

A Note from the Executive Director

This newsletter comes to you on Valentine's Day, a perfect time to share my love for this organization and you, our members. You've made possible 83 grants to 60 organizations, nearly \$7 million in total grantmaking, and new grants to announce in June! Oh, my heart!

I am also sharing some love for Impact Austin sponsors. They are the members and businesses that give above and beyond a membership fee to support our infrastructure and Signature Events. Why?

As one of our first Annual Sponsors and more recently a Town Hall Sponsor, Pam Friedman with Silicon Hills Wealth Management eloquently shares her "[Why Impact Austin](#)."



Christina Gorczynski

We are now inviting sponsors to our [Annual Meeting](#). This year's event on June 8 will include the check presentations to our newly-announced Community Partners, so our sponsors will be part of a new brand of excitement! Several [sponsorship levels](#) are available, and all support is warmly embraced.

Sending Valentine's love to each of you and thanking you for the gifts you share,

Christina Gorczynski
Executive Director

Discovery Day 2020

Impact Austin's Discovery Day on January 25 offered a morning full of learning and engagement. We started with a deep-dive into our mission, vision and values, and an exploration of why diversity, equity and inclusion should play such a huge role in our organization and work.

Next, Dr. Edward Burger, President and CEO of St. David's Foundation, shared his thoughts on how we can all be more effective thinkers by elevating our understanding of matters at hand and learning from success *and failures*. Our closing panel offered recent developments in IA's grant focus areas, key considerations in our grant review process.



Panel Discussion on
Community Needs

Christina Gorczynski reflects, "We are still glowing from Discovery Day's positive energy! Many of you have shared the nuggets of wisdom you gained or told me about the new friends you met. In turn, I loved spending time with *you*, a talented, motivated group of

women with a shared passion for doing good. Thank you for prioritizing Impact Austin on a Saturday in January!"

We invite you to learn more about Discovery Day on our [blog](#) and look through our [Facebook photo album](#) from that special day.

g3 Identifies Grant Finalists



Girls Giving Grants (g3) met February 9 to narrow the focus for their \$10,300 grant. From 36 applications received in the fall, g3 members selected 8 semi-finalists in January. Deeper review and presentations among the members culminated in a membership vote for two finalists: Friends of the Children Austin; and Mother's Milk Bank in Austin.

Site visits to the finalists will be conducted on April 4, after which Girls Giving Grants will vote for their 2020 grant recipient. Find out all the details on our [blog](#).

Amplify Austin to Support Girls Giving Grants

Once again your gifts to Impact Austin through #AmplifyATX will directly benefit Girls Giving Grants. We ask for your support during this annual day of giving on March 5-6 so we can lend a hand to these inspiring young women who are working to become generous and informed givers and grantmakers. For a look at how g3 has shaped the lives of its alumnae, read our [blog](#) featuring several former g3 members.

This year, Amplify donations will fund scholarships for girls who couldn't otherwise participate, educational materials and grant software, and overall operations of this wonderful group. If you just can't wait, you can even give now on our [Amplify page](#).



If you want to amplify your own impact, share our [Amplify page](#) on your social media outlets and make sure to tag us!

Impact Austin Grant Review Moves to Next Phase

All Grant Review Committees (GRCs) have advanced Impact Austin's grantmaking to a deeper review of select applicants.

From 94 Letters of Inquiry (LOIs), [16 nonprofits have been invited](#) to submit full proposals for three Program Grants of \$100,000 each. Applications for the Community Grant, Education Grant, and Health and Well-Being Grant will be due February 21.



Members of the Education GRC

Impact Austin received 22 full applications for the \$100,000 Catalyst Grant. [Five organizations have been selected for deep-dive review](#).

Semi-finalists will be identified in late March, with April site visits to follow.

Congratulations to our area nonprofits that are progressing through the grant process.

Be an Impact Austin Sponsor!

Warm thanks to all of our [Annual Sponsors](#) who contributed to our Annual Fund 2020! These contributions ensure the continued success of Impact Austin by investing in our mission: outreach and education programs; communications, technology, and grant management systems; and administration/operations. Learn more about each of our generous Annual Sponsors and available sponsorship opportunities [here](#).

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On the Calendar

Important Dates

Ongoing - Zone Events are happening throughout the year, with several events offered around Austin! [Find a Zone](#) near you!



June 8 - Annual Meeting & Check Presentation Ceremony

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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Check Out Our Blog

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!

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.

