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## **Girls Giving Grants, Austin's Leading Youth Philanthropy, Announces \$6,000 2014 Grant**

AUSTIN, TX - Girls Giving Grants is celebrating its tenth year and a membership of 60 girls strong with the announcement of Girls Giving Grants 2014 grant award of \$6,000.

Girls Giving Grants is the only all-girl, grant-making cooperative in Austin that is fully funded and operated by its young members. Members have complete ownership—from funding the grant themselves, to reviewing the grant applications, and finally, making the award.

Melissa Porter, current g3 President stated the following regarding last year's grant recipient: "There are so many things people take for granted in their everyday lives, and Helping Hands Home for Children pointed out just one: the privilege of having brand-new clothes that fit. The children that arrive at Helping Hands Home often do so with their only clothes and possessions held in a small plastic bag. The Kids Closet Program provides these children with what might be the first new, well-fitted clothes they've ever had. It succeeds at making these severely abused children feel safe, secure, and confident as they begin to acclimate to the regular childhood many take for granted. Girls Giving Grants was honored to recognize the importance and achievement of the program by awarding our \$5,200 dollar grant to it, and we salute the incredible staff of the Helping Hands Home for Children in gratitude for everything they've done for the children that come their way."

Kicking off the 2015 grant season, Girls Giving Grants is soliciting proposals from area nonprofit organizations that are interested in applying for the 2015 grant. To be eligible, programs or projects must benefit youth within Travis, Hays, Bastrop and/or Williamson counties and with the purpose of strengthening, improving, enhancing, and positively impacting the lives of children and youth in the greater Austin area. To be eligible for a grant, an organization must be classified as a public charity with a tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) and 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

"The young women of Girls Giving Grants are truly inspirational", said Girls Giving Grants Director Dina Mavridis. "Our girls are excited to learn about the needs of our community and to help in every way they can, starting with their collective grant of \$6,000."

Earlier this year, Girls Giving Grants selected Helping Hand Home for Children as its 2014 grant award recipient.

Vanessa Davila, Grant and Program Research Manager for Helping Hand Home for Children said, "Thanks to the girls' generosity, the children of Helping Hand Home will continue to have new, well-fitted, and seasonally appropriate clothes and shoes. The children and Helping Hand Home thank G3 for their support!"

Girls Giving Grants will accept proposals until October 24, 2014, and will award the grant in April 2015. For more information about eligibility and how to submit a proposal, please visit the Girls Giving Grants website at [impactaustin.org/girls-giving-grants](http://impactaustin.org/girls-giving-grants).

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**Girls Giving Grants**

Girls Giving Grants is the youth extension of Impact Austin. Impact Austin is a 501(c)(3) public charity made up of women seeking to transform lives in the Austin area through high-impact and lifelong giving. In 2014, Impact Austin awarded \$500,000 to five area nonprofits. For more information, visit [www.impactaustin.org](http://www.impactaustin.org).