



NEWS



Donna Benson-Chan
Executive Director

Dear Members & Friends,

Join Impact Austin for 2017.....Experience the Exponential Power of Collective Giving!

In Central Texas, we are known as the "on ramp" to philanthropy for women from all walks of life with the desire to give, a hunger to learn and an interest in the exponential power of collective giving. We are a place for women to connect, learn, share ideas and collaborate to support organizations serving our community. Our members have the opportunity to become engaged in our community by getting involved in our grant-making process,

learning from thought-leaders and gaining an understanding of our unique nonprofit landscape.

We invite you and all women interested in experiencing the power of exponential giving to [join Impact Austin](#) on our philanthropic journey and to become a member of Impact Austin for 2017.

Our friends at San Diego Women's Foundation put it best in their slogan... "Women can do more than Woman."

Sincerely,
Donna Benson-Chan



Impact Austin Honored for Outstanding Philanthropic Work

The Greater Austin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) recently recognized Impact Austin as the Outstanding Philanthropic Organization of the Year. Now in its 20th year, this prestigious award recognizes proven, outstanding philanthropic commitment and community involvement. Impact Austin will be honored at AFP's Philanthropy Day luncheon in February. Read the news release [here](#).



\$10,000 Grand Awarded to Impact Austin as Tribute to Member Sara Pantin

Massachusetts Mutual Insurance Company (MassMutual) has awarded a \$10,000 grant to Impact Austin in honor of Sara Pantin, Impact Austin Board of Directors Secretary and financial advisor with MassMutual. The award will support Impact Austin's efforts to improve the quality of life in the greater Austin community. Read more about Sara Pantin's impact and the MassMutual award [here](#).



Sara Pantin
Secretary
Board of Directors

Members, This Season, Give the Best Gifts: our Time and Talents

In just a few weeks, Impact Austin will be in full swing with the grant review process for 2017. Serving on a Grant Review Committee is one of the most meaningful ways to participate in Impact Austin, learn about the needs in our community and experience our grant review protocols. Impact Austin members can sign up now and have a voice in the most important decisions we make all year!



Looking for another type of volunteer opportunity? Consider serving on a standing committee that helps direct Impact Austin throughout the year. Marketing, Membership, Technology and Events committees would love to hear from you.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities [here](#).

Speakers Bureau Gets the Word Out

Responding to requests for members to speak to various community audiences, Impact Austin formalized its Speakers Bureau and officially launched operations this spring. The Bureau is eager to address community audiences about the benefits of collective giving and the contributions Impact Austin has made using national best practices.



Speakers Bureau
presenters Diana Maldonado
and Jacquie Shillis

Need a speaker for an upcoming event? Let the Bureau know. Speakers are knowledgeable, trained, on-message and ready to support your event! Contact [Marisa Bushee](#) for more details.

Spotlight on Member Martha Salazar

Long-time member Martha Salazar is a big fan of Impact Austin's grant review process and this year also is serving on its Membership Committee. In addition to her efforts for Impact Austin, Martha works

full-time for the Texas Department of State Health Services and is an active member of her church. Find out more about this [energetic and enthusiastic woman!](#)



Fun Fact: A Year in the Life.....

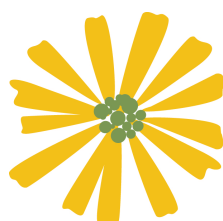
of Impact Austin begins in July. Our fiscal year 2017 runs from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 and year end is marked with our Annual Meeting and grant award ceremony. Membership runs on the same schedule. It can be a little confusing, but now you know!



Laura Kane counts ballots at the Annual Meeting

Spotlight on Community Partner VSA Body Shift

Impact Austin 2015 grant recipient VSA Texas fosters a community inclusive of individuals with all levels of ability. For over 10 years, VSA Texas has collaborated with Forklift Danceworks to create a nationally unique program in the world of mixed-ability improvisational dance through "Body Shift". Body Shift offers classes and workshops that provide a welcoming environment, empowering people of all abilities to embrace dancing in their own ways. This inspirational video tells [more](#).



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