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Impact Austin Newsletter

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June 10th(Tuesday) 6-9pm Annual Meeting at Dell Jewish Community Campus

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See website for more details: [Impact Austin website](#)

Grant Update

We are so excited to announce our ten grant finalists, five of whom will receive a \$102,000 grant this year.

Culture:

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To our Health ...



ICC's hotline

In the grand scheme of things, it seemed a simple matter. Her son's friend, Jason (not his real name) was recently abandoned by his mother and needed to see a doctor. The young man was already living with her family and she had power-of-attorney. Yet, her insurance company would not

consider him as an addition to her existing policy. You might call it mother's intuition or just plain good ol' legwork, when mom found and called the Williamson County Hotline for help.

The Indigent Care Collaboration (ICC), a nonprofit collaboration of 18 organizations in central Texas, created this centralized screening and referral system to simplify access to primary care for residents of Williamson County. Working in collaboration with Williamson County and Cities Health District (WCCHD), Insure-a-kid and the Lone Star Circle of Care, the hotline offers screening to match patients with available public health services and sets up appointments with a primary care provider within 48 hours at a publicly-funded clinic. Caseworkers also are available to follow up with individuals eligible for healthcare coverage to offer application assistance, answer questions about benefits and assist in the renewal process.

With the help of a \$104,000 grant from Impact Austin, the helpline went live on 10/1/07. The helpline took nearly 700 calls between October and December, scheduling 154 appointments -- all with very little outreach or marketing awareness. ICC is currently working to spread the word of their program and has developed a tri-fold card with information specific to their program. These are being distributed to social service agencies, school district nurses and local hospitals within Williamson County.

Ecology Action of Texas
Austin Parks Foundation

Family:

Wonders & Worries
Goodwill Industries

Health & wellness:

SafePlace
Caritas

As a reminder, we received 128 letters of inquiry leading to 32 grant applications, 15 site visits and ultimately these 10 finalists.

Mark your calendars to come vote for the winners at the annual meeting, June 10th from 6-9pm at the Dell Jewish Community Campus. Members will receive additional details on these worthy organizations in advance of the meeting.

5-year Member Celebration

What a special evening it was on April 28th to welcome our 5-year members to a celebration at Cindy Moreland's beautiful home. As always, the food and drinks were yummy but more important was the heartfelt expression of love for Impact Austin.



Anna Clepper, Shirley Werner and Gail Johnson laugh at some of the stories.

The members reminisced, laughed, teased, cried ... and showed how proud they are of the wonderful organization we've built together. Ann Hart reflected, "I am both proud and humbled to be a part of this incredible group... And now we're

One of the biggest challenges of the program has been patients not showing up for scheduled appointments, according to Ann Kitchen, executive director of ICC. "We learned that this was not an unusual occurrence, and we adjusted our process to troubleshoot any barriers that would keep patients from keeping their appointments," said Kitchen. "This included same day reminder calls, working with patients on transportation issues and medical payment plans."

And what of Jason? He did make it to his appointment and, as a result, is scheduled for testing for a suspected heart problem. His foster mother says she will be forever grateful for the attention and care given to Jason from this program partially funded by Impact Austin.

Come to the Annual Meeting!!!

Gloria Brown Oliver, Sarah Swords and Cynthia Hoff at Impact Austin's 2007 annual meeting.



Be sure to come to the Annual Meeting this year. We'll celebrate our first five years and giving over \$1.5 million to the Austin community. We'll also hear about our plans for the next five years. Enjoy seeing old and new Impact Austin friends while mingling, munching, and sipping. We'll hear from all ten grant finalists before voting for the five recipients. Since each member gets one vote, yours is very important --- please join us on the 10th!

When: Tuesday, June 10th
6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Dell Jewish Community Center
7300 Hart Lane

Rsvp to or contact events@impact-austin.org with questions.

g3 has Banner Year!



Claire, Jade, Daria, Amanda and Emily (g3 girls) with Susan McDowell, Executive Director of LifeWorks (middle)

After more than doubling the number of girls from last year, growing from 26 to 57, girls giving

celebrating five years---absolutely amazing! On the other hand, though, it's not amazing at all. Why wouldn't a group of smart, committed women be able to do whatever they set out to do?"

Thanks to Cindy for hosting and Jane Nolden and Phylis Donelson for creating a wonderful tribute.

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grants had a banner year! They received 30 applications, made 2 site visits and ultimately selected LifeWorks resource library program to receive their \$5700 grant this year. Claire Powers, this year's president, commented, "As a founder of g3, I have been able to watch an amazing organization transform from a simple idea into an incredible philanthropic achievement. Being a part of a nonprofit organization comprised of only teenage girls is a very rewarding and unique experience that I would not be able to find anywhere else".

Recruiting for next year starts in May. An informational session will be held on Sunday, May 18th, at 2pm. See website calendar (www.impact-austin.org) or contact dmavridis@girlsgivinggrants.org for more details. Please encourage anyone who is interested in g3 membership to attend.

Join us at the Check Ceremony

Our grant recipients are always so thrilled to receive our awards -- please join us Thursday, June 12th at the City Hall Amphitheatre (right outside City Hall) for the Check presentation Ceremony for these worthy recipients. We'll begin at 11am and wrap up around noon. This is a wonderful culmination to all your hard work -- come celebrate with us!

Ask a friend to join Impact Austin!

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website at www.impact-austin.org

