



NEWS

For Extraordinary Members



Mark Your Calendar

Discovery Day

Saturday, January 7, 2012

8:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

St. David's Episcopal Church

301 East 8th Street

Austin, TX 78701

[Click Here to Register](#)

Focus Area Committee (FAC) Orientation

(For members who plan to participate on an FAC in 2012 and have not participated on an FAC in the past. Returning members are welcome, too!)

Thursday, January 5th, 2012

- Time and Place TBD

Tuesday, January 10th, 2012

- Time and Place TBD

*Contact Connie Lawyer at

clawyer@impact-austin.org to RSVP or

for more information*

Executive Director Message



Elizabeth Fitzgerald
Executive Director

Happy Holidays!

I cannot believe it is already December!

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Membership Update

It's Not Too Late to MAKE AN IMPACT!

A BIG thank you to all of you who have made your membership donation for 2012. We are ready for an exciting year!

We have 32 members to go in order to reach our goal of 500 members by 12/31/2011.

There are still several ways to join and make your membership donation:

1. Meet with [Liz](#) 1x1.
2. [Pay your membership online.](#)
3. Mail in your check to:
Impact Austin
P.O. Box 28148
Austin, TX 78755
4. Meet Liz at membership donation drop off locations:
Thursday, December 22nd
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Lola Savannah's Coffee

Everywhere I turn people are buzzing about getting ready for the holidays. Have you sent your holiday cards? Have you finished your shopping?

I recently looked up holiday gift suggestions and came across this list:

Holidays gift suggestions: "To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect."

This was an excellent reminder to me what is really important. When I really think back on the most memorable holidays they usually involve my family, friends or giving back to the community. My family was involved with a local homeless shelter in Richmond, Virginia. I can remember the wonderful feeling that I had when my family and neighbors went caroling at the shelter. The look on women and children's faces was a picture of the holiday spirit.

What is so exciting to me about Impact Austin membership is that it embodies the holiday spirit all year long. You are celebrating the season by giving hope, support and inspiration to someone who really needs it. You can change the shape of a nonprofit with an Impact Austin grant; you can change the life of a family or an animal in need with your gift. This gift, I believe, is also a gift that you give to yourself. As a member you are learning about your community, meeting other amazing women and making an IMPACT right here in your backyard!

So if you have made your Impact Austin membership donation for 2012, consider your holiday shopping complete! If not, I hope you will consider making a gift to yourself and to all!

I hope you all have a very Happy Holiday and wish you and your family the best for the New Year.

Kindly,
Liz

Volunteer

Volunteer Updates:

Thank you!

- **Katherine Weaver** is retiring from her position as Executive Administrator. Many thanks to Kathrine for all her hard work and dedication!!

- **Anne Webster** is retiring from her position in marketing. Many thanks to Anne for her amazing work.

- **Stacie Butler** is retiring from her position in marketing. Many thanks to Stacie for her hard work.

6317 Bee Cave Road
Austin, TX 78746

- or -

Friday, December 30th

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Starbucks

2727 Exposition Boulevard

Austin, TX 78703

If you have already committed to joining Impact Austin for 2012, but have not yet paid your membership donation, please remember to do so by 12/31/2011.

Questions? Contact Liz Fitzgerald at efitzgerald@impact-austin.org.

Discovery Day 2012

Register Now!

Please join us for another fact-filled Discovery Day as we kick off 2012. This is one of Impact Austin's signature events.

We will learn from community leaders and enhance our knowledge of the critical issues impacting Central Texas. Speakers will share their insights about challenges and trends in each of our five grant-making focus areas. This event is open to all members, and each member is welcome to invite a friend to introduce them to Impact Austin.

New this year, for those that wish to continue the dialogue of the morning and build friendships with fellow Impact Austin members, we are organizing an optional luncheon at Ancho's, the restaurant at the Omni Hotel directly across the street from St. David's. (Dutch Treat).

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Schedule:

8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Networking, breakfast tacos, fruit and beverages

Meet Liz Fitzgerald, Impact Austin's new Executive Director

8:30 - 8:40 a.m.

Opening remarks and membership attainment

8:40 - 9:20 a.m.

Vinay Bhagat, Founder and Chief Strategy Officer of Convio

Speaker Topic: Demographics

Welcome and thank you!

- **Rebekah Bonde**, a new member, will be Impact Austin's Financial Administrator
- **Mary McGovern** will be the Executive Administrator
- **Angela Kraybill**, a new member, will be the Committee Cabinet Chair for Fund Development
- **Babs Haller**, a new member, will be the lead on Impact Austin's website and print publications
- **Dawn Skinner** will lead "Impact Austin on the Move"
- **Freda Voelker** will lead the new "Impact Austin Volunteer Days"

Volunteer Opportunities:

[Email Liz](mailto:Liz@impactaustin.org) or sign up here:
<https://www.ckodm.com/impactaustin/>
 Username: volunteer2011
 Password: volunteer2011

MEMBERSHIP

- Chair for **Corporate Recruitment** (2012)
- Chair for **Speaker Series** (October 2012)
 - Committee members
- Chair for **Annual Meeting** (June 2012)
 - Committee members
- Chair for **Town Hall** (Spring 2012)
 - Committee members
- Impact Austin **Community Partner Volunteer Days** Chair (2012)
 - Committee members
- **Impact Austin on the Move** committee members (Spring 2012)
- **Volunteer Administration** committee (ongoing)

FUND DEVELOPMENT (Ongoing)

- Need **Committee members**

MARKETING

- **Content and Communications** Manager (among other things, this person is responsible for the annual brochure and annual report)
- **E-communications** (newsletters, event invitations, and any other email communications)
- **Videographer**

ADMIN

- **Document Retention** Chair

Tax Receipts

Thank you for all of you who have made a donation to Impact Austin in 2011. If you mailed in a check, you will receive a tax receipt from Impact Austin by Jan 31, 2012. This year, Impact Austin members and donors have been able to

9:25 - 9:55 a.m.

Dr. King Davis, Robert Lee Sutherland Chair in Mental Health and Social Policy at the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work

Speaker Topic: Health & Wellness

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Brewster McCracken, Executive Director of Pecan Street Inc.

Speaker Topic: Environment

10:30 - 10:50 a.m. Break and Networking

10:50 - 11:20 a.m.

Meria Joel Carstarphen, Ed.D, Superintendent of Austin Independent School District (AISD)

Speaker Topic: Education

11:25 - 11:55 a.m.

Senior Judge Jeanne Meurer, 98th Judicial District Court of Travis County

Speaker Topic: Family

12:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Megan Crigger, Acting Cultural Arts Division Manager of the City of Austin

Speaker Topic: Culture

12:30 p.m.

Closing remarks

Invitation to continue the dialogue over lunch at Ancho's restaurant and build friendships with Impact Austin members

12:45 p.m.

Adjourn

Grants Update

Recap of the 7th Annual Nonprofit Workshop

Impact Austin held its seventh annual workshop for Austin area nonprofits on November 14th at the Goodwill Community Center. Ninety-two representatives of local nonprofits learned about Impact Austin - who we are, the grant process, eligibility guidelines, 5 focus areas and how key criteria submissions are evaluated. Emancipet's Executive Director and Impact Austin member, Amy Mills, spoke about her agency's experience as an Impact Austin applicant and their success in becoming one of our 2005 Community Partners.

make donations online. Online donations have been facilitated by Network for Good, which then distributed your donation to Impact Austin. If you made your donation online, you should have immediately received an emailed tax receipt from Network for Good. If you did not receive this receipt, or if you have questions about your online donation, please contact a customer service representative at support@networkforgood.org.

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](#).

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



Participants of the 2011 Nonprofit Workshop

The final segment of the workshop included table discussions facilitated by Impact Austin members who have led a Focus Area Committee. These small group discussions have become the most valuable aspect of the workshop to the attendees. They allow the non-profits to ask questions in a more intimate setting and get answers from Impact Austin members who are experienced participants in the FAC process.

Special thanks to the following:

- Goodwill for the use of their lovely conference facilities
- Amy Mills for an outstanding presentation on the Impact Austin grant process from a Community Partner's perspective
- Impact Austin members Susan Blount, Gloria Brown-Oliver, Chris Caver, Melissa Gray, Kimberly Hieber, Cynthia Hoff, Ally Kirk, Connie Lawyer, Holly Moore, Holly Reneau, Suzy Rowley, Nikki Sikes and Liz Fitzgerald, Executive Director for helping with registration, greeting our guests and serving as Table Captains for the small group discussions.

Impact Through Involvement

Learn About Impact Austin's Grant Process

Are you interested in learning about Impact Austin's grant giving process? This exciting process will drive the selection of finalists for Impact Austin's Annual Meeting in June where members will vote for our 2012 Community Partners. An overview of the process will be offered during two orientation sessions in January prior to the first meetings of the Focus Area Committees. Both new and returning members are invited to attend.

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, select one of the dates and locations in the "Mark Your Calendar" section in the left-hand column of this newsletter and register with Connie Lawyer at clawyer@impact-austin.org.

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.

Girls Giving Grants

Seven Years and Going Strong!

Girls Giving Grants (G3) is in its seventh year of collective giving. There are 57 members this year from over 15 middle schools and high schools as well as six dedicated adult leaders. Thirty-four Community Partners applied for their grant this year and in April, one of them will be awarded \$5700. The girls began reviewing the grant applications in November. Last year's grant recipient was People's Community Clinic.



Application Review Committee working hard

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