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# News

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS

## From Our Founder

**Six years and  
\$2,087,000 at  
work in Central  
Texas!**



I hope to see everyone at the Annual Meeting on June 9, as we celebrate our \$2,000,000 funding milestone! With each passing year, I see the power of pooling the financial resources of our grassroots givers and how it creates exponential value in our community. One of our members has produced a video showcasing our past 15 Community Partners. You won't want to miss out on seeing this touching tribute at the Annual

## Our Finalists Have Been Chosen! Be sure to vote -- at the Annual Meeting, or by absentee ballot

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

### Culture:

Boys & Girls Club of the Austin Area  
Ballet East Dance Company

### Education:

Austin Children's Shelter  
GENaustin

### Environment:

Youth Launch  
Travis Audubon Society

### Family:

FamilyConnections  
Capital IDEA

### Health and Wellness:

People's Community Clinic  
Sustainable Food Center

We received 117 Letters of Inquiry from which our Focus Area Committee's (FACs) requested 30 grant applications and ultimately selected these 10 finalists. Members will receive additional information via email about these organizations and the voting process in advance of the Annual Meeting. We extend our thanks to all who participated in or assisted with the FAC process--an incredible group of women!

Meeting. These organizations represent the people who work in the trenches every day...they are the hands and feet of our dreams for Central Texas.

**Please come vote for this year's Community Partners and celebrate what we've accomplished to date!**

### Personal Impact

#### What our members say about serving on a Focus Area Committee

*I enjoyed so much seeing and learning about these unbelievable organizations. I also enjoyed meeting and getting to know such unbelievable women. You are all truly amazing!!! I am honored to have been a part of this process.*

Kathy Gray

*This is what is so wonderful about Impact Austin - you meet such fabulous women in the organization, and you feel so wonderful because you are helping your community.*

Ann Sperling-Kennedy

*This process is unbelievable, as are all those who worked so diligently to get the job done. Connie and Debbie, the dynamic duo that held it all together, are amazing leaders. Thank you all for enriching my life. I could not be more impressed with a group of ladies and am honored to be a part of Impact Austin.*

Karen Franks

### One Member's Story

## Our Annual Meeting is just around the corner--June 9!

Have you made your reservation? Plan to join us to hear presentations from our grant finalists and vote for our 2009 Community Partners.

#### Meeting details:

Tuesday, June 9, 2009  
Congregation Agudas Achim  
Dell Jewish Community Campus  
7300 Hart Ln. 78731

6:00pm - Social Hour  
7:00pm - Finalist Presentations  
8:20pm - Voting  
8:30pm - Coffee & Dessert  
9:00pm - 2009 Community Partners Announced

We will vote to award five \$102,000 grants to our 2009 Community Partners.

Please **RSVP** by **JUNE 5!**

*Presentation of awards to our Community Partners will be made at each partner's location on Friday, June 12, 2009. Details will be announced at the Annual Meeting.*

## Be watching for your Voting Information Packet via email on May 28!

An email was sent on April 27 to all 2009 Impact Austin members to alert you that the Voting Information Packet would be delivered via email this year. The packet will also contain absentee voting instructions. **IF YOU DID NOT RESPOND** to the April 27 email, please visit [this link](#). At the login page enter:

**Email:**  
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**Password:** Vote2009

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Questions? Contact [Sarah Land](#).

## News from the Front Lines:

**Julie Kreager**



**Joining Impact Austin helped me prepare for a life's journey of fulfillment and introspection.**

I lived in Austin eight years before joining Impact Austin. It was just another city where I conducted business. As I diversified from my professional portfolio to include Impact Austin, I met a group of smart and committed women that were successfully building a local non-profit foundation from the ground floor. How exciting! Like most people from modest backgrounds, I grew up thinking that philanthropic foundations were only associated with the Rockefellers or the Vanderbilts. What impressed me most about Impact Austin was its mission to educate and provide philanthropic access to women & girls of every socio-economic status.

Additionally, Impact Austin has created such a wonderful, sustainable environment of possibility. Where else can 500 people donate \$1,000 year-over-year that results in the award of multiple \$100,000 grants that are thoroughly vetted, from community need to organization solubility, by 90 to 100 trained committee members?

## *Our Grants in Action*



### **SafePlace**

Through its grant from Impact Austin, SafePlace expanded its services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence through the establishment of an innovative Phone Counseling program. For survivors who, for a variety of reasons have difficulty leaving their homes, SafePlace's therapeutic counseling services are now available to them. The Phone Counseling program provides free, easily accessible, short-term counseling in English and Spanish and is very much in demand, as word gets out into the community about this exciting new service. Our 2008 grant has allowed SafePlace to serve 66 people since December 2008.



### **Children's Wellness Center**

The Children's Wellness Center's (CWC) nurse assistant training program, which recently completed its grant cycle with Impact Austin, has made a significant difference in the lives of its participants and in the community. Fourteen young women and men from Del Valle attended an accredited clinical assistance training program and received valuable health care experience followed by a paid externship

My Impact Austin experience is now an integral part of my life and has opened doors to several other community leadership opportunities. Austin is not just a city anymore it's now my home, thanks to 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 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.*

at the CWC. Nurses and staff provided training, mentorship, career counseling and personal support throughout their experience. As a result, the CWC was able to increase its patient care services for Del Valle families, and provide invaluable training and work experience for young adults interested in the health profession.

## Our second group marks the 5-year membership milestone!



A sweeping view of Lake Travis provided a dramatic backdrop to an equally dramatic event. At the end of April, 20 women gathered to celebrate their 5th Anniversary as members of Impact Austin. As a special treat, representatives from Communities In Schools were on hand to provide an update on the grant they received from us in 2005. That year, Communities In Schools received one of two \$100,500 grants awarded. The group used the money to fund a start-up program called XY-Zone, a drop out prevention program for young men aged 13 to 18. The grant funded a full-time caseworker at two different high school campuses in the Austin Independent School District.

"Your grant came at a pivotal moment in our history," said Suki Steinhauser, executive director for Communities In Schools. She reported that our seed money helped establish the program and attract additional funding that has enabled it to expand to seven high schools in the Austin area. The group now plans to implement a similar program in area middle schools.

"Our 5-year members from 2005 deserve a lot of credit for having the wisdom to invest in Communities In Schools," said Rebecca Powers, our founder. "To think that our seed money helped grow this important program to reach greater numbers of young men and encourage them to stay in school and stay out of trouble--that's an impact we can all be

**Innovation** - We are creative, but prudent risk-takers.

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