

Austin-based group gives its first grant to children's shelter

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A newly formed philanthropic group of Austin teenagers is giving out its first grant to its first charity.

The Austin Children's Shelter received \$2100 from Girls Giving Grants.

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Twenty-one youngsters each raised \$100 and then researched non-profits before deciding who would be given the donation.

The Austin Children's Shelter will be spending the money on back-to-school clothes for the young victims of abuse staying at the shelter temporarily.

"The message that it sends to our clients is that they're valuable, they're deserving of what anybody else would be deserving of and people believe in them so it does make a difference," said Gena Van Osselaer of the Austin Children's Shelter.

Girls Giving Grants said it is seeking out new members for the start of the fall semester.

Anyone who has questions or would like more information can go to <http://www.girlsgivinggrants.org/>.

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