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From Our Founder



February is a time of reflection for me...celebrating Impact Austin's accomplishments and looking for ways to improve our processes. Lots of questions come to mind. As an organization, do our actions mirror our values? Do our members see the reflection of those values in our leaders and our processes? Do we have a clear vision for our future, and are we communicating that vision effectively? Our Town Hall Meeting is designed to give you, our members, a glimpse inside our organization and an opportunity to ask lots of questions. (See time/location details in "Mark Your Calendar" section below.) You will hear from the board and me as we share the inner workings of our organization and our vision for the future of Impact Austin.

2010 is going to be a pivotal year in the life of our young foundation, and we want to make sure that all

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Grants Update

29 Non-profits Invited to Submit Grant Applications

Our hardworking FAC members have been busy the past 3 weeks reading, researching and analyzing the 118 Letters of Inquiry (LOIs) that Impact Austin received this year. After much discussion and careful consideration, we have invited 29 organizations to submit full grant applications (see list by committee below). Grant applications are due on Feb 22nd and the Focus Area Committees will be back to work reviewing those the first week of March.

Culture:

Badgerdog Literary Publishing
Paramount Theatre
Latinitas
Project ClayPlay
Texas Folklife

Education:

Ventana del Soul
Caritas of Austin
The Burke Center for Youth
Girlstart

of you learn firsthand about our plans and how you can play an important role in our future success. I look forward to welcoming you to the Town Hall Meeting in April!

-Rebecca Powers,
Founder and CEO

Mark Your Calendar

Town Hall Meeting

April 26*, 2010
11:30am - 1:00pm or
6:30pm - 8:00pm
Congregation Agudas Achim
Social Hall
Dell Jewish Community Campus
7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731

[Map](#)

Please note the new date

Annual Meeting

June 8, 2010
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Congregation Agudas Achim
Dell Jewish Community Campus
7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731

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One Member's Story

by Claire Kirk



New member Claire Kirk explains why she decided to join Impact Austin: "Having moved from England to USA 14 years ago, my husband and myself are honored to have been recently sworn in as American Citizens. We feel truly fortunate to live in America where dreams can be realized.

I was introduced to Impact Austin at a time when increasingly I am aware of our own good fortune regarding basic needs. I found the members' stories inspiring and was impressed with the vision of the founder, Rebecca Powers. An organization where 500 plus women with a passion for change and a check for \$1000.00 really can

Citizen Schools
Communities In Schools

Environment:

Austin Parks Foundation
Colorado River Foundation
Texas Campaign for the Environment Fund
The Trail Foundation
Wimberley Valley Watershed Association

Family:

Austin Dog Alliance
CASA of Travis County
Communities for Recovery
Mainspring Schools
Texas Advocacy Project
VinCare Services of Austin

Health and Wellness:

American Cancer Society
Austin Groups for the Elderly
Capital Area Food Bank of Texas
LifeWorks
Sustainable Food Center
The Breast Cancer Resource Centers of Texas
YMCA



FAC members use sticky dot voting to determine which nonprofits will be invited to submit full grant applications.

Impact Through Involvement

We are looking for members with an interest in photography that would be willing to attend Impact Austin events and take pictures on behalf of the marketing committee for our website, social media highlights, and publications.

If you have an interest and passion for photography please contact Lauren Paver at lnaver@imnact-austin.org or 512.590.5314.

make a difference."

What does your membership mean to you and what would you like others to know about Impact Austin? We'd love to hear your story!

To share your story, please email Anne Webster at awebster@impact-austin.org

Connect with Us

We invite you to 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:



And don't forget to check out **Rebecca's Blog** at: <http://impactaustinblog.wordpress.com/>

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

Community Partner Spotlight

People's Community Clinic Update

The first Healthy Babies group well-child visit at People's Community Clinic occurred one Saturday morning in December, and was a huge success. By 9 a.m., ten two-month old patients and their family members had arrived. Siblings were invited to a room where babysitting was provided.

The clinic started with an ice-breaker and establishment of ground rules (confidentiality, taking turns talking, cell phones on vibrate, breastfeeding allowed). The Clinic's Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Louis Appel, led the group in Spanish, covering a variety of topics--feeding (breast is best), sleeping (not on the tummy), and when to call the doctor.

As each baby was weighed and measured by a medical assistant and examined by Dr. Appel, the others divided into two groups. In one, proper use of the nasal bulb syringe was shown; in the other parents engaged their babies in interactive development play using a mirror. Over time, children learn to identify their parent and differentiate themselves in this process.

Babies and parents were immunized as needed, and parents were provided information about using birth control if they did not want to become pregnant again. By the end of the three-hour session, participants were actively asking questions, including when they would get together again.

One surprise was that there were notably more fathers present than during the standard well-child visit. One of the dads remarked that he'd never realized that a woman who is breastfeeding needs lots of rest, so there's at least one mom in Austin getting more sleep!

Dr. Appel remarked afterward, "If I think about why I work at PCC, it has something to do with the fact that on a dreary, cold Saturday morning, I can find myself launching a new program that I've always wanted to try. Thank you, Impact Austin for making this new model of care possible!"

members and building Impact Austin from the "inside out."

Our Values

Transparency - We are an open book.

Excellence - We are thorough, professional and go above and beyond.

Inclusiveness - We are open to all women.

Democracy - Each member has an equal voice.

Integrity - We are honest and ethical.

Respect - We consider the impact of our words and actions on others.

Accountability - We say what we're going to do and we do it.

Innovation - We are creative, but prudent risk-takers.

Continuous improvement - Through feedback and other input, we are always improving.



A new mom and her baby attending the Healthy Babies group

G3 Spotlight

Oriana Wright Recognized as an Outstanding Philanthropic Youth

This year, Oriana Wright, G3 founding member and current President, was recognized at the Association of Fundraising Professionals Philanthropy Day luncheon as the Kelly Davidson Memorial Outstanding Philanthropic Youth recipient. This award is presented to an individual youth or youth group (age 18 and under) with a proven record of exceptional generosity who has demonstrated outstanding civic and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic leadership roles on a community, national and/or international level.



Oriana receiving her award

Girls Giving Grants, represented by Oriana, will be part of the speaker

panel for the upcoming AFP event, [Generation Next: Engaging Young Professionals](#), which is open to everyone, on Thursday, February 11th from 11:30am -1pm.

G3 Grants Update

After reviewing 51 grant applications, G3 members have selected 6 semi-finalists:

1. Austin Sunshine Camps
2. BookSpring
3. Sun Dragon Martial Arts and Self Defense
4. Heart House
5. CASA of Central Texas, Inc.
6. Wonders & Worries

From these six finalists, G3 members voted for Austin Sunshine Camps and Wonders and Worries to receive site visits. One of these two organizations will receive a \$5700 grant later this spring.

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