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IMPACT AUSTIN NAMES INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Donna Benson-Chan brings extensive nonprofit leadership to growing organization

Austin, TX, January 26, 2011– Impact Austin (www.impact-austin.org) Board of Directors announced today Donna Benson-Chan as interim executive director of the Austin organization. Benson-Chan will oversee operations and volunteer staff while helping the Board of Directors identify organizational needs and skills for a full-time executive director. Rebecca Powers, Impact Austin Founder and CEO led the organization for more than eight years on a volunteer basis and will be working with Benson-Chan to transfer operational responsibilities.

“Rebecca has been an amazing visionary leader, growing Impact Austin from an organization of just a few women to one of more than 540 members who, by June of this year, will award grants totaling \$3,154,000,” said Paula Klante, President of the Impact Austin Board of Directors. “While we recognize and thank Rebecca for her hard work, we welcome and look forward to partnering with Donna over the next several months to ensure Impact Austin runs a seamless grant process and awards five \$108,400 grants to nonprofits this June.”

Benson-Chan has extensive nonprofit leadership experience most recently as the Interim Executive Director for [BookSpring](#) and with the [Lance Armstrong Foundation](#) where she served as the Director of Constituent Relations and Director of Human Resources. Donna also served in a leadership role as the Executive Director of the [Arlington County Medical Society and Foundation](#) in Arlington, Virginia.

Powers is stepping aside as CEO of Impact Austin to focus on helping other collective giving groups replicate the Impact Austin model in other communities around the country. Benson-Chan’s first day will be February 1, 2011.

About Impact Austin:

Impact Austin is a 501(c)(3) public charity made up of women seeking to transform lives in the Austin area through high-impact and lifelong giving. The only membership requirements are to be female and donate \$1,000 each year. Impact Austin combines the annual donations from members and gives large grants each year to local worthy causes selected by the members. Grant applications are accepted in each of the following focus areas: culture, environment, education,

family, and health and wellness. Collectively, we are changing the face of philanthropy in Austin www.impact-austin.org.