young Latino children, the majority of our population growth, enter school on an even playing field with their peers, and go on to succeed. Thank you, Impact Austin members! We are thrilled to have received this grant. With your support, we will have a tremendous impact on the families most in need."

- Sofia Casini, Executive Director AVANCE-Austin

Environment: Ecology Action



"Ecology Action is extremely excited to once again partner with Impact Austin to further our mission of Landfill Diversion and vision of Zero Waste. In 2010, Ecology Action purchased a 10-acre tract of land, dubbed Circle Acres, to operate a commercial composting operation, turning local restaurant food scraps into nutrient-rich soil. With Impact Austin's support, Ecology Action will be able to make critical infrastructure investments and map out a master plan for the future of Circle Acres."

- Brent Perdue, Co-Director Ecology Action

Family: Partnerships for Children

"Our team here at Partnerships for Children could not be more thrilled to partner with the women of Impact Austin on the YES Mentor Program. The funding received through the Impact Austin grant will help expand and strengthen the foundation of the YES Mentor Program so that we can continue to change and help support positive outcomes for Austin area youth who are preparing to age out of the foster care system.

"Beyond funding, the opportunity to be associated with the intelligent, community focused group of women who make up Impact Austin is equally valuable to our team at Partnerships for Children. Case in point, we have two Impact Austin members who are currently participating as mentors for our fall mentor class. Thank you Impact Austin for being a game changer for the Austin area community!"

- Ellen Ambrose, Board Chair, Partnerships for Children

Health and Wellness: Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area

"The most important aspect of this significant investment from Impact Austin is that it allows us, Boys & Girls Clubs, to put into place a proven, evidence based program that impacts in a very positive manner, the teen pregnancy crisis in our community. Further, Be Proud! has a very robust training element that allows us to sustain the program for years, even decades, because we can train professional staff to continue delivery of the program to impact thousands of kids each year, for years to come."

-- Mark Kiester, CEO BGCAA



Please check out the Impact Austin 2011 Community Partner video!



IA 2012 Community Partners
Video by Whitney Milam

Girls Giving Grants Update

Girls Giving Grants Membership Deadline

Girls Giving Grants is currently recruiting members. Membership is open to girls in grades 8 through 12 in the Austin area who are willing to make the required \$100 donation and a commitment of time and energy from September 2012 through April 2013. G3 members are eligible to receive up to 30 hours community service credit through their participation in Girls Giving Grants. Membership deadline is Friday, September 21. Contact dmavridis@girlsgivinggrants.org for more information.



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