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Impact Austin awards grants

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Impact Austin, a group of local women that pools its money and gives it to local charities, has chosen its five 2009 grants recipients.

Each nonprofit will receive \$102,000, which was funded by the combined \$1,000 donations from Impact Austin's 510 members.

The winning charities are: GENaustin, Ballet East Dance, People's Community Clinic, Capital IDEA and YouthLaunch.

GENaustin, a charity that focuses on building self-confidence in girls, will use the money to fund after-school programs in four middle schools.

Ballet East Dance, which brings theater arts to low-income areas, will build a dance program at East Side Memorial High School.

People's Community Clinic, which provides health care to low-income or uninsured people, will use the money to fund weekly pediatric clinics and a program to increase the number of nursing mothers among their patients.

Capital IDEA, which offers education and career help to low-income people, will use the money to expand their program to rural residents in Central Texas.

YouthLaunch, which provides service programs for young people, will use the money for its Urban Roots program, which offers employment, life and job skills, and service opportunities to under-served youth aged 14-18 in East Austin.

Impact Austin was created in 2004. Since then it has contributed \$2 million to local charities.

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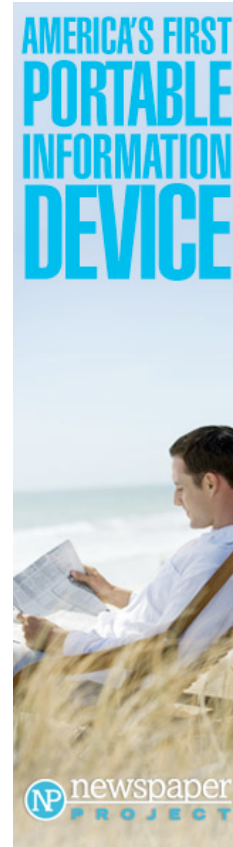
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