

## A Note from the Executive Director

Spring has sprung for Impact Austin - and we are in full bloom! The Grants Team and Grant Review Committees spent months diligently reviewing applications, participating in site visits and advancing their philanthropic growth with IA. GRCs made their decisions on finalists and the whole membership is counting the short weeks to vote on four \$100,000 high impact grants (total of \$400,000) at the Annual Meeting on June 3. Make sure to [register](#) for the Annual Meeting soon to reserve your seat!



Quick follow-up to everyone on the Social Innovation Grant pilot development: Save the date for Town Hall Meeting on November 6, 2019 when the full membership will be voting on the finalists for the SIG. The Social Innovation Grant GRC's sign-up opportunity will open the evening of the Annual Meeting. All current 2019 and 2020 members are eligible to apply to serve on the SIG GRC (space will be limited), and additionally, will be eligible to vote on the SIG at the Town Hall this Fall.

On a personal note: As Executive Director of our incredible women's collective giving organization, I believe that our diversity can help all of us better understand and address the issues facing our community. Impact Austin's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee is meeting regularly to develop measures aimed at ensuring that our membership and leadership proudly reflect the many faces, cultures and walks of life that make up our society. I am grateful to the women of the DEI Committee for their time and expertise - and for bringing me along on this philanthropic journey of understanding how I myself can be more inclusive and more empathetic as we engage new members.

And for a special shout out: Thank you to IA member Libby Doggett for hosting a beautiful event in her charming home for prospective members this April. If you are interested in hosting a membership recruitment party, please [email me](#). From happy hours to "coffees" to open houses at your homes or offices, our IA members throw the best recruitment events to bring new women into our IA sisterhood of collective giving!

In sisterhood,  
Christina

P.S. As a reminder, Annual Meeting is a great opportunity to renew your IA membership - and there are fantastic prizes and waived credit card fees for everyone who pays their 2020 dues at AM! See you on June 3!

## Member Vote is Next

After four months of diligent review and deliberations, our Grant Review Committees have narrowed down 89 Program Grant submissions and 28 Catalyst Grant submissions to two finalists in each category. Find out more detail in our [Newsroom](#). Each Impact Austin member will be invited to vote among these finalists for 2019 Community Partners. More information about the voting process and about each grant finalist and project will be emailed to members on May 22. Congratulations to the 2019 Impact Austin Grant Finalists, and thank you to our Committee members, chairs and advisors for all their work. Now we look forward to an exciting and rewarding Annual Meeting!



## Please register for the Annual Meeting

If you have not yet registered for the Annual Meeting, please take a moment to do so [HERE](#). Then join us on June 3rd to meet the nonprofit finalists personally and cast your vote - by TEXT! Please bring a charged cell phone to the meeting to participate in our new voting process. For more information, click [HERE](#).

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## g3 Votes Largest Award Ever

### \$8,800 to The Refuge for DMST

Girls Giving Grants (g3) have voted to award their largest grant in its history, \$8,800, to the Refuge for DMST (Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking). The g3 team reviewed 42 applications for funding, selected seven semi-finalists for closer evaluation, and conducted two site visits. "It was a difficult decision, but we are thrilled to announce that our 2019 grant will be awarded to the Refuge for DMST," said Haley Justiz, g3's 2018-19 president and a senior at St. Andrew's Episcopal School. "This nonprofit provides restorative care to girls who have been exploited through sex trafficking. Our \$8,800 grant will help fund the SEE Program, which helps integrate the girls back into society through fun and educational field trips. We were especially impressed with the Refuge's attention to detail and emphasis on the girls' safety. We are so proud of the amazing work the Refuge is doing and are excited to join them in making an impact!" Read more in our [Newsroom](#).



g3 is comprised of 88 young women in grades 8-12, from 22 area schools, who each donated \$100 to create a meaningful grant and award it to a Central Texas nonprofit of their choice. g3 is a model of collective giving designed by Impact Austin to educate and engage young philanthropists. Girls Giving Grants [registration](#) is now open for 2019-2020.

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## Check Presentation Ceremony

June 10, 10:00 AM, Austin City Hall

Save the date for our 2019 Check Presentation Ceremony at Austin City Hall. Join together to celebrate our new Community Partners in a very public way. Photo opportunities abound! Event details will be sent by email and posted to our website on June 4. Join us!



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## 2019 Social Innovation Grant

## Impact Incubator Launch

[Robin Loving](#), our Leadership Austin Fellow, and SIG Co-Chair [Jessica Odeyemi](#), are well on their way to making this first Social Innovation Grant a reality. Read more about some of the initial data collected and further research underway in Robin's [blog post](#). Also listed in the blog is the contact info for our dynamic co-chairs, who would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining this exciting committee as it charts a new course for this type of grant.



Meet Robin (left) & Jessica (right)

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## Member Journey

### Call for Volunteers!

The Member Journey team is dreaming big about enhancing the member experience - from recruitment through on-boarding, mentoring, engagement and renewal. It's an ambitious undertaking and we need your help! Please take a moment to complete this [volunteer form](#). We're a fun team with a lot of opportunities, big and small. We have something for everyone! If you have questions please contact Member Journey Chair [Stacey Vicari](#).



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## Thank You 2019 Empowerment Partners

Empowerment Partners support a full year of Impact Austin programming and events. Familiar names to us, they are philanthropic businesses in Greater Austin whose generosity empowers our community impact. To that end, we thank [Blackbaud](#), [Silicon Hills Wealth Management](#), [Moreland Properties](#), and [Dochan Realtors](#). We're proud to name the owners and partners within those businesses who are also Impact Austin members: Pam Friedman, Emily Moreland, Carol Dochon, and Katie Dochon. We appreciate your investments in Impact Austin.



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## On the Calendar

### Important Dates

**June 3** - Annual Meeting

**June 10** - Check Presentation Ceremony at City Hall

**November 6** - Town Hall Meeting / Vote for Social Innovation Grant

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## Follow and Promote us on Social Media

When you "like" and "tag" and repost our social media posts, you help to promote Impact Austin to a wider audience and potential members. Please **#JoinImpactAustin** on your social media platforms!



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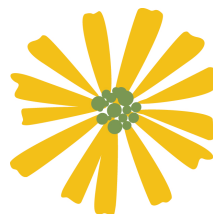
Aside from emails like this, we have a team of amazing individuals who work hard to always keep you up to date with what is happening at Impact Austin. If you have not been to our blog lately, now is a great time to take another look! [HERE](#) you will find event info, press releases, member profiles and so much more!

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## We're Listening

We'd love to hear from you...what do you want to learn more about? What type of information is useful for you? Contact us at [contact@impactaustin.org](mailto:contact@impactaustin.org).

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