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Communities In Schools of Central Texas Awarded Impact Austin Grant

AUSTIN, TEXAS – June 13, 2018 –Impact Austin awarded four high-impact grants at City Hall on June 11 to their 2018 Community Partners: Communities In Schools of Central Texas (CIS), Jeremiah Program, CASA of Travis County, and Helping Hand Home for Children. Each organization will receive a grant of \$111,500.

The Impact Austin education grant to Communities In Schools of Central Texas will support the CIS ASPIRE Family Literacy Program with core operating costs which will help CIS provide services to a minimum of 100 families in southeast Austin, preparing children for kindergarten and equipping their parents with the skills and education to help their entire family succeed. For 23 years, the CIS-ASPIRE Family Literacy Program has provided integrated two-generational services—including comprehensive early childhood, adult, and parenting education—to high-need families with very young children.

Impact Austin is a local charity comprised of more than 425 women seeking to transform lives in the Greater Austin area through high-impact and lifelong giving. The organization's to-date investment in Central Texas is near \$6.5 million awarded since 2003. [Impact Austin](#) is one of the largest women's philanthropy organizations in the United States.

About Impact Austin

Impact Austin is a 501(c)(3) public charity comprised of women seeking to transform lives in the Greater Austin area through high-impact grantmaking and lifelong giving. Its only membership requirements are to be female and donate \$1,250 each year. Impact Austin combines the annual donations from its members and awards large grants each year to local worthy causes selected by its members. Grant applications are accepted in each of the following areas: community, education, and health and well-being. The Catalyst Grant is awarded to organizations to improve their infrastructure and sustainability. Learn more at www.impactaustin.org.

About Communities In Schools of Central Texas

- At CIS, we help students with immediate needs like food and clothing, and more complex challenges that require counseling and mentoring. With CIS on campus, teachers can focus on teaching, and students can focus on learning.
- This year, CIS of Central Texas has full-time programming on 66 local elementary, middle, and high school campuses.
- The power of Communities In Schools:
 - Our staff works inside K-12 public schools daily.
 - We work in partnership with teachers and school administration.
 - Among the students who receive our most intensive supports, 99% of students stay in school, and 84% improve grades, attendance or behavior. **Additional information can be found at ciscentraltexas.org.**