October 2003

Celebrations!

Membership Update

We now have 55 women who have made the commitment to join Impact Austin. If you have said "count me in" but have not yet sent in your money, please visit our website; print our Membership Information Form; enclose a $1,000 check and mail it to the address on the form.

Impact Austin Spotlight

A short conversation with Carolyn Henderson, a new Impact Austin member:

Q: Tell us about yourself.
A: "My husband, Ray, and I moved to Austin in 1975. Fairly soon after that we bought Chatleff Controls, a company that manufactures air conditioning components. Our company has grown over the past 25 years

This is your opportunity to meet the other passionate women who have joined Impact Austin. You will receive an invitation in the mail soon!

Grant Focus Area

Other important dates for you to note are for Focus Area Committee orientation on December 4th or 6th. Members who want to serve on any of our five Focus Area Committees (Culture, Health & Wellness, Education, Environment, and Family) must attend an orientation session. The purpose of this session is to give all committee members the information and tools they need to participate effectively in evaluating grant applications. Currently two sessions are scheduled. You may choose to attend either Thursday, December 4th from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. or Saturday, December 6th

Key findings of this report are:

- Forty-four percent of adults volunteer and two-thirds of these volunteers began giving their time when they were young.
- Adults who began volunteering as youth are twice as likely to volunteer as those who did not volunteer when they were younger.
- High school volunteering recently reached the highest levels in the past 50 years.
- In every income and age group, those who volunteered as youth give and volunteer more than those who did not.
- Those who volunteered as
to over 450 employees and we ship goods worldwide. It's still a family business run by Ray and our son Randy."

Q: How have you become involved in Austin and our surrounding communities?

A: "Through our business we have been very involved in supporting the schools in Buda and Hayes counties. We also support the Battered Women's Shelter in San Marcos. Our biggest project has been a work program we established with the Lockhart prison. I now serve on the Texas Youth Commission Industries Program Advisory Committee and have been on the Board of Senior Respite Service and Umlauf Gardens. I was honored to be the first woman member of the Rotary Club of Austin 17 years ago. My claim to fame is that Ray and I have been married for 46 years, have 2 children and 6 grandchildren!"

Q: What about Impact Austin appeals to you?

A: "I made my connection with Impact Austin through a friend and neighbor. I find your approach to community involvement be unique, exciting, and bold!"

The following questions will be answered:

- What is Impact Austin's process and timeframe for evaluating grants?
- What procedures will the committees follow?
- What are Impact Austin's grant guidelines and what kinds of proposals fall within those guidelines?
- What are the important criteria to consider when evaluating a grant application?

To attend an orientation session, you must have submitted a Membership Information Form indicating your choices for committee assignments and your membership fee for this funding year must be paid in full. To register, email grants@impact-austin.org with your name and the date of your preferred orientation session or call us at 512-335-5540.

Impact Austin Believes: Through your involvement in Impact Austin, you will be showing your children the value and results of your individual contribution. Statistics like those from Independent Sector's report have inspired our vision to "teach the next generation the art and importance of giving." One of Impact Austin's future goals is to start a giving group for girls involving smaller contributions but resulting in our shared vision of increased awareness of community needs and in a lifetime commitment to philanthropy. We intend to give not only through our grants but to provide the opportunity for hundreds of involved, committed women philanthropists to mentor the next generation of givers.

Timeline

Sept-Dec: Membership Drive

Jan-May: Grant Submission & Review

Philanthropy Fact

Challenge: If you have youth and whose parents volunteered became the most generous adults in giving time.
Membership Drive

Our membership drive continues, and we are experiencing great results. Impact Austin is growing because passionate women are talking to other passionate women about the opportunity to make an impact in our community. We challenge each of our 55 committed members to bring a friend, neighbor, or family member into our organization. If each of us does that, we will reach our goal of 100 members easily by 12/31/03!

First Member Meeting

Members: Mark your calendars for November 13th at 7:30PM. Anyone who has paid or pledged to pay their $1,000 membership fee by 12/31/03, is invited to join us for our first Member Social Gathering.

Fact: One of the key findings from a report from Youth Service America and Independent Sector illustrates that parents who are involved with the community through giving and volunteering are more likely to inspire their children to do the same.

Process

June 2004: Grant Award

Mark Your Calendar

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Quote of the month:

“Thank you. I’ve been searching for a place where I can feel I’m making a difference. Please let me know how I can participate.”

—Impact Austin member Jeannette Spinelli

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