

# **NEWS**



Sarah Harris Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

# Letter from Our Strategic Planning Chair

Impact Austin is building on the foundation of our first 15 years of trailblazing women, generous philanthropy and high impact collective giving, as we embark upon our next three years of growth!

In our recently-completed visioning process, we reflected on the impact delivered in our first chapter, took in the fast growth in our region - including emerging needs and abundant opportunity - and took to heart our desire to help all women grow on their philanthropic journey.

As we result of our listening, thinking, dreaming and planning, we have arrived at a bold new vision for Impact Austin: We see a world where we unlock the potential of our communities, when we help women achieve their full philanthropic capacity.

Join us as we chart the next chapter - inviting women of all walks of life and stages in their philanthropic journey, into Impact Austin to share in high impact collective giving, learning and friendship, and doubling the size of our organization as we transform ourselves and our communities through philanthropy.

Let the journey begin!

Sarah Harris Chair, Strategic Planning Committee / Visioning Team

Impact Austin Marks Final Month of Fifteenth Anniversary with \$446,000 in Grants Awards and a Look to the Future New Vision, New Goals, Updated Mission Unveiled as Members Celebrate Fifteen Years of High-Impact Giving in the Austin Area

As is tradition, Impact Austin's 15th Annual Meeting was held the first Monday in June, this year June 4, at the Blanton Museum of Art in downtown Austin. And as is tradition, the event was a combination of fun, fellowship, tough decision making, tears and inspiration. But this year, Impact Austin did even more, and marked the end of its first 15 years by renewing its commitment to the community and its members with a new vision, higher financial goals,



and refreshed mission. In her letter above, Sarah Harris provides a snapshot of the work done to chart our future. Read more about our strategic direction <u>HERE</u>.

### Grants Announcements Highlight Annual Meeting

#### Impact Austin Community Partners Named:

The annual meeting culminated with the much anticipated announcement of four \$111,500 grants. As grant awardees, CASA of Travis County, the Jeremiah Program, Helping Hand Home for Children and Communities In Schools became the newest Impact Austin Community Partners.



Girls Giving Grants (g3) Awards Largest Grant Ever, Membership is Now Open: From an application pool of 45 organizations, Foster Angels of Central Texas was chosen by the 81 members of g3 as its 2018 grant recipient. Read more about the grant HERE.

Girls Giving Grants are young women in grades 8-12. Membership is now open and applications are available on our <u>website</u>.



# Our #ImpactATXFab15th Anniversary Year

Impact Austin produced a special video to help celebrate the 15th Anniversary and close out the milestone celebration with fanfare. Debuting at the annual meeting, the film honors our organization's traditions and members, shares some of our Community Partners' great work, and offers a peek at what our future holds. If you missed it, watch it HERE.

## Grant Presentation Honors New Community Partners

In January, 149 Impact Austin members gathered into teams to begin our grant review process. Each team carefully reviewed dozens of Letters of Inquiry and full applications. They scheduled site visits and chose finalists. On June 4, our membership voted for \$446,000 in new grants. Finally - on June 11 - a large and happy group of citizens and elected officials celebrated Impact Austin's newest Community Partners at Austin City Hall. Read Kali' Rourke's recap of our Grant Presentation Ceremony HERE.





# Update: Executive Director Search

Victory Search Group is currently qualifying applicants and will present candidates to the search committee starting in July. If you know of anyone who might be a good candidate, please forward the position description which you can find <u>HERE</u>.

The Impact Austin Board of Directors will ultimately choose the ED from candidates the search committee recommends. The timing is based solely on how quickly the search process goes. Please stay tuned!

#### Make This the Year You Volunteer

As a volunteer managed organization, Impact Austin has opportunities year round for members to contribute talents and expertise to projects big and small. Find out more about available opportunities and how to sign up as a volunteer HERE.



# Impact Austin Social Media is Buzzing!

Our Facebook page includes more than 100 photos from Annual Meeting, Twitter is full of news about our latest grants, Instagram mixes together philanthropy and fun, and LinkedIn shares all our organizational and member news. Follow us, like our posts, and share!



### Save the Date

Impact Austin will be honored in Austin City Council chambers with a Day of Proclamation. A brief ceremony will be held at 5:30 pm on June 28 just prior to city council's regular meeting. All Impact Austin members are welcome to attend.

#### Fall Town Hall Meeting to Feature Local Author:



Planning is underway for our Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 13th. Plan to join us and be inspired by our keynote speaker, Jessica Honegger. She is an author and founder of Noonday Collection, a socially conscious fashion brand. Jessica's book, IMPERFECT COURAGE, challenges the reader to "live a life of impact by leaving comfort and going scared." Jessica is an Austinite, and we are thrilled she will share her story with us! Please visit her website to learn more: <a href="https://www.jessicahonegger.com/">https://www.jessicahonegger.com/</a>

# ZONE EVENTS - July, August, September.

Members of each Zone will receive evites to events. Evites will have complete information, including time, address, and RSVP.

#### Zones 1/2

- Aug 7 (Parker Jazz Club)
- Sep 12 (Jeremiah House)

#### Zone 3

- Jul 26 (Hotel Granduca)
- Aug 28 (Maryes Pizza)
- Sep 26 (Vaqueros)

#### Zone 4

- Aug 1 (Cuba)
- Sep 15 (Funkadelic & Sunset Valley Farmer's Market)

#### Zone 5

- Jul 18 (Mueller Farmer's Market)
- Aug 27 (Antonelli's Cheese); Sep 13 (member home)

#### Zone 6

- Late Aug (member home)
- Sep TBD

#### Zones 8/9

- Aug 17 (member home)
- Sep 13 (Total Wine Lakeline)
- Zone 10

- Jul 18 (member boat)
- Aug 18 (827 Rays)
- Sep 22 (Café Lago)

If you have questions about Zones or would like to host a Zone event in your home, please contact Robin Krumme. If you would like to be included in additional Zones, please contact accounts@impactaustin.org.

# We're Listening

We'd love to hear from you....what do you want to learn more about? What type of information is useful for you? Contact us at <a href="mailto:contact@impactaustin.org">contact@impactaustin.org</a>.









