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From Our Founder



THANK YOU!

Each month, I lead the Committee Cabinet meeting. This is the group of operations leaders that is responsible for furthering our mission every day. These leaders are all volunteers, and they take their responsibilities seriously. They have committee members who support their efforts, and they accomplish great things. Without these women and their dozens of volunteers, the work of Impact Austin would halt. They wholeheartedly embrace our organizational value of 'continuous improvement'. Please visit our website, click on '[about us](#)', and get to know their faces. If you see them at a future event, please say 'thank you'. And, to the hundreds of you who volunteer in some way during the

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Membership Update

November 10th Community Coffee

Fall Recruiting Season officially kicked off on September 14th at our Community Coffee at Sonno Domestic Living at The Back Door to the Trade. Our hostess, Heather Toolin, opened her showroom full of lovely linens, fabrics, furniture and accessories and allowed us to use her venue to spread awareness of Impact Austin. Over 40 Impact Austin members and their friends attended the event. Impact Austin members love to gather and tell their own Impact Austin stories. It was a great night!

year, THANK YOU for your dedication and cheerful support. It's our members who make Impact Austin special...and I appreciate each of you!!

I cannot resist a shameless plug for our member recruitment efforts. Please consider sharing your Impact Austin experience with a friend. One way to introduce women to our organization is to invite them to our Speaker Series on Monday, 10/18. I hope to see you at THE POWER OF HALF!

-Rebecca Powers
Founder and CEO

Mark Your Calendar

Speaker Series

Kevin Salwen,

The Power of Half

October 18, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Congregation Agudas
Achim

\$25 includes book
The Power of Half

Community Coffee

November 10, 2010

6:30 p.m.

Sonno Domestic Living
Back Door to the Trade

Member Orientation

(For current and new members who want to learn more about Impact Austin)

November 11, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Contact Becky Griner at
bgriner@impact-austin.org
for details.

Member Spotlight



The September 2010 Community Coffee at Sonno Domestic Living

The exciting news is that we are going to do it again on November 10th at 6:30 p.m. Please join us for an evening of sharing and recruiting! If you and your friends cannot attend the Community Coffee, please check the Impact Austin website for dates of coffees in our members' homes.

Here are details for the next Community Coffee:

When: Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 p.m.

Where: Sonno Domestic Living
Back Door to the Trade
7301 Burnet Road (Behind Tuesday Morning)

[CLICK HERE TO RSVP](#)



by Jane Chopp



I joined Impact Austin in January '09 and signed up for a Focus Area Committee (FAC). I wanted to meet other members and learn about non-profits in Austin, so I requested and joined the Environmental FAC. Our committee had 30 incredible women who were committed to the FAC process. We broke up into five smaller groups that did extensive research about a non-profit and also did site visits on three of the non-profits. Learning about these companies was very educational and deep friendships were created. I totally enjoyed my experience on a FAC and will definitely sign up again in '10.

My favorite Community Partner is Austin Parks Foundation. Our small FAC did the extensive background on this organization and all of us were passionate about them winning the grant, which they did!!! The organization is a voice for parks! They are committed to building partnerships, advocacy and action for parks in the greater Austin area. Neighborhood parks are blessed to have such a vibrant, action-orientated organization helping them. I would not have discovered my passion for this non-profit without my experience on the FAC. I encourage everyone to sign up!

NEW for FY2011 -We want to know who your favorite Community Partner is and why. The members of Impact Austin

Social time at the first Community Coffee

Please contact Becky Griner at bgriner@impact-austin.org with questions or for additional information. As we approach the holiday season, think of sharing Impact Austin with your friends as the perfect gift you don't even have to wrap!

Save The Date!

Speaker Series: October 18th, 7 p.m. at
Congregation Agudas Achim

The Salwen family has taken an interesting path to help other people. Inspired by then 14-year-old Hannah Salwen's compassion for a homeless man, the Salwens decided to sell their home, downsize to a house half its size, and give half of the sale price to a worthy charity. This began their remarkable journey that transported them across the globe and well out of their comfort zone. In the process, they learned that their common purpose to serve others improved the quality of their relationships.

Impact Austin is delighted to bring Kevin Salwen, co-author of *The Power of Half* to Austin on October 18th, 7 p.m. at Congregation Agudas Achim for the annual Impact Austin Speaker Series. Bring your friends, spouses, kids, and other loved-ones to hear the story of the Salwen family's journey to give back - in a HUGE way! You won't want to miss this emotionally uplifting opportunity - registration is now open and the \$25 registration fee includes a copy of the book!

Last Week to Register!
[Click Here to Register](#)



Kevin Salwen and daughter, Hannah

"Hannah's awakening to social injustice, and her family's ability to make a difference shows how you can redefine the American dream."
-CNN


would love to hear from you!

To share your story, please email Laura Green at newsletter@impact-austin.org

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Find us on Facebook 

View our profile on LinkedIn 

And don't forget to check out [Rebecca's Blog](#)

Impact Through Involvement

Sign Up for Impact Austin's 2011 Focus Area Committees

Are you interested in learning about the grant giving process and the various non-profits serving the needs of our community? Would you like to collaborate with a diverse group of women who are responsible for reviewing Impact Austin grant applications and choosing the finalists our members vote on to receive our funding?

If so, consider participating on a Focus Area Committee (FAC). There are five committees, one for each of the Impact Austin funding areas: culture, education, environment, family and health and wellness. Participation on a FAC requires a time commitment of 40-50 hours beginning mid-January and continuing through mid-May. This commitment includes training, 5-6 committee meetings, individual and team research, 2-3 site visits once semi-finalists are identified and additional work with the finalists prior to the annual meeting. It is a fun and rewarding experience.

Watch for an email in late October providing more information on the FAC sign-up process. Or, for additional information contact Connie Lawyer at clawyer@impact-austin.org.

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