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# News

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Grape Vine Market

#### Learn-About

#### Impact Austin Event

Monday, April 27, 2009

6:30pm to 8:30pm

7936 Great Northern Blvd

Austin, TX 78757

Invite a friend!

RSVP to [Pam Owens](#).

### Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

6:00pm - 9:00pm

Congregation Agudas Achim

Dell Jewish Community

Campus

7300 Hart Lane

Austin, TX 78731

RSVP to [Kathrine Weaver](#).

### Community Partner

#### Check Presentations

Friday, June 12, 2009

Time and location TBD

### LinkedIn USERS!

Join the Impact Austin group to network with fellow members online. We will be launching an Impact Austin Facebook page in early May. We'll feature the 2009 Community Partners, post updates on Community Partners from previous years and share photos of current events!

For more information, contact [Susan Blount](#).

## Meeting Report

## It's Year 6!

### Time to make a strategic change

*A message from our founder, Rebecca Powers*



Rebecca Powers, left, with two attendees at the forum hosted by Idaho Charitable Women's Foundation.

### The Idaho Women's Charitable Foundation in Boise, ID has always called the organizations it funds *Community Partners*.

As we think about Impact Austin's relationship with the 15 non-profits it has funded, the term fits perfectly. Our members partner with them by attending their events, volunteering, sitting on their boards, and in many cases, giving personal donations. As a board, we discussed this idea and agreed it fit with our strategic vision.

Going forward, the Grantee Relations Committee will now be known as the Community Partners Committee. These women, led by Sarah Swords, are charged with building and maintaining supportive relationships with the organizations we fund. Their focus won't change, but their titles as Community Partner Liaisons will more accurately reflect their mission.

Please join us at the Annual Meeting on June 9 at 6pm as we make grants to five new Community Partners. We will also celebrate our \$2,000,000 milestone in funding--\$2,087,000 to be exact!

## Town Hall Meetings drew a crowd

Many thanks to the 76 members who turned out for the two Town Hall Meetings held in March. President Rebecca Powers shared the results of the Focus Group discussions held in late December. She also provided an overview of our governance and operations structures, our current financial position and long range financial needs, and the areas in which members can volunteer. Rebecca will retire from the board on June 30, 2009. She will continue to be President of our operations organization in FY 2010, and Melynda Caudle will assume the role of Chair of our governing board. Attendees posed insightful questions and clearly found the forum enlightening. If you could not attend one of the meetings and want to discuss this in more detail, please contact [Rebecca Powers](#).

## One Member's Story



### A birthday gift for a friend brought Joan Harman to Impact Austin

My dear friend Anne McKinnon was having one of those important decade birthdays. I wanted to give Annie a special gift, and I know Annie to be a very

## Our semi-finalists have been chosen!

FACs are the teams responsible for evaluating nonprofit organization Letters of Inquiry (LOI) and Grant Applications-and choosing the finalists our members vote on to receive funding. From the 117 LOIs submitted to Impact Austin, our FACs requested full grant applications from 30 non-profit organizations. After extensive research based on Impact Austin's evaluation criteria, the FACs have selected 15 semi-finalists. Over the next 4 weeks, FAC teams will visit each semi-finalist, report back to their FAC and, through full-committee discussion and structured evaluation, determine the finalists our members will vote on at the annual meeting. A heartfelt thank you to our FAC chairs, liaisons, team members and financial review committee for their hard work, passion and dedication to this process.

### The 15 Semi-Finalists:

#### Culture

Ballet East Dance Company - East Side Dance Academy  
Boys and Girls Clubs of the Austin Area - Fine Arts Program  
Texas Folklife - Stories From Deep in the Heart

#### Education

Austin Children's Shelter - New Library for Austin Children's Shelter  
Bookspring - Launching Children into a World of Reading  
GENaustin - ClubGEN/Girl Talk

#### Environment

Travis County Audubon Society - Prairies and People  
Wildlife Rescue, Inc. - Wildlife Rescue Education & Training Expansion Program  
YouthLaunch - Urban Roots

#### Family

Capital IDEA - Career Paths for Rural Families  
CASA of Travis County, Inc. - Transitional Advocacy  
Family Connections - Family Matters

#### Health and Wellness

Austin Groups for the Elderly - Medical Equipment Closet Expansion  
People's Community Clinic - Healthy Babies Initiative  
Sustainable Food Center - Sprouting Healthy Communities

## Girls Giving Grants chooses Hospice Austin's Camp Brave Heart

generous person and community contributor so I decided to contribute to a favorite charity of hers. She said her favorite was Impact Austin, so I decided to send my contribution in Annie's honor to Impact Austin.

When the time came for Impact Austin to seek new members, I decided I, too, wanted to be a part. Impact Austin, with its selfless, generous approach, its remarkable organization and its honorable mission, won me over. I take a great deal of pride in being a four-year member of Impact Austin.

**What does your membership mean to you and what would you like others to know about Impact Austin?**

To share your story, please email our editor, [Cathy Cabrera](#).

**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 women are inspirational role models reaching their full giving potential for a better quality of life in our community.

**Our Values**

**Transparency** - *We are an open book.*

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

**Inclusiveness** - *We are*



G3 officers for 2009, from left: Caroline Tulloh, Westwood HS, Kelsey Hughen, Westwood HS, Emily Weigand, Westwood HS, Oriana Wright, Westlake HS, Madison Reinhart, Westlake HS, Patricia Howard, Anderson HS, Mara Weidmann, Westlake HS, Hannah Lewis, Anderson HS.

Camp Brave Heart captured the hearts of our G3 women for 2009! On April 22, the group will award \$5,200 to Hospice Austin in a ceremony at City Hall to support the camp, which provides a free two-and-a-half-day camping experience to 100 children from Central Texas in need of grief counseling services. The camp combines a recreational retreat with intense therapeutic support to assist children coping with the death of a loved one.

"Each child will be given the chance to express their deepest emotions, talk with counselors, have fun and most importantly, be in a safe environment with other kids who are in the same boat as they are. I'm excited to see how this program will continue to grow in the future," said Kelsey Hughen, G3 president and a senior at Westwood High School.

**G3 Recruiting Rally- Mark your calendar for May 3!**

If you know a young woman (in grade 8 through grade 12) who might be interested in joining Girls Giving Grants, please have her contact [Dina Mavridis](#).

**News from the Front Lines: Our Grants in Action**



**College Forward**

Impact Austin members are invited to College Forward's **Annual Student Awards Ceremony** on the evening of **Tuesday, May 26, 2009**

*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.*

(tentative time 7-9pm). Held at St. Edward's University in the Mabee Ballroom (Ragsdale Center), the event is free and open to the public. We will celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2009, along with all of College Forward's 885 students, including the first graduates of the Round Rock College Readiness Project at Stony Point High School, funded by Impact Austin in 2007. Congratulations to our graduates!

For details or to RSVP, please contact [Betty Harrison](#) or (512) 452-4800 ext. 206.



### Goodwill Industries

Goodwill Industries is excited to report receiving funding to expand Project Reboot under the Workforce Investment Act stimulus bill. Two additional trainers will be hired, allowing 30-40 more youth to participate in the computer recycling and job training program funded by Impact Austin. The participants will focus on career exploration and training in "green industry", a perfect fit with Project Reboot. In addition, Goodwill's across the country as well as Goodwill International have expressed interest in replicating Project Reboot. Laura Griebel of Goodwill says, "Without the Impact Austin funding we would not have had the infrastructure to put this into place so quickly. It's all very exciting and would never have been possible without the initial Impact Austin funding!"

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