



August Update

Upcoming Events

Save the date for Grant Award Night



Grant Award Night is the most exciting event of the Impact San Antonio year! Your invitation, event details, and instructions for pre-event online voting for the nonprofit agency projects of your choice will be shared soon. The announcement of our 10 High Impact Grant finalists will be made via e-mail and on our social media platforms on September 9.

New Member Orientation: Reserve Your Spot



Did you become a new member in 2020 or 2021? We are looking forward to getting acquainted with you and sharing more about this great organization of which you are such an important part. Because our in-person event was canceled by Hardberger Park due to the need for urgent repairs at the venue, we've transitioned to a Virtual New Member Orientation -- a great opportunity to get to know other members & learn how Impact SA operates.

Register for *one* of three sessions:

- [Thursday, September 9, 6 p.m.](#)
- [Saturday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.](#)
- [Tuesday, September 14, 6 p.m.](#)

Celebration event postponed

Celebration, at which we honor our members and highlight the work of our grantee agencies, has been postponed from September until early 2022. The uncertainty due to the recent surge in Covid cases has prompted us to put all our energies into planning an exciting and safe Grant Award Night on the evening of October 25.

Government Canyon: Talk, Tacos, & Tour

Saturday morning, October 9: We're happy to be able to reschedule this open-air event after postponing it in 2020. Bring the kids, bring guests, and enjoy Fall colors in this amazing urban natural area -- the largest one in Texas! See the completed amphitheater that our 2018 High Impact Grant helped build! Take a guided nature hike or strike out on your own! Watch for more info.

Help our agencies as a grant recipient liaison



We are seeking 15 Impact San Antonio members who are interested in becoming liaisons for our 2021 grant recipients.

The role begins shortly before Grant Award Night, October 25. Grant recipient liaisons are the primary contacts for our grantee agencies in managing their grants. This is an opportunity to connect with grantees and the community and clients they serve at a detailed level.

Liaisons are stewards of our members' contributions and trusted advocates for our agencies. They are good listeners, organized, thorough and relationship oriented. The role includes **grant management** (use of computer, financial skills, knowledge of purchase orders, invoices, quotes, payments), **agency communication** (in person, phone, email, Zoom), **advocacy**, and assistance with agency's participation in Impact SA **events and marketing**.

A liaison's time commitment varies depending on the complexity and duration of the grantee's project. For High Impact Grants, it is usually less than eight hours per month for two to three years. For Support Grants, it is less than four hours per month for about six months.

Interested? Please send an email to oversight@impactsanantonio.org by August 31.

From the President: Grant Cycle is Our Olympic Relay Team Gold Medal



What does it take to start with more than 150 agency applications, narrow them down to 10 finalists, and then select five to receive \$100,000 High Impact Grants? It requires an Olympic-level relay effort from a group of passionate Impact SA members who've come together with open minds, open hearts, and a commitment to learning from and listening to each other through every step of the process.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Agency update: Young Women's Leadership Academy



When the students returned to the Young Women's Leadership Academy campus on August 9, they had a great bonus awaiting them: for the first time, they had enough laptops for each student to have their own in class. And these were newer, faster machines than the ones they'd been using.

Those 271 new laptops, plus 20 new desktops for the computer labs, were funded by a 2020 High Impact Grant from Impact San Antonio. And according to Ashlee Guerra-Garza, coordinator of admissions and enrichment at the YWLA secondary campus (grades 6-12), they are making a world of difference for the students.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Member profile: Toni Riester Wood



Toni Riester Wood, a longtime San Antonio-area educator, is enjoying her stint as co-chair of the Environment, Recreation & Preservation Grant Review Committee. Here is how she got involved in Impact SA and how she feels the organization benefits our community.

[READ MORE HERE](#)

Suzanna Gonzales Rojas, 1958-2021

Suzanna Rojas, a member of Impact San Antonio since 2018, died on July 17. We offer our condolences to her family. You can read her obituary [here](#).

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