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### **IMPACT AUSTIN AWARDS \$102,000 TO THE GIRLS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK**

**AUSTIN, TX, JUNE 10, 2009** – The Girls Empowerment Network (formerly GENaustin) has been awarded a \$102,000 grant from Impact Austin. This grant is earmarked for education and will be used to expand clubGEN, the research-based, peer-led after school program for middle school girls, and the in-school Girls Now workshop series. In clubGEN, high school girls are trained and employed to lead a curriculum for middle school girls that includes topics such as body image, bullying, media literacy, relationships and substance abuse and is designed to prevent high risk behaviors that can lead to such things as eating disorders, teen pregnancy, and juvenile delinquency.

The women of Impact Austin combine their individual donations of \$1,000 each per year and give multiple grants of more than \$100,000 each June to local worthy causes selected by their members. One hundred percent of each member's donation goes to their grant recipients.

“This grant will have a tremendous impact to our agency because it will allow us to expand our flagship program, clubGEN, to new school districts outside of the Austin Independent School District, ultimately serving hundreds of additional teen girls,” said Executive Director Julia Cuba.

The Girl Empowerment Network is an Austin-based organization that works with middle and high school aged girls. Their programs are focused on the issues of bullying, body image and being a girl, and include the after-school program clubGEN and the state-wide Girls Now! Conference and Workshops.

For more information about the Girls Empowerment Network visit [www.genaustin.org](http://www.genaustin.org) or call (512) 841-4093.

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**About The Girls Empowerment Network:** The Girls Empowerment Network (formerly GENaustin) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization. The Girls Empowerment Network fosters healthy self-esteem in girls by engaging them to explore and define their personal values and build skills that empower them with confidence and courage to make wise choices. [www.genaustin.org](http://www.genaustin.org)

**About Impact Austin:** Impact Austin is a progressive leader in women's philanthropy, bringing new resources to the community and making philanthropy accessible. Through high-impact grant making, they engage, develop and inspire women to effect positive change. [www.impact-austin.org](http://www.impact-austin.org)