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From Our Founder



What happens when you put 22 Impact Austin operations leaders in one almost-large-enough room in early August for 6 hours? You get a set of goals and action plans that provide this year's roadmap for success. The Committee Cabinet Chairs and their Coordinators took turns discussing lessons learned from last year and what they plan to accomplish this year. As the year unfolds, you will learn more...stay tuned.

The Member Survey feedback has been compiled, and it is overwhelmingly favorable. THANK YOU for taking the time to complete the survey. We take your feedback seriously. The various committees are reviewing the findings and reporting back as to what actions they will take.

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Membership Update

It's Coffee Season!

We're kicking off this year's coffee season with our first Community Coffee!

When: Tuesday, September 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Back Door to the Trade
7301 Burnet Road (Behind Tuesday Morning)

Host: Heather Toolin of Sonno Domestic Living

We are thrilled about this new location for our Community Coffees! The showroom at Sonno Domestic Living is for design professionals and is not open to the general public - so please take advantage of this opportunity to share Impact Austin with a friend and get a sneak peek at great items for the home.



With your help, we are confident we will reach our 500+ member goal again for 2011. That achievement will ensure we can extend five

Please check back in September when we'll provide a summary of the results and planned actions.

In the meantime, please start thinking of women you can invite to learn more about Impact Austin. Invite them to our Community Coffee on 9/14 and/or the Speaker Series on 10/18. YOU are our best recruiters, and we look forward to meeting your friends! More details about each event are in the right column of this newsletter.

We are learning as we grow, and I'm glad you are part of our success!

-Rebecca Powers,
Founder and CEO

Mark Your Calendar

Speaker Series

Kevin Salwen,

The Power of Half

October 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Congregation Agudas

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\$25 includes book

The Power of Half

In the News

On August 12th, Impact Austin was featured on the front page of the **Austin American Statesman** in an article about local giving circles entitled *Giving Circles Growing in Central Texas: Groups allow individuals to increase effect of their charitable donations* by Andrea Ball. Please check it out [here!](#)

What Our Members Are Saying

Next month we will share the details from the 2009 - 2010 Member Survey, but in the meantime, here is what a few members had to say about their Impact Austin experience.

"Every year that I am involved I

\$100,000+ grants to new Community Partners. Please bring a friend to a Community Coffee or In-home Coffee. Or better yet, consider hosting a coffee in your home.

Please contact Becky Griner at bgriner@impact-austin.org with any questions or to RSVP for the Community Coffee at [Sonno Domestic Living](#). An e-invitation will be coming to your inbox soon!

Community Partner Spotlight

College Forward



Proud College Forward AmeriCorps and Staff

Impact Austin is pleased to announce its nomination of College Forward for the Greenlights for Nonprofit Success Innovation Award. College Forward has been selected as a finalist for the award, which recognizes a nonprofit in Central Texas that has applied new approaches to its work and serves as a model to other nonprofits. The winner receives a minimum of \$2,000 in grant funding.

College Forward, a 2007 Impact Austin Community Partner, provides college access and college persistence services to motivated, economically disadvantaged students in order to facilitate their transition to college and make the process exciting and rewarding.

Impact Austin nominated College Forward for its pioneering approach in leveraging the support of national service opportunities. Specifically, College Forward is lauded for how it uses the skills of AmeriCorps members from around the country who come to College Forward to serve for 10 to 11 months providing college access and college persistence services to the organization's growing client

feel more strongly about the value of the organization to the community and to me. I hope we continue this improvement as we go through the coming changes."

"It's been an invaluable experience for me. I've learned so much from incredible women who are part of this organization. I look forward to next year and the opportunity to support Impact Austin and our community's nonprofit sector."

"Love, love LOVE Impact Austin. I so appreciate this group on so many levels!"

"Impact Austin is a real joy and a way for me to make a significant difference in our community. Unlike most organizations, the leadership team eliminates tedious meetings that don't begin or end on time and often go nowhere. I love the structure and smooth operations of the group. I like the women who are part of Impact Austin. They seem to share the same concerns and commitment I do. Thank you so much for making this opportunity happen. I would love to see it roll out to cities all across the U.S."

"Keep up the fantastic work! Thank you for creating this space for women in Austin to be active in the community to the advantage of our many wonderful nonprofit organizations."

NEW for FY2011 -We want to know who your favorite Community Partner is and why. The members of Impact Austin would love to hear from you!

To share your story, please email Laura Green at newsletter@impact-austin.org

Connect with Us

We invite you to connect with Impact Austin's social media community. This is a great way to

base. Recently, College Forward was included in the publication *Transforming Communities through Service: A Collection of the Most Innovative AmeriCorps*State Programs in the United States*.



College Forward students on MLK Day

College Forward measures success in the individual stories of students like Diana. Diana was one of the organization's first clients and was the first in her family to go to college after she graduated from Hays High School in 2005. Confused by the ins and outs of the admissions process, College Forward gave her the guidance she needed to enroll at Texas State University. The program continued to provide support throughout her pursuit of a Bachelor's degree in Marketing. This past May, Diana received her diploma. Her experience with College Forward will come full circle this fall when she returns to the nonprofit as a College Coach under the AmeriCorps*State program, preparing the next generation of collegians.

"I don't think supporters grasp how much it actually means," Diana says. "I think all they may see is that they are helping a student get a diploma, when really they are helping a student build a life."

Impact Austin is thrilled that College Forward has been selected as a finalist for the Greenlights for Nonprofit Success Innovation Award. The recipient of the award will be announced at the upcoming Greenlights Texas Nonprofit Summit on September 23rd.

keep in touch with other Impact Austin members and stay up-to-date on our current events. Please join us on:

[Find us on Facebook](#) 

[View our profile on LinkedIn](#) 

And don't forget to check out [Rebecca's Blog](#)

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

FY2011 Update CEO Transition Update

The Impact Austin Board of Directors held a retreat in early August to create a roadmap for the CEO transition planning process. The three main areas of focus are:

Transition: establish all processes and create documentation for hiring a new leader

Governance: review/update bylaws, board job descriptions and governance policies

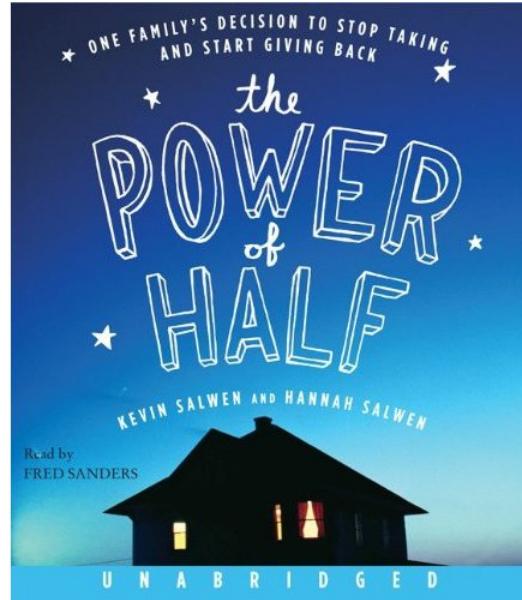
Fundraising: create a fundraising strategy that will ensure adequate funding for building infrastructure

The goal is to have a new leader in place no later than June 30, 2011. Stay tuned to the e-newsletter for more updates on the CEO transition in the coming months.

Save The Date!

Speaker Series: October 18th, 7 p.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim

Impact Austin is delighted to bring Kevin Salwen, co-author of *The Power of Half* to Austin on October 18th, 7 p.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim for the annual Impact Austin Speaker Series. Bring your friends and family to hear an inspiring story of one family's journey to give back - in a HUGE way! You won't want to miss this emotionally uplifting opportunity - registration will open in September and the \$25 registration fee includes a copy of the book!



Click on link below to read Kevin's blog on why he and his daughter wrote the book

<http://www.thepowerofhalf.com/Why-we-wrote-The-Power-of-Half>

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