



NEWS

For Extraordinary Members



Mark Your Calendar

Community Membership Coffees

Monday, September 19th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
State Theatre
719 Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701 ([map](#))
[Click Here to Register](#)

Thursday, September 22nd
6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Collectic Home
Austin's Upscale Interior
Showroom
2785 Bee Cave Road
Austin, TX 78746 ([map](#))
[Click Here to Register](#)

Thursday, October 6th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Harden Healthcare
1703 West 5th Street
Austin, TX 78703 ([map](#))
[Click Here to Register](#)

Tuesday, October 11th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Le Patisserie Bakery
602 West Annie Street
Austin, TX 78704 ([map](#))
[Click Here to Register](#)

Wednesday, October 12th
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sikara Jewelry
706 Rio Grande
Austin, TX 78701 ([map](#))
[Click Here to Register](#)

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5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Emmis Austin Radio

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Membership Update

The New Numbers to Look for This Year!



Our goal is 500 women joining together to make an IMPACT on our community through five high-impact grants. We are asking all new and returning members to please pay their membership donation by 11.11.11.

EXCITING NEWS! Becoming a member and donating to Impact Austin are now [available ONLINE](#) !

[11.11.11 FAQs](#)

Station Office
 8308 North IH-35
 Austin, TX 78753 ([map](#))
[Click Here to Register](#)

Speaker Series
A musical conversation with Craig Hella Johnson and Eliza Gilkyson
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
7:00 p.m.
 Congregation Agudas Achim
 7300 Hart Lane
 Austin, TX 78731
 **Registration fee: \$25 members/
 \$35 non-members (\$2 credit card fee) includes a CD from both artist**
[Click Here to Register](#)

Executive Director Message



Elizabeth Fitzgerald
 Executive Director

"We are in community each time we find a place where we belong."

I heard this quote this week and it really rang true with me for many reasons.

Community has come to mean many things over my life, but the word has become more defined for me lately personally and professionally.

September can be a hard month for my family. My husband and I lost our first son on September 28th, 2006, shortly after birth and a year later on September 27th, 2007, we lost our second son when I was 15 weeks pregnant. September 11th brings back memories for all of us. I remember frantically calling friends

It's Coffee Season!

In June, the women of Impact Austin extended five \$108,400 grants to five different Central Texas non-profits. These high-impact grants will positively transform countless lives in the Austin area. Impact Austin has now extended 30 grants for a total of \$3,154,000 since 2004. Members - this is an exciting time to share your Impact Austin story with a friend and bring her to a Membership Coffee. Or, if you're not already a member, we invite you to come learn more about our organization and to meet some of our members and Community Partners. We're kicking off our fall membership coffee calendar at the **State Theatre**. We hope to see you there!

Monday, September 19th
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
The State Theatre
 719 Congress Ave.
 Austin, TX 78701

** Prior to 6 p.m., parking is available for a fee at the One American Center, located at 600 Congress Avenue (on 7th Street, West of Congress Avenue). Another option is for guests to find street parking or use the InterContinental Stephen F. Austin Hotel valet (\$15 per car).**

[Click Here to Register](#)

All of our scheduled Membership Community Coffees are listed in the upper left-hand column of this newsletter in the **Mark Your Calendar** section. Please choose the one that works with your schedule and register today! We also have In-Home Coffees at our Members' homes this fall. These are listed in our [Event Calendar](#). If you would like to attend an In-Home Coffee, please contact Liz Fitzgerald at efitzgerald@impact-austin.org for details.



Amy Mills from Emancipet spoke at our summer coffee at Collectic Home

and family in Washington, DC, and New York to make sure they were safe and watching the horrible events unfold on TV. This year Central Texas has been ravaged by wildfires, and my hometown suffered a hurricane and earthquake. I have talked to Impact Austin members who have suffered losses in their family, endured surgeries, divorce and illness.

How do we make it through all of these things? For many of us it has been community, the community of friends, community of family, community of our places of worship, and community of nonprofits.

I have found a new community in Impact Austin. Women who are so dedicated to making a difference in their community truly make you want to belong. I had the opportunity to attend the Girls Giving Grants service project at People's Community Clinic, where the girls assembled 50 baby baskets for teen mothers. The girls were so excited to see their dollars at work and to learn about the Impact they were making on the community. After the event, I headed to Whole Foods to do my weekend grocery shopping. When I checked out at the register the clerk laughed and said, "Hey Liz, where have you been today with your name tag!" After sheepishly removing my name tag, I explained to her about Impact Austin and the Girls Giving Grants project, and she began to get a little teary. She said that 15 years ago she was a teen mom. Without the help of People's Community Clinic she would have not made it. She proudly said that she and her daughter were doing very well. I was so PROUD to be a part of Impact Austin and could not wait to get home and tell my family.

So this September, I plan to embrace community even more! On September 11th, I attended a baby shower for friends (and an Impact Austin member) who recently brought home their daughter through the miracle of adoption. In honor of our daughter and in memory of our children, my family will celebrate September by giving back to our community in our children's name through the necklace/support program we have started for women who lose a child during pregnancy. I will continue to work hard for Impact

We still need members to host and/or speak at membership coffees in September, October, and November! Please contact Liz Fitzgerald at efitzgerald@impact-austin.org for more information.

In Memory of Susan Noble

Please join us for a "Life is Good" celebration of her life!



When: Sunday, September 25, 2011
3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Where: Mosaic at Mueller Apartments (Community Room)
4600 Mueller Road, Austin, TX 78723

Please RSVP: by Friday, September 23rd to Rebecca Powers at rpowers@impact-austin.org

Feel free to wear Packer **GREEN** and **GOLD** in honor of Susan's favorite NFL team. Please come with stories to share about Susan...we'll have fun...just as she requested!

Save The Date

2011 Speaker Series

"Opening our Hearts as We Build Community"

Please join your fellow Impact Austin members and friends for a musical conversation with...

Austin to help women achieve their connection to the community by making an Impact.

We will celebrate community to the fullest because this is where we belong!

Sincerely,
Liz

Volunteer Opportunities

The Impact Austin marketing committee needs YOU! We are looking for a member who is interested in assisting with **Print Publications**. This role includes, but is not limited to, design and printing of our Annual Brochure and Annual Report, as well as programs for our major events: Speaker Series, Discovery Day, and Annual Meeting. For questions or more information about this opportunity, please contact Laura Green, Marketing Chair, at lgreen@impact-austin.org.

We also encourage members interested in Impact Austin volunteer opportunities to [sign up online](#), and let us know your interests and skills!

Connect with Us

We invite you to visit us online at www.impact-austin.org and connect with Impact Austin's social media community. This is a great way to keep in touch with other Impact Austin members and stay up-to-date on our current events. Please join us on:

Find us on [Facebook](#)

View our profile on [LinkedIn](#)

Follow us on [Twitter](#)

View our videos on [YouTube](#)

Sign up to [volunteer](#).

And don't forget to check out [Rebecca's Blog](#).



Eliza Gilkyson, Singer/ Songwriter
www.elizagilkyson.com
Photo by Mary Bruton



Craig Hella Johnson, Conspirare
Artistic Director
www.craighellajohnson.com

Tuesday, October 25, 2011
7:00 p.m.
Congregation Agudas Achim
7300 Hart Lane
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[Map](#)

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In Your Mailbox

On September 16th, we are mailing our **Annual Brochure and Letter** to members. Be on the lookout for this in your mailbox next week. Also, please consider passing the brochure along to a friend you think may be interested in learning more about Impact Austin.

Our Mission

We're a progressive leader in women's philanthropy, bringing new resources to the community and making philanthropy accessible. Through high-impact grant making, we engage, develop and inspire women to effect positive change.

Our Vision

Our vision is that our women are inspirational role models reaching their full giving potential for a better quality of life in our community. We will ensure our long-term sustainability by tapping into the talents of our members and building Impact Austin from the "inside out."

Our Values

Transparency - We are an open book.

Excellence - We are thorough, professional and go above and beyond.

Inclusiveness - We are open to all women.

Democracy - Each member has an equal voice.

Integrity - We are honest and ethical.

Respect - We consider the impact of our words and actions on others.

Accountability - We say what we're going to do and we do it.

Innovation - We are creative, but prudent risk-takers.

Continuous Improvement - Through feedback and other input, we are always improving.

****Admission is \$25 for members/ \$35 for non-members (plus a \$2 credit card fee) and includes a CD from both artists****

Eliza and Craig will share a vibrant and engaging dialogue about what is of great value to them, how to support the building of community and the experience of music as a transformational language. They will talk, sing and play songs and tell stories from their own creative life paths.

Though different in style and approach, they blend their unique talents as they take each audience member on a musical journey that stirs the heart. They will create an atmosphere of 'community' full of laughter and maybe a few tears...

Girls Giving Grants (G3) Update

G3 Kicks Off Its 7th Year!

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 September 2011 through April 2012. G3 members are eligible to receive up to 30 hours community service credit through their participation in Girls Giving Grants.



The g3 leadership team volunteered at People's Community Clinic for their leadership retreat in August. They assembled the safety essentials care packages for teen mothers, which was the project their funds paid for.

If your daughter, or someone you know is interested in joining g3, please contact Dina Mavridis at dmavridis@girlsgivinggrants.org.

Membership Deadline is September 23rd!

For more information, visit www.girlsgivinggrants.org.

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