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Empowered women

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Give these women a hand for taking the initiative to improve Central Texas communities.

Thanks to Impact Austin, two charities will be awarded grants of \$100,500 each. The lucky recipients will be selected from five nonprofits among 156 organizations that applied for the grants earlier this year. The finalists are: Ride On Center for Kids; MHMR Community Voicemail; the Institute for Childcare Excellence; Communities in Schools; and Conspirare, a professional chorus.

Rebecca Powers founded Impact Austin in 2003 on the concept that women wanted to make a contribution to the community but couldn't make a major time commitment because of their busy lifestyles.

If 100 women were willing to write checks for \$1,000 each, collectively they could make a difference in the areas of culture, environment, family, education, health and wellness. Powers' organization has brought together women from 13 Central Texas ZIP codes with the goal of raising money.

Last year, Impact Austin awarded \$126,000 to LifeWorks, and it's doubling that effort this year. We're fortunate to have such women in our communities.

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