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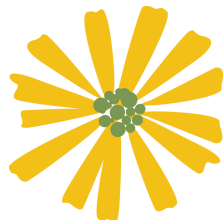
Dear Members & Friends,

Congratulations Impact Austin members for another successful year as Central Texas philanthropists! With your dedication and generous support, we have exceeded \$5,000,000 given to worthy organizations in our community. Together, we are helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of Central Texans in every phase of life, from our children to seniors.

We know that not only does the Impact Austin grant funding make a positive change in our community; the member experience also makes a positive change in us. By working together, we cultivate a deeper understanding of the opportunities in our community. Through our collective work as members of Impact Austin, we have a voice that carries and a powerful way to leverage our giving dollars to respond to our community needs.

Our aim for this coming year is \$5.5 million in grant dollars given in Central Texas. Please join us to make that a reality... together we will make an extraordinary impact.

Sincerely,  
Donna



JOIN TODAY



COUNT ME IN

### Membership Update:

Save the Date for These Member Recruitment and Orientation Events!

Impact Austin will be in high gear this fall with a variety of member recruitment and new

member orientation events and members only socials. These events are held in a variety of interesting venues in different parts of Austin to make attending one or more easy for you.

### Membership Recruitment

[September 24th](#)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

[October 14th](#)  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

[November 5th](#)  
6:30 - 8:00 pm

### New Member Orientation

[September 17th](#)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

[November 14th](#)  
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

[December 1st](#)  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

### Discovery Day 2015

[November 14th](#)  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Grants Update:

[Learn More About Our Impact!](#)

Check out our [2015 Grant Outcomes Report](#) and be inspired by the amazing work our Community Partners are doing. This issue features three Impact Austin Community Partners and one Girls Giving Grants Community Partner, whose grant programs were completed May 2015.



Creative Action's New Stages Youth Theatre Ensemble in action.

Our support of these organizations reflects our commitment to transforming lives in our Central Texas community. We have learned alongside our Community Partners as they have faced challenges, overcome barriers, and achieved extraordinary successes. We hope you'll enjoy learning more about their results.

## Community Partner Spotlight:

[Anthropos Arts](#)

[Anthropos Arts](#) connects low-income youth with Austin's best musicians for free music lessons, mentoring, workshops, and performance opportunities in some of Austin's best-known venues. The Teaching More, Reaching More project funded by Impact Austin's grant will expand and deepen the impact by increasing the number of students served and doubling the number of lessons for every student.

Read more about The Teaching More, Reaching More Impact Austin funded program [HERE](#) and enjoy the video!



## Member Spotlight

### Get to Know Impact Austin Member Lorene Phillips

Lorene is a woman who sparkles and shines. From her bright and beautiful smile to her love for jewelry, she lights up whatever room she is in. During her tenure with Impact Austin, Lorene has played an active role serving on a Focus Area Committee, the Membership Committee and as President of the Board of Directors. She says she's inspired by the effect the organization has on the greater Austin Community.



Lorene Phillips

Read more about Lorene, her work with Impact Austin and other pursuits. [READ MORE](#)

## Girls Giving Grants Update:

### Recruiting New Members for 2015-2016

Girls Giving Grants (g3), Impact Austin's youth initiative, has had a very busy summer and great things are happening for them. The Girl's School of Austin (GSA) has generously offered in-kind meeting space, and so g3 will be gathering at the GSA campus this year.



g3 members and advisors attend a recent annual meeting.

But that isn't the end of the good news! G3 is [recruiting for its upcoming grant year](#), and now is the time to join. Spread the word to young women from 8th-12th grade about Girls Giving Grants and the fun they can have doing good in their community. Membership applications are due September 27.

Learn more about what it means to be a member of g3 and download a membership application [HERE](#).

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