



# NEWS

For Extraordinary Members

## Executive Director Message



Elizabeth Fitzgerald  
Executive Director

Dear Members,

What an exciting time for Impact Austin! In just this last week, we celebrated our 10 year anniversary, won the Ethics in Business Award for nonprofits and selected our finalists to present at the Annual Meeting.

This newsletter is packed with wonderful highlights from photos of our 10 year Anniversary party, to a spotlight on founding member Nancy Word and her extraordinary philanthropic journey, to the invitation to our annual meeting. Don't forget to register.

I am always grateful for your passion and dedication to Impact Austin. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of our many exciting upcoming events including Volunteer Days, the 1st year member party, the annual meeting and membership coffees.

Gratefully,  
Liz Fitzgerald

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## Grants Update

### Our 2013 Community Partners Finalists Have Been Chosen!

Our five Focus Area Committees have worked very hard over the past four months reviewing applications and attending site visits. We are pleased to announce the finalists:

#### Culture:

- Anthropolos Arts
- ZACH Theatre

#### Education:

- Breakthrough Austin
- LifeWorks

#### Environment:

- Colorado River Foundation
- Waller Creek Conservancy

#### Family:

- CASA of Travis County
- GENaustin

#### Health & Wellness:



Impact Austin members and Executive Director accepted the 2013 Ethics in Business Award for Nonprofits on May 2, 2013

## Mark Your Calendar

### 1st - year Member Celebration

Wednesday, May 15th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Home of Paula Feldman  
5601 Woodview Avenue  
Austin, TX 78756

[Register](#)

### Volunteer Days with our Community Partners

#### Boys and Girls Club of Austin

Saturday, May 11th  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
5401 N. Interstate 35 #400  
Austin, TX 78723

[map](#)  
[Register](#)

#### Creative Action

Saturday, May 11th  
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Lamar Middle School  
6201 Wynona Ave.  
Austin, TX 78757

[map](#)  
[Register](#)

#### AVANCE

Saturday, June 1st  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Travis High School  
1211 E. Oltorf  
Austin, TX 78704

[map](#)  
[Register](#)

### Annual Meeting

Monday, June 10th  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Stateside at the Paramount  
719 Congress Ave.  
Austin, TX 78701

[map](#)  
[Register](#)

- Foundation Communities
- Manos de Cristo



Environment Focus Area Committee Members attending a site visit

## Impact Through Involvement Volunteer Days

In response to member feedback we have created a new program, Volunteer Days. This will be an opportunity to "get your hands dirty" with our Community Partners from each impact area. These events are open to members and guests. Some of these opportunities will be open to children, so please bring family as well! There are three opportunities remaining. **Please register under the Mark Your Calendar section.**

A BIG thank you to Thundercloud Subs, who will be providing lunch for many of the volunteer activities.

## Membership Update It's Almost Coffee Season!

We have several exciting venues for our upcoming community coffees, so now is the time for members to share your Impact Austin stories and invite friends, family and co-workers to attend. See the schedule and registration links in the left column under **Mark Your Calendar**. If you would like to host a coffee please contact [Liz Fitzgerald](#).

Renew and pay your member donation for the 2014 grant year **BEFORE June 10th or at the Annual Meeting** and you will be entered into a raffle for a **\$500 gift certificate to The Container Store!**

Donate at the same time to Empowering the Impact (our annual fund designated to invest in the sustainability of Impact Austin) at the \$250 or higher level and you will receive a second entry into the raffle!

The winner will be announced at the Annual Meeting. You need not be present to win.

If you are ready to become a member now for the 2014 grant year, [click here](#) to pay online,



## Community Membership Coffees

### **Collectic Home**

Tuesday, June 18th  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
2785 Bee Cave Road  
Austin, TX 78746

[Register](#)

### **Home of Executive Director, Liz Fitzgerald**

Tuesday, July 16th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
7300 Bluntleaf Cove  
Austin, TX 78750

[Register](#)

### **Dragonfly Gallery**

Tuesday, August 13th  
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
4007 Marathon Blvd.  
Austin, TX 78756

[Register](#)

### **Collectic Home**

Tuesday, October 8th  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
2785 Bee Cave Road  
Austin, TX 78746

[Register](#)

### **Kendra Scott**

Tuesday, November 12th  
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
1400 South Congress Avenue  
#A-170  
Austin, TX 78704

[Register](#)

## Member Spotlight

### **Nancy Word**

*Interviewed by Susan Mack*



Catching Nancy Word in Austin can be difficult these days. Her 10 years of work with Impact Austin has led her to projects all over the world.

"I was one of the first four board members," she tells me on the phone. "I hosted the first membership coffee at

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## 10 Year Anniversary Celebration Event Recap



What a wonderful day! Thank you to all who attended this fantastic celebration. It was a perfect day to celebrate 10 years of success. There were over 250 guests, members of Impact Austin, friends and family and our fabulous Community Partners. The day was filled with entertainment from the Sons of the Salt Fork, Impact Austin's own Kali' Rourke, fun carnival games, clowns, delicious food and drink and tons of Impact Austin balloon hats and tattoos. Founder Rebecca Powers was presented the "FOUNDERS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GIFT" to honor her extraordinary vision and passion for Impact Austin. Each year she will choose a woman to be awarded full membership in Impact Austin.



Founding members Jane Nolden, Phylis Donelson, Rebecca Powers, Cindy Moreland, Nancy Word

We would like to thank our special sponsors for making this special event possible:

\* South Texas Money Management

my house where we talked to 20 women about joining Impact Austin."

In addition to being a board member, she's served on or chaired every one of the FACs over the years. Currently, she's sharing the job of community liaison with the Paramount Theater's Literacy for Life program, and she helps head up the Impact Austin book club.

"The thing about Impact Austin," she says, "is that although we make huge impact with our grant money, there's also the unexpected impact on the members' lives. I have met and made friends with some of the most amazing women through this organization. Working with wonderful women who share my sense of community and just wanting to make a difference in the world has had a profound impact on my life."

She goes on to tell me about some of the amazing women she has connected with because of her experience at Impact Austin. She's involved with the Nobel Women's Initiative (NWI), a non-governmental organization formed out of Canada by women who have won the Nobel Peace Prize. The Nobel Women's Initiative uses the prestige of the Nobel Peace Prize to increase the power and visibility of women's groups working globally for peace, justice and equality. Through NWI, she has traveled to India, met with the Tibetan government in exile - including the Dalai Lama, and most recently traveled to Liberia to focus on issues related to sexual violence against women.

When she's at home in Austin, she also offers her support to Emancipet, Blue Avocado, OpenArms, and the Pachamama Alliance along with many other non-profits in the Austin area. She and her daughter partner on many joint projects, including helping refugee women in Austin get settled. She also serves on the board of trustees for Centenary College in Shreveport.

"Impact Austin was really a training ground for a lot of amazing projects," says Nancy. "The connections I've made there, and lessons that I've learned, have been invaluable in shaping the direction of my life."

### Connect with Us

We invite you to visit us online at [www.impact-austin.org](http://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 

- \* Asset Strategies Group
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And thank you to New Belgium Brewery, Quality Seafood, PoK-e-Jo's, Better Bites Bakery and FlatCreek Winery for all the wonderful food and drink as well as Sons of the Salt Fork for donating their time to entertain us!

Also a thank you to the planning committee:

- Lisa Allen, Chair and 10 year member
- Emily Bush
- Frances Fortanelly
- Diane McCartney
- Kerri Morrison
- Sara Pantin
- Suzy Rowley
- Nancy Word

Our thank you to our terrific 10 year party member volunteers and:

- Girls Giving Grants
- UT Chi Omega Sorority
- Impact Austin's two wonderful interns...Olivia and Monica

If you did not pick up your t-shirt they will be waiting for you at the Annual Meeting on June 10th. Additional t-shirts will also be available at the Annual Meeting for a suggested donation of \$15.00.



Impact Austin members enjoying a cool drink while listening to the band

## Girls Giving Grants 2013 Community Partner Chosen!

Girls Giving Grants (g3) 2013 Community Partner Chosen!

Girls Giving Grants has selected Easter Seals of Central Texas's Sliding Fee Scale program as our 2013 Community Partner.



[View our profile on LinkedIn](#)[View our videos on YouTube](#)[Sign up to volunteer](#)[Read our blog](#)

## 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 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."

Easter Seals plans to use the grant funds to finance rehabilitation for children whose families cannot otherwise afford the rehabilitation. Since 2006, g3 has awarded over \$35,000 to the Austin-area community.

G3 is currently seeking new members for next year. Please contact [Dina Mavridis](#) if you, your daughter, or someone you know is interested in joining.



G3 members at the Easter Seals site visit

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