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From Our Founder



Have you read the POWER of HALF?
It's the true story of a family that decided to 'give back' in a most unusual way. After reading only the Introduction to the book, I knew this story had to be told to Impact Austin by the authors--a dad and his teenage daughter. Kevin Salwen has agreed to share his family's story at this fall's Speaker Series on Monday, October 18th. *Please mark your calendar now!*

Quotes from the book:

- "It all started when 14-year old Hannah Salwen had a eureka moment..."
- "It isn't the amount you give; it's how your giving changes your life - and others'."

Consider reading the book before October 18. It will inspire you, I promise.

-Rebecca Powers,
Founder and CEO

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Save the Date

Town Hall Meeting on April 26th

Please plan to attend the Town Hall Meeting on Monday, April 26!
This forum provides an opportunity for our members to hear from the Board of Directors and the CEO regarding:

- **Significant accomplishments**
- **Organizational structure**
- **Future Sustainability**

Two convenient times to choose from:

11:30am - 1:00pm

or

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Location:

**Congregation Agudas Achim
Social Hall
Dell Jewish Community Campus
7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731**

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Membership Update

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](#)

Annual Meeting

June 8, 2010
6:00pm - 9:00pm
Congregation Agudas Achim
Dell Jewish Community Campus
7300 Hart Lane
Austin, TX 78731
[Map](#)

Member Spotlight

Congratulations are in order!

Dina Mavridis:

Dina Mavridis has been recognized as a 2010 'Woman on Her Toes' by the Ballet Austin Guild. Dina is being honored for her outstanding volunteer efforts with Impact Austin and Girls Giving Grants at a luncheon on Tuesday, April 6. Congratulations, Dina!
[Click here to read more about the 'Woman on Her Toes' awards](#)

Rebecca Powers:

Rebecca Powers will be recognized by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas as a 'Woman of Distinction' at their awards luncheon on Thursday, April 22. This honor is bestowed upon women who embody the values of Girl Scouting, such as honesty, fairness, appreciation of diversity and community service. Congratulations, Rebecca!
[Click here to read more about the 'Women of Distinction' awards](#)

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

Spring Recruitment Kick-off

Please join us in sharing the Impact Austin story and bring a friend to kick start the 2011 recruitment season with a Spring Coffee.

Wednesday, March 24, 2010
7:00pm
11107 Callanish Park Dr., Austin 78750



RSVP to **Becky Griner** at bgriner@impact-austin.org or 512-917-5712.

Community Partner Spotlight

Ecology Action Update

Ecology Action (EA), with generous support from Impact Austin, has nearly achieved its goal of establishing 12 satellite recycling centers in Central Texas. With the Impact Austin grant, EA was able to purchase 15 mobile recycling containers and a hydraulic trailer to haul the boxes to and from communities in need of recycling services.

To date, Ecology Action has established 10 satellite recycling centers including 5 schools, 3 municipalities, 1 multi-unit residential complex, and 1 business. At these ten locations, participants now have access to recycling services and no longer need to drive long distances to properly dispose of their waste. With the support of Impact Austin, EA is able to divert tons of recyclables from landfills. Also, the recycling containers have added much-needed equipment flexibility to our operations.

In addition, Ecology Action is pleased to announce the kick-off of its Table2Table Composting Program. Table2Table will accept and divert food waste from Austin residents and businesses and yard trimmings from area tree service companies. Organic waste, when sealed in a landfill, produces methane-a major greenhouse gas. By composting waste, rather than burying it, Ecology Action will "up-cycle" waste into a more productive product-soil. EA will distribute the nutrient-rich soil

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/>

to local urban gardens. EA plans to use its mobile recycling containers, purchased with funds from Impact Austin, to collect and transport compostable materials. Look for Table2Table's launch this spring!



Ecology Action volunteers decorating recycling bins

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