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Girls Giving Grants, Austin's Leading Youth Philanthropy, Announces \$5,200 2014 Grant

AUSTIN, TX - Girls Giving Grants is celebrating its ninth year and a membership of 52 girls strong with the announcement of Girls Giving Grants 2014 grant award of \$5,200.

Girls Giving Grants is the only all-girl, grant-making cooperative in Austin that is fully funded and operated by its young members. Members have complete ownership—from funding the grant themselves, to reviewing the grant applications, and finally, making the award.

“On Sunday afternoons, I will meet with 52 girls who are actively working to change our community for the better,” said Girls Giving Grants President and senior high school student Madi Wright. “Each of the girls will set aside their worries about grades, sports, or college applications and focus on making a positive impact on Austin youth. For five years now I have been a part of this incredible collaboration of young women's thoughts and opinions. We have the opportunity to learn about the unique needs of our community through the grants of our community partners. Reviewing these grants teaches us the many structures and financial standings of numerous non-profits. I am incredibly grateful to be able to learn so much about the nonprofit sector while also forming strong friendships within Girl Giving Grants.”

Kicking off the 2014 grant season, Girls Giving Grants is soliciting proposals from area nonprofit organizations that are interested in applying for the 2014 grant. To be eligible, programs or projects must benefit youth within Travis, Hays, Bastrop and/or Williamson counties and with the purpose of strengthening, improving, enhancing, and positively impacting the lives of children and youth in the greater Austin area. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be classified as a public charity with a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

“The young women of Girls Giving Grants are truly inspirational”, said Girls Giving Grants Director Dina Mavridis. “Our girls are excited to learn about the needs of our community and to help in every way they can, starting with their collective grant of \$5,200.”

Earlier this year, Girls Giving Grants selected Easter Seals Central Texas as its 2013 grant award recipient.

"With the generous support of Girls Giving Grants, eight children who have disabilities received speech, occupational, physical therapy and audiology services at Easter Seals Central Texas," said Jane Koble, Easter Seals' Director of Donor & Foundation Relations. "These children either had no insurance or their insurance did not cover the necessary services to help them to speak, hear, move, and perform everyday activities such as getting dressed, playing, and interacting with their families. The children and Easter Seals Central Texas thank G3 for their support!"

Girls Giving Grants will accept proposals until October 25, 2013, and will award the grant in April 2014. For more information about eligibility and how to submit a proposal, please visit the Girls Giving Grants website at www.girlsgivinggrants.org.

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Girls Giving Grants is the youth extension of Impact Austin. Impact Austin is a 501(c)(3) public charity made up of women seeking to transform lives in the Austin area through high-impact and lifelong giving. In 2013, Impact Austin awarded \$505,000 to five area nonprofits. For more information, visit www.impact-austin.org.