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\$400,000 Awarded to 4 Local Nonprofits by Impact San Antonio

Impact San Antonio awarded \$100,000 each to four nonprofits including Providence Place, Family Service Association, Alpha Home and Bexar County Partners for Youth. The grants were announced during the organization's Grant Award Night on October 19 at the Whitley Theological Center.

"For the first time in Impact SA's history, we have awarded four \$100,000 grants to deserving nonprofits that we know will make an impact in our community," said Beverley McClure, Impact SA president.

Nine finalists were selected from Impact SA's five focus areas: Arts & Culture; Education; Family; Health & Wellness; and Environment, Recreation & Preservation.

Providence Place was awarded in the Education category. The nonprofit will expand and modernize the capability of the Work Training Center to provide hands on transferrable work skills for young adults with disabilities between 18 and 25 years of age. Providing students with needed vocational skills through the Work Training Center will increase their ability for gainful employment and allow them to become self-sufficient and lead independent lives. "These funds will help us provide additional work skills so our students will have greater capacity to have relevant skills in an ever-changing work environment," said Judith Bell, president and CEO.

Family Service Association was awarded in the Family category. "Thanks to the support of IMPACT, Family Service's Kidshare program will continue to keep children safe, strengthen family relationships and break the multi-generational cycles of abuse and violence in our community," said Nancy L. Hard, president and CEO.

Alpha Home was awarded in the Health & Wellness category. The agency plans to restore an existing home which provides residential drug and alcohol rehab for women, 18 years and older. Women in the residential program will have an enhanced quality of life and as a result will remain in residential treatment for a longer period, increasing long term success. "This funding means the children visiting will know their mommies are being helped in a place that feels like home," said CEO Angela White.

Bexar County Partners for Youth was awarded in the Environment, Recreation & Preservation category. Its mission is to promote innovative prevention and intervention programs for the benefit of at-risk children in cooperation with the Bexar County Juvenile Probation Department. Funding will be used to design and build a 1.25 mile wilderness trail that will offer Bexar County children and their families the opportunity to discover the wonders of nature and to support programming that will improve outcomes for at-risk children.

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“The Impact San Antonio grant award has helped fund a public/private partnership which will create a cutting-edge program that will enhance and protect the sensitive ecological nature area of Salado Creek and, at the same time, will promote and allow the healing and therapeutic intervention of the youths most at risk in our community with our successful Children and Horses Always Produce Success Program of Partners of Youth, Inc. That is a win-win for our community,” said Judge Peter Sakai, Chair of the Board of Directors.

The remaining five finalists – Cibolo Nature Center and Farms, Daily Bread Ministries, San Antonio Lifetime Recovery, Texas Diaper Bank, and Westside Development Corporation – will each receive \$16,000 from the remaining balance of the funds.

Impact SA is an all-female philanthropic organization. Women join as members, either individually or in groups up to four, contributing \$1,000 annually with 100 percent of donations pooled to create multiple \$100,000 grants awarded to nonprofits in one of the five focus areas.

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