



## NEWS



Donna Benson-Chan  
Executive Director

Dear Members & Friends,

Congratulations to our 2016 grant winners!

Through the generosity of our members, Impact Austin awarded \$426,000 in grants to five Central Texas nonprofit organizations in June of this year. Since our inception we have now invested over \$5.5 million in the community through women-powered philanthropy. 2016 membership contributions have created an extraordinary impact by supporting the nonprofit organizations listed below, now proudly referred to as our Community Partners:

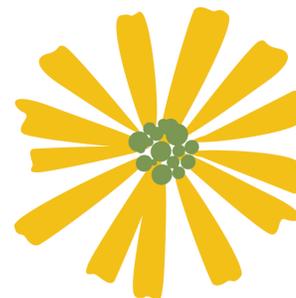
- **Catalyst Grant** - LifeWorks Counseling Division - \$50,000
- **Culture** - The Arc of the Capital Area - \$94,000
- **Education** - Capital IDEA - \$94,000
- **Environment** - TreeFolks - \$94,000
- **Family** - Partnerships for Children - \$94,000

[Click here](#) for more information on these 2016 grant awards.

Best wishes,  
Donna Benson-Chan

**More Members = More Grants**

On July 1st, we stepped into our 2017 grants year and Impact Austin's 14th year in grant making. Our goal for the year ahead is to increase our total grant awards given from \$5.5 to \$6 million. The extraordinary investment we have made in the Central Texas community by awarding high-impact grants is only possible through membership. The more members, the more grant award dollars we have to distribute.



JOIN TODAY

We thank our members for their ongoing support and invite those who have not yet joined for 2017 to [do so now!](#)

## Save the Date for these Membership Events!

We're gearing up for a busy fall with lots of opportunities for you to invite friends and colleagues to learn more about Impact Austin. [Register today](#) for one or more of the great membership events below and bring a friend (or two) !

### **Calypso St. Barth**

Tuesday, September 13th  
6:00 - 8:00pm

### **The Pilates Movement Studio**

3300 Bee Caves Road, Suite 745  
Austin, TX 78749  
Tuesday, November 1st  
6:30 - 8:30pm

### **Artworks**

1214 West 6th  
Austin, TX 78703  
Tuesday, November 15th  
6:00 - 8:00pm



## Girls Giving Grants Filling Final Spots for 2016-2017 Year

g3, Impact Austin's youth initiative, is now enrolling participants. We're looking for our last few members to fill our 2016-2017 class! Prospective members should be:

- Girls in grades 8-12
- Who give \$100 of their own money for the g3 grant
- Who care deeply about their community and

- want to learn more about philanthropy and
- Who can commit to twice monthly meetings at the Girls School of Austin on Sundays from 2-4pm.

If you know a young woman who would like to learn more or join, visit the [g3 website](#) for more details. For questions and / or to RSVP to our special info session on September 4th, please email [g3@impactaustin.org](mailto:g3@impactaustin.org). Hurry! Only a few spots are left.



## Improve your Grant-Making Prowess

IMPACT-edu, our organization's arm dedicated to expanding the philanthropy know-how of members and guests, is hosting a great event September 22 to help women learn how to read a Form 990 and understand what's really important. Pamela Paxton, PhD, professor of sociology and public affairs at the University of Texas at Austin will lead the discussion. [Click here](#) to learn more and register.



## Help Make Impact Austin's Speakers Bureau a Success!

Impact Austin has launched a new speakers bureau to expand awareness of the organization and the great work we do among business, professional and community organizations. Several seasoned Impact Austin members have volunteered to meet with groups and tell them about Impact Austin and we would love your help in identifying groups to which we might present. Presentation and Q&A time will be 20-30 minutes.



Speakers Bureau volunteers  
Diana Maldonado and  
Jacquie Shillis

If you work or volunteer for a local organization, especially one with a large female contingent, that you think would enjoy learning more about Impact Austin, please email Marisa Bushee at [marisa@mclaredesign.com](mailto:marisa@mclaredesign.com) and she can coordinate a guest speaker.

## A New Way to Support Impact Austin!

Many of the members of Impact Austin are enthusiastic, long-term supporters. They've been members for five years, ten years, even from the very beginning 13 years ago. For those women, as well as newer members who love the tremendous impact the organization has in our community, we're excited to offer a new membership category: Sustaining Member.

Sustaining Members will pledge to be a member for three years at our membership rate of \$1,250 per year. They'll be recognized as Sustaining Members during our Annual Meeting, at Discovery Day and on the Impact Austin website.

Ready to be a Sustaining Member of Impact Austin? [Sign up here!](#)



## Get to Know Impact Austin Member Suzanne Daniels!

Suzanne Daniels is a creative force of nature! The steady hand behind Impact Austin's graphic design for several years, she's currently working on opening a new family-friendly community coffee shop in Central Austin.

[Find out more](#) about this dynamic woman who keeps family, entrepreneurship and volunteerism all working together!



## Get to Know Community Partner CARY

Thanks to an \$80,000 Impact Austin grant received in 2015, the Council on At-Risk Youth (CARY) expanded their PeaceRox Aggression Replacement Training Program at Paredes Middle School and also piloted a summer camp at the same school. The programs focus on the students with the highest emotional and behavioral needs who would not otherwise receive services.



[Learn more](#) about how this program helps community youth.

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