



NEWS



Rebekah Bonde
Impact Austin Board President

Dear Members and Friends,

Autumn has come quickly to Impact Austin, and our calendar of events exhibits a thriving organization with lots to do! If you haven't had a chance to invite a friend and prospective member to one of the community or in-home coffees, I encourage you to take a [look at the events page on our website](#) and find one that fits your schedule. Even if you're already a member of Impact Austin, you will enjoy hearing a sister member's story of what Impact Austin means to her, as well as a conversation with one of our Community Partners.

This is a milestone year for Impact Austin, one in which we can achieve FIVE MILLION DOLLARS in grants. To do so, we need to match last year's membership total of 500 women. Each of us has a role to play in retaining and growing the membership base, and I so appreciate the amazing recruiting efforts you've made so far. It all starts when you tell a friend about your experience as a member of Impact Austin.

As Board President, I am pleased to announce that your Board of Directors is in the intermediate stage of hiring a new Executive Director for Impact Austin. Stay tuned for an announcement on our new hire in December.

Sincerely,
Rebekah

Membership Matters:

Setting our sights on the \$5 Million mark!

Our 2015 membership has one of the most exciting milestones before it, as we plan to pass the \$5 million mark representing the sum of 51 grants given since 2003.

To reach this mark, the aim for Impact Austin's membership drive this year is our sweet spot of 500 members. For the past several years, we've reached or surpassed this 500 number by attracting like-minded women who are community minded and philanthropic oriented. Our intention is the same for this year and we need your support to bring these extraordinary women to Impact Austin. Learn how you can help! [READ MORE](#)

TOP 5 REASONS TO JOIN

1. Join today for \$1,250 and contribute to \$5 Million in Central Texas Grants Given
2. Meet other fabulous women and be part of one of the largest, most respected women's philanthropy groups
3. Learn more about area nonprofits and help thousands of Central Texans
4. Receive a great year-end tax deduction.
5. Give yourself the greatest gift!



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Grants Focus Area Committees:

One of the Best Perks for Impact Austin Members!

This is the time of year when our members sign up for Focus Area Committees (FACs) to help us

select the worthy organizations that will be our finalists for our 2015 funding.

The "perks" of Focus Area Committee Participation?

- Learning what makes a good program and a good nonprofit.
- Learning what financial aspects are positive and how to spot the negative.
- Working with other savvy women like you in a collaborative process that will amaze you with its outcomes.

And the very best perk of all? Making lifelong connections and friends in your work on an FAC!

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Grants Update:

Nonprofits welcome Catalyst Grant news

The Central Texas nonprofit community is responding enthusiastically to the news of Impact Austin's upcoming Catalyst Grant pilot in 2015. Eligible nonprofits have received invitations for our workshop in early December when we will explain the new process and schedule for this different, non-programmatic type of grant. The Catalyst Grant is designed to respond to the needs heard from numerous interviews with nonprofits as well as other progressive grant makers. Rather than supporting programs which serve clients directly, the Catalyst Grant funds are for the purpose of strengthening or growing a nonprofit organization to improve its future performance, impact and sustainability and in support of its mission and vision. Nonprofits are welcoming news of this critical level of support which is often difficult to find. (Eligible nonprofits include those that have reached the finalist stage in our grant process excluding current grant recipients.)



Impact Austin is launching this pilot in the spirit of innovation and continuous improvement and with the desire to make sure our grant making has a lasting impact in the community.

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Board of Directors

Introducing the FY 2015 Board of Directors

Do you ever wonder how all of the wonderful things Impact Austin does for the community get done? Each year, a very special group of Impact Austin members toil behind the scenes for the benefit of all of us. The Operations Team (including the Committee Cabinet) performs the day-to-day work to ensure Impact Austin meets its annual goals. The Board of Directors is the governing body of our organization. These women set policy and provide strategic direction. Here's your introduction to the 2015 Board:

[Meet the Officers of Impact Austin's Board](#)
[Meet the Directors of Impact Austin's Board](#)

Member Spotlight:

Becky Austen

Becky Austen is a bit of a "Renaissance Woman." She combines many talents to become an outstandingly effective Impact Austin member.

We asked how she discovered Impact Austin.

"I attended an in-home coffee with Rebecca Powers in Dec. 2009, and was so inspired by the message and collective enthusiasm that I signed up on the spot. I was active with several non-profits, and saw the difference my giving could make through Impact Austin," Becky said in our recent interview.

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I most treasure the relationships I've developed with a remarkable and diverse group of women and the knowledge I've gained about the Austin community.

— BECKY AUSTEN

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Community Partner Spotlight:

Checking in with a few of our 2014 Community Partners

Impact Austin awarded five \$100,000 grants to worthy nonprofit organizations in June, and this fall, we are checking in with our 2014 Community Partners to hear about the programs we funded and their thoughts about the impact of our grants.

Here's what a few of our Community Partners had to say:

- [Austin Youth River Watch](#)
- [CASA of Travis County](#)
- [Samaritan Center](#)

Girls Giving Grants:

60 Girls Strong for the Ten-Year Anniversary!

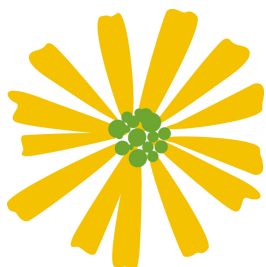
Girls Giving Grants (g3) is celebrating its tenth year and a membership of 60 girls strong with the announcement of Girls Giving Grants 2014 grant award of \$6,000!

Save the Date for the g3 10-Year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, December 20th from Noon to 2 p.m. at Dell Children's Medical Center.

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