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From Our Founder



We are just about ready to put 2010 in a box with a pretty bow and count it as another successful year for Impact Austin. As I reflect on this year's achievements, I can't help thinking about the five new Community Partners and the difference our \$105,000 grants will make in their organizations. On June 14, we visited and celebrated with each 2010 Community Partner. Thanks to those of you who came out and supported Impact Austin on that day. We had great participation, and the Community Partners couldn't have been more delighted to see us! They are already learning that Impact Austin delivers more than necessary funding. We are an 'army' of women that wants to make a difference in the

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Impact Austin Celebrates! Five Austin-area Nonprofits Receive \$105,000 Grants!

Grant award presentations with each 2010 Community Partner was exciting and well attended by Impact Austin members. Community Partner stakeholders and clients presented their appreciation for Impact Austin support through a variety of creative ways, including a signed piece of durable medical equipment from the staff and board of directors from Austin Groups for the Elderly! Our 2010 Community Partners are:

Culture: [Badgerdog Literary Publishing](#)
Project: It's Elementary!

community--both personally and collectively.

Summer is in full-swing, and the founder transition planning is moving forward as the Board conducts an organizational assessment with an outside consultant. The results will help inform the Board's priorities and next steps as they plan for the transition to a paid CEO. We continue to learn as we grow....

These are exciting times for Impact Austin, and I am looking forward to what lies ahead for all of us!

-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
Achim
\$25 includes book
The Power of Half

Member Spotlight

by Patti DeNucci



I spent several years in leadership positions with a couple of non-profits, but found myself frustrated with the politics, how the money was being used (or squandered), and even the less-than-admirable ethics of the founders and leaders of the



Education: [Communities In Schools of Central Texas \(CIS\)](#)

Project: XY-Zone Expansion



Environment: [Austin Parks Foundation](#)

Project: Barton Creek Trail Corps



Family: [CASA of Travis County](#)

Project: Transitioning Youth Program



Health and Wellness: [Austin Groups for the Elderly \(AGE\)](#)

Project: Safety for Seniors Program

organizations. My other option was to send \$25 here and there to just about any charity that approached me or sent me a mailer. That didn't feel right to me either. My heart grew hard and my dream of being someone who contributed her resources to those in need faded.

Then I heard about Rebecca Powers and her vision for Impact Austin from a dear friend who's judgment I trust implicitly. I loved what I heard about the concept. It just made so much sense to me. I quickly realized it was an answer to my prayers. Finally, a grass roots organization that put everyday women to work to pool their resources and thoughtfully choose (via careful initial screening and consideration followed by a simple, democratic process) where the money goes in our community. I wrote the check and had it in my back pocket the day Rebecca and I met for coffee. I write that check with joy each year.

I've been a member all but one year since it was founded and it continues to be one of the very best investments I make each year.

What does your membership mean to you and what would you like others to know about Impact Austin? We'd love to hear your story!

To share your story, please email Anne Webster at awebster@impact-austin.org

Connect with Us

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



Many thanks go out to all of the extraordinary women who served on Focus Area Committees this year. Their hard work and diligence paid off with 10 strong Finalists and 5 wonderful new Community Partners. Also, thanks to all of the FAC chairs, FAC Liaisons and Grant Committee members this year for their dedication to the process and their leadership.

Check out Impact Austin and our 2010 Community Partners in the news:

- [FOX 7 News:"Impact Austin Gives Grants to Local Groups"](#)
- [Statesman.com Andrea Ball: Philanthropy -"Impact Austin Awards \\$525,000 to area nonprofits"](#)
- [Statesman.com Charity Chat -"Impact Austin Awards Grants"](#)

Impact Through Involvement

Complete the Member Survey Today!

Once again this year we are taking a survey to get feedback from our members about many aspects of Impact Austin. We want very much to hear from everyone so please check for an email sent by Rebecca Powers on Tuesday, June 15th, which provides a link to the survey. **Deadline for responding is July 12th** to accommodate summer holiday schedules but don't delay - respond as soon as you can. Questions or problems? Please contact Susan Blount at sblount@impact-austin.org.



Membership Update

Membership Development is on a Roll...!

We currently count just over 200 members who have committed to

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."

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.

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

reinvest for 2011. This is great news, and we are grateful for each woman's pledge to help us continue making an impact! For those of you who did not attend the Annual Meeting, it's not too late to tell us you'd like to pledge for 2011. Please be on the lookout for your membership packet, which will arrive in your mailbox in the next few days. Please complete the pledge card and return it--payment isn't due till December 31, 2010--so we can 'Count You In'!

Thanks so much for your support along the way. If you'd like to host a coffee and share Impact Austin with your friends, you can indicate that on the pledge card or you may contact Becky Griner at bgriner@impact-austin.org.

Hundreds of Women Turned Out for Another Successful Annual Meeting

Here are just a few of the smiling faces:



Continuous improvement -
Through feedback and other
input, we are always
improving.





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