



News

FOR EXTRAORDINARY MEMBERS

From the President

Last month, we addressed the volunteer aspect of Impact Austin. We are serious about giving each member a chance to participate in a way that is most meaningful and fun for her. As a result of getting members involved in committee activities, new leaders will emerge. It is our intention to fill committees with a good balance of women who just want to help out in a specific area and others who are looking for "what's next" in their Impact Austin experience. Grooming leaders, whether for Impact Austin or another opportunity in the community, is a responsibility we take seriously. If leadership development is something that interests you, please volunteer on a committee of your choosing. If you don't know where to start, contact [Meeta Kothare](#).



Coffee Time!



Our first Grape Vine Market Coffee event is just around the corner! Please join us and invite a friend to come along and learn about Impact Austin.

Monday, September 29

Grape Vine Market
7936 Great Northern Blvd
Austin, TX 78757
(512) 323-5900

[Get directions](#)

Our Upcoming Events Include:

The Soul of Money



Thursday, October 16

Congregation Agudas Achim Sanctuary
Dell Jewish Community Campus
7300 Hart Lane

Based on the advice of a friend, Rebecca Powers bought *The Soul of Money*, by author Lynne Twist, four years ago. Since then she says she reads it annually. "The book now has dog-eared pages and yellow-highlighted sentences throughout," says Rebecca, "Each time I read it, my heart is ready to understand a little bit more about the role I can play in making this world a better place for all of us."

Please join Rebecca and other Impact Austin members to hear Lynne Twist share stories and ideas that will change your heart--no matter who you are or how much money you have. She has a message for everyone!

\$20 per person

(You must [register and pay](#) online prior to attending.)
Impact Austin thanks the Austin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals for allowing us to use their web site for online registration.

Lynne Twist's speaker fee and books for each attendee have been generously underwritten by South Texas Money Management, Ltd. [Visit our sponsor.](#)

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Members are asking...

"Are we still looking for new members now that we've reached the 500-member mark?"

The answer is YES!

Please continue to share the Impact Austin story with your friends and encourage them to learn more about us by attending one of our informational coffees. Our member retention rate is approximately 80 percent, a very healthy number! But it does mean we lose approximately 100 women each year. So recruiting is an ongoing activity that we take very seriously. Most new members join because a current member tells them about Impact Austin. So keep spreading the word! We will never turn a potential member away!

Visit the [Impact Austin calendar](#) for information on

Focus Area Committees forming soon

Focus Area Committees are responsible for reviewing grant applications and choosing the finalists for voting by the entire membership at the annual meeting. Participating in an FAC is a rewarding process that requires a commitment of 40-50 hours from January through May. Because FAC work is a critical part of the grant process, it is important that FAC members uphold their time commitment to the entire committee. We will hold orientation sessions this fall where you will learn about the entire grant evaluation process. In addition, just-in-time training is provided at FAC meetings to address specific topics including how to read, interpret and evaluate the applications. If you're interested in serving, watch for announcements regarding orientation sessions and the sign-up process. If you cannot commit to the time necessary for FAC work, but still want to contribute to our mission, contact Meeta Kothare. For questions about the FAC process, contact [Nancy Sutherland](#).

G3 Happenings

Recruiting Event - September 21

Membership is open to girls in grades 8 through 12 in the Austin area who are willing to make the required \$100 donation and a commitment of time and energy from October through April. Members are eligible to receive up to 30 hours community service credit through their participation in Girls Giving Grants.



For more information, visit www.girlsgivinggrants.org.

Membership deadline is September 26!

Grant Recipient

upcoming coffees.

You can also send [Membership Director Barbara Ellis](#) the email addresses or other contact information for prospective members. She will make sure they are contacted and invited to upcoming coffees.

**Our enthusiasm for Impact Austin is contagious!
Let's use it to build our membership for 2009!**

Calling All Members!

As you prepare to make your membership donations this fall, please consider contributing to our 110% campaign. By adding \$100 to your membership donation, you support our administrative and operational costs. Please consider giving that extra 10%. For more information on the 110% campaign, contact [Pamela Benson Owens](#).

Progress Reports

Southwest Key successfully completed its summer program, thanks to our grant. Friends and family turned out in August for the final performance of the Southwest Key Cultural Arts Summer Intensives program. Students performed the work of Ballet Folklorico, Mariachi and Teatro. For more information on their free workshops and after-school cultural arts programs, contact Melissa Villarreal 512.583.2505; villarreal@swkey.org, or visit swkey.org.

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