





Lauren Paver, President of Impact Austin

# Letter from Our President

As we kicked off the new fiscal year in July, I took a moment to reflect on all that this amazing organization has accomplished over the past year. We turned the curve on membership and welcomed 446 members, who then invested \$446,000 in four very worthy nonprofits. These new Community Partners will in turn generate profound impact on our community. We also invested tremendous effort this past year in creating a new mission, vision and strategic plan that will propel the organization forward and amplify our impact in the years to come. That growth and success are fueling our search for IA's next Executive Director. All these results are due to

the amazing and generous women who power Impact Austin. This newsletter is dedicated to each of those women who goes above and beyond by volunteering. If you're not already hands-on with our organization, I hope you'll be inspired to engage at a deeper level!

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# Update: Executive Director Search

During the spring, Impact Austin announced the position description for our new Executive Director and hired Victory Search Group to lead our search. In mid-July, Victory Search Group presented six candidates to the ED Search Committee. After extensive interviews, the search committee has recommended three outstanding finalists to the Impact Austin board of directors. Board members will interview the finalists in early August, and a decision is expected by the end of the month. If things go according to plan, the new Executive Director will be introduced at our Town Hall Meeting on September.

# Mission and Vision Inspire New Board Membership

This spring the Governance Committee led a board talent assessment, taking into consideration our new mission and vision and the talent we would need to turn our dreams into reality. In July, the Board of Directors welcomed four new members, each bringing a unique perspective and valuable set of skills and competencies to fuel our new vision and strategic plan.

Mary Blegen, *Retired EVP, Employee Engagement & Leadership Development, US Bank* Personnel Committee Chair

Mary will lead the board's Personnel Committee, guiding our new Executive Director's onboarding. Mary's significant background in human resources and executive development make her a critical contributor to our talent development focus.

Mary Campana, VP Development, Habitat for Humanity Advancement Committee Chair

Mary will leverage her keen development skills by assembling a new Advancement Committee and strategy to support our goals of revenue diversification and growth.

**Jenny Cotner**, *Director Operations Finance, Sport Clips Haircuts* Finance Committee & Governance Committee Member

Jenny will leverage her financial planning and analysis skills to help build out a multi-year pro forma to propel us toward our goal of becoming a \$1M organization by 2021.

Nancy Mutscher, *Partner, National Strategic Risk, Deloitte* Treasurer & Finance Committee Chair

As the new Treasurer, Nancy will chair the Finance Committee. She brings to the table both financial acumen and a background in risk mitigation.

# Going Above and Beyond Volunteer Leaders Honored

On June 25, the Board of Directors recognized Impact Austin volunteers for their many contributions to fueling Impact Austin's member-powered engine. Special thanks and recognition were given to the following 'Wonder Women' for above-and-beyond contributions. These members didn't just apply their talents to our mission but also motivated the women who work alongside them. Read <u>HERE</u> for their inspiring stories of volunteerism within our ranks.

First applause is due to our Impact Austin Wonder Woman of the Year and our Financial Administrator of ten years, Val Kirk. Other volunteer leaders honored on June 25 include:

Phylis Donelson, Membership Recruitment Lead

Christine Egli, Discovery Day Chair and Technology Consultant

Ami Kane, Girls Giving Grants Co-Chair

Judi McCarthy, Marketing Co-Chair

Karen Porter, Grants Review Co-Coordinator & Grants Technology Committee Member

Tracy Snodgrass, Financial Administration Coordinator

Stacey Vicari, Zones Chair

Who else is working above-and-beyond for Impact Austin? If you have a Wonder Woman to nominate, please share that information <u>HERE</u>.

## Volunteer with Impact Austin Opportunities to guide our new mission and vision

With Impact Austin's new goals come new volunteer and leadership opportunities and the chance to engage more women in all facets of our important work. With 2019 expected to be another year of membership growth, we must expand our community of volunteers. How can you help?



#### Find out about the opportunities that are available.

Our <u>website</u> regularly updates the volunteer roles available. For more information about a particular opportunity, talk to committee chairs or Operations Director <u>Lindsay</u> <u>Chamberlain</u>. Lindsay will meet with all interested women over coffee or wine (their choice!) to talk about volunteering.

### Opportunities of all sizes

Some of us have only a few weeks or months a year to volunteer. Some can help out for a few hours each month. Others of us are ready to dive in and help to guide the future of Impact Austin in larger or longer-term roles. Here are just a few examples of volunteer opportunities of all sizes.

- Writing Blogging, member highlights, newsletter and more writers needed!
- Website Updates Put your tech skills to work to improve Impact Austin's first impression: our website. We need your HTML and JavaScript talents, at any level of experience.
- Signature Events Create an informative and fun event like Discovery Day or Annual Meeting. Step up as the visionary event chair, or serve on her committee. Either way, you'll impact the entire membership!
- Accounts Receivable Keep Impact Austin in business, handling mail and the Salesforce database. Support the process that helps members be members.

#### Consider those potential volunteers among us.

Talk to your friends about opportunities you think are a good fit. Share the job descriptions. And share what you've enjoyed about volunteering. Find an opportunity to work together on committee or event.

# g3 Membership Is Open

Girls Giving Grants (g3) is our youth initiative and a collective giving group all its own. The purpose of g3 is to improve the lives of youth in our community through a grant-making process that relies upon cooperative giving, research and analysis. Since 2006, g3 has granted \$70,000 to Austin area nonprofits.

Membership is now open to girls in grades 8-12. Meetings typically run from October through April, and community service hours are available. Members donate \$100 each, although some scholarships are available.



Find our more here: http://www.impactaustin.org/girls-giving-grants/

## On The Calendar Register Now for Town Hall Meeting - September 17 Courageous Impact: An Evening with Jessica Honegger

<u>Register now</u> for our Town Hall Meeting on Monday, September 17 at AFS Cinema. Join us and be inspired by our keynote speaker Jessica Honegger, whose new book Imperfect Courage provides the theme for our event. Impact Austin Board President Lauren Paver will kick off the evening with a business update regarding our new Executive Director, an

innovative grantmaking initiative, new engagement opportunities and how these support the three pillars of our strategic plan. Find out more <u>HERE</u>.

Cost is \$35 per person and includes a copy of Imperfect Courage. Registration opened August 1 for members, with pre-registration available for members' guests. The general public will be invited to register on August 8. **Maximum capacity is 275**, **so reserve early**!

Please note that our event includes a Pop-Up Shop of Jessica Honegger's Noonday Collection. Exciting news: 25% of of all sales related to the Town Hall will be donated to Impact Austin, thanks to event sponsor and Noonday Ambassador Heather Bauer. You can shop at the event or before, using this <u>link</u>.



### **Town Hall Schedule**

Reception and Noonday Collection Pop-up shop	4:30pm - 6:00pm
Program	6:00pm - 7:30pm
Book Signing	7:30pm - 8:00pm

# Zone Social Events for August and September

Do you know your Zone? What they've planned for August and September? Now Zones have a web page all their own.

Find out what's happening HERE and get involved!



# New Member Orientation - September 18, 7:00 p.m.

Just joined? Or even a new-ish member? This orientation is for YOU! Learn more about us. Discover Impact Austin's opportunities - both for the community and for members. The next orientation will be held in the home of Julie Fritz, 5607 Courtyard Drive, Austin, TX 78731. Please RSVP to <u>rebecca.powers54@gmail.com</u>



# Follow and Promote us on Social Media

When you "like" and "tag" and repost our social media posts, you help to promote Impact Austin to a wider audience and potential members. Please get involved with us on your social media platforms!



## 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 contact@impactaustin.org.



