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Five local nonprofits have been chosen for **Impact Austin's** 2009 grant cycle.

Impact Austin, a charity consisting of 510 women members who each donate \$1,000 a year, named the following community grant recipients: **GENaustin, Ballet East Dance, People's Community Clinic, Capital IDEA** and **YouthLaunch**.

"When you think that in just six years 20 Austin area nonprofits have received a grant of no less than \$100,000, it makes you stop and realize that the power of collective giving can be life changing for not just one

life, but thousands," said Rebecca Powers, Impact Austin's founder and president.

Each year Impact Austin selects one grant recipient in each of five focus areas: culture, education, environment, family, and health and wellness.

This year's recipients will use the funding to expand new or existing programs. YouthLaunch, for instance, will use its grant to fund the Urban Roots project, a youth development program using sustainable agriculture to teach young people life and job skills. The program serves youth 14 to 18 in East Austin.

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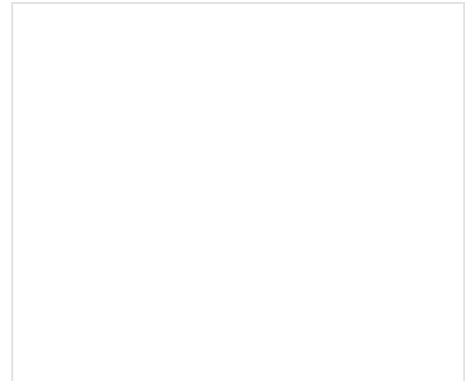
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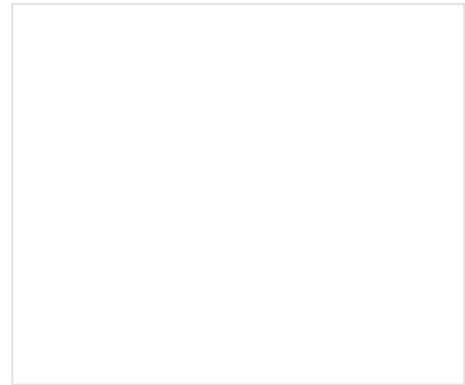
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