Impact in Austin

2017 ANNUAL REPORT
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A camper waits to try on new sneakers at Camp Glimmer.
GLIMMER AUSTIN’S APPROACH

We support innovative solutions to the biggest challenges facing youth and seniors in Austin.

Over the past 14 years, Glimmer Austin has invested $8.9 million in the community. We have awarded grants to over 200 programs.

OVER 90% of organizations funded by Glimmer since 2003 are still serving Austin today.

WE ARE SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL INVESTORS

WE SELECT START-UP NONPROFITS WITH INNOVATIVE IDEAS and provide financial support, mentoring, training and networking opportunities to build.

SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS that address the current needs of the most vulnerable people living in the greater Austin area.
In 2017, Glimmer Austin invested in 25 organizations in our community.

We impacted more than 4,500 people—creating lasting change right here in Austin.

HURRICANE RELIEF

In response to the great need in our Texas community after the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, Glimmer Austin donated $10,000 to the Boys and Girls Club and $5,000 to the African American Youth Harvest Foundation for hurricane relief efforts.

“JUMP ON IT” HONOREE

Glimmer Austin Executive Director David Porter was honored at the “Jump On It Awards” for Glimmer Austin’s support of their organization and summer concert series. Jump On It’s mission is to rebuild the fabric of Austin’s black community while creating a platform to educate and prepare tomorrow’s leaders.

GHISALLO NAMED ANGEL OF THE YEAR

Our 2017 Angel Event honored the work of Ghisallo Cycling Initiative. Ghisallo’s bike riding programs are committed to empowering youth and seniors in Austin and encouraging independence and exploration.

CITY OF AUSTIN PROCLAMATION

The City of Austin issued a proclamation naming May 10th of 2017 “A Glimmer of Hope Austin Day.” Mayor Steve Adler recognized Glimmer Austin’s extensive work with innovative nonprofits in our community and our annual Camp Glimmer.

AUTHOR DONATES BOOKS TO GRANTEES

Kat Kronenberg donated 100 copies of her book, Dream Big, to six Glimmer Austin grantees. Ms. Kronenberg visited grantee Montessori For All to do a personal reading for a lucky group of students.

Each year, we expand our work in the Austin community.

2017 HIGHLIGHTS
Seed Grants to Innovative Programs

Each year, Glimmer Austin selects new programs to receive a grant of up to $25,000 to lift their innovative ideas off the ground.

**AUSTIN ANGELS**
Austin Angels improves foster children’s lives in the greater Austin area. Its programs distribute monthly care packages to foster families and offer children consistent support through relationship building and mentorship.

**CENTRAL TEXAS TENNIS ASSOCIATION**
Central Texas Tennis Association gives youth in the inner city of Austin an affordable opportunity to play tennis. Along with tennis clinics, CTTA provides mentoring, tutoring and academic clubs while addressing the social needs of thousands of youth in Austin and surrounding communities.

**BEYOND THE GRADE**
Beyond the Grade’s mission is to provide additional music education to students outside of their Austin schools. They foster a love of music, improve classroom experiences and develop students’ skills while giving them the chance to learn from music industry professionals.

**CODE2COLLEGE**
Code2College seeks to increase the number of girls, minorities and low-income students entering Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) fields. Local technology professionals volunteer to teach technical and professional skills that will equip students for college and for the global economy.

**CENTRAL TEXAS TABLE OF GRACE**
Central Texas Table of Grace provides emergency shelter services to displaced children in the foster care system. The organization’s projects create a caring environment for youth while encouraging qualities like perseverance and personal responsibility that will help them reach their full potentials.

**EXCELLENCE AND ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION**
The Excellence and Advancement Foundation offers supportive programs to children at risk of future incarceration. The organization interrupts the prison cycle through enhanced prevention, intervention, and accountability efforts.
GEMS UNITED
GEMS United empowers girls to reach their full potentials. With a dynamic curriculum and safe atmosphere in Austin junior high and high school afterschool programs, the organization instills values of sisterhood, leadership, academics, true beauty, integrity, philanthropy and personal growth into girls.

MONTESSORI FOR ALL
Montessori For All prepares children to excel in college, in the workplace and as leaders. MFA uses hands-on materials, multi-age classrooms, student-led projects, character education, a personalized curriculum, and diversity by design to increase college graduation rates and equip students to lead.

GIRLS EMPOWERMENT NETWORK
Girls Empowerment Network supports and guides girls to make wise choices while navigating the pressures of girlhood. GEN surrounds girls with role models who help them build the confidence, critical thinking skills, and self-efficacy needed to confront the dangers of adolescence.

JUST COMMUNITY
Just Community helps clients make smart financial decisions to live less stressed, more joyful lives. Their work addresses the economic inequity keeping members of our low-income and underserved communities from the American Dream. They emphasize trust as the key to serving those hardest to reach.

PROMISELAND EXPLORERS
PromiseLand Explorers helps school age children discover themselves and their surrounding community. Their programs give children unique opportunities outside of their everyday experiences to foster success, exploration and friendships.

SENIOR ACCESS
Senior Access provides free services to keep homebound seniors independent. The organization helps seniors build community connections, attain dependable transportation and form friendships. As a result, seniors stay in their homes longer and routinely access community resources.
After providing initial seed grants, Glimmer Austin continues to collaborate with and support our nonprofit partners. We identify opportunities to strategically advance their work through small grants, mentoring and networking opportunities, and training programs.

**Ongoing Partnership**

**How It Works**

We’re on the ground, visiting our organizations in person and closely following their progress.

This connection means we can strategically invest at the right time, making a big difference with a smaller financial investment.

**Mentoring**

Glimmer Austin provides guidance to our nonprofit partners through one-on-one mentorship sessions and community development events. Cultivating leadership and capacity-building for start-up groups provides strategic support at a critical time in an organization’s growth.

In 2017, five of our grantees completed nonprofit management training with JBL Strategies, a local expert in leadership practices. One organization, Austin Angels, participated in Austin Community College’s Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership & Management Class.

**Continual Grants**

Our close ties to the nonprofit community bring us opportunities to make immediate impacts with past grantees.

In 2017, Glimmer Austin made 13 grants to past grantees to sustain projects that started with our support.

**Community Grants**

Community grants allow Glimmer Austin to have an impact beyond our nonprofit partners. These one-time donations support nonprofits in our community in overcoming barriers and addressing time-sensitive projects.

**Community Grants**

The Austin community benefits from our investment in local change makers.

**Mentoring Success**

Growing Together

This year, we invested in the skills development of our grantees. Sponsored by Glimmer Austin, representatives from our grantees participated in the JBL Strategies Leadership Essentials program and Austin Community College’s Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership & Management course.

These learning opportunities encouraged personal and professional growth through interactive classroom settings and comprehensive instruction.

Our grantees have big dreams to transform our city. By equipping them with new strategies and skills, Austin’s network of passionate leaders grows stronger together.

**In Their Own Words:**

*I just wanted to send a big THANK YOU for investing in us in this way. This is a HUGE blessing.*

SUSAN RAMIREZ, AUSTIN ANGELS

*I really appreciate the support Glimmer provides to grow my personal and organizational leadership.*

COURTNEY ROBINSON, EXCELLENCE & ADVANCEMENT FOUNDATION
CREATING CYCLISTS

Navigating Roads of Opportunity

Established in 2011, Ghisallo Cycling Initiative serves Austin youth and seniors by providing bikes and offering classes on bike riding, safety and maintenance. Ghisallo provides a unique opportunity for participants to gain positive experiences in a healthy, productive environment that emphasizes independence and practical skills.

Glimmer Austin selected Ghisallo as a grantee in 2013 and has watched the organization flourish since then. Our grant supported the inspiring Cycle Academy project in East Austin. The Cycle Academy offers young cyclists a structured educational program centered on bike riding and safety and maintenance skills that instill responsibility, goal-setting and dedication into its participants.

“Just had our first lesson for my 10-year-old and it was the BEST experience any parent and child could have asked for!”

“CYCLE ACADEMY PARENT

After expanding its reach in 2014 to impact seniors, Ghisallo produced the group known as the “Golden Rollers” within the Austin community. Like the youth Ghisallo serves, the Golden Rollers benefit from navigating their community while using a form of transportation that gives them independence.

Ghisallo’s work enables our community’s youth and seniors to achieve and maintain the independence necessary to lead happy and empowered lives.
COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Camp Glimmer

“The two days children have at Camp Glimmer are very special for our campers and team members. Many of our campers have seen little beyond their own neighborhoods, but Camp Glimmer is full of enriching, fulfilling opportunities. These kids take home treasured memories from their time spent at camp, and we at Glimmer Austin do the same.”

ROYCE DENNIS
CAMP GLIMMER DIRECTOR

We invite children who are struggling with challenges from poverty to food insecurity to refugee resettlement. We use fun experiences like kayaking and ziplining to encourage campers to get outside their comfort zones, approach challenges with a positive attitude and build self-confidence.

In partnership with our grantees and local nonprofit partners, Camp Glimmer hosted over 500 campers in 2017.

2017 CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

LANDSCAPE OF LEARNING

Candlelight Ranch offered exciting activities that allowed campers to experience nature in a new way. Many of our campers have never had the opportunity to explore the Texas landscape or learn about nature hands-on.

UNDER THE STARS

Campers from Austin Angels, Central Texas Tennis Association, Young Journey Foundation and Girls Empowerment Network extended their stays at Candlelight Ranch by camping overnight. For most children, it was their first true camping experience.

SPARKING PASSION

“On many levels this was a transformative experience. Many of the kids had never before been on vacation. They were so excited they couldn’t sleep the night before. At the end of the camp, we heard many of them say, ‘See you next year!’”

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GLIMMER AUSTIN GRANTEES: 2003-2017

LIFE SKILLS & MENTORING
- African American Youth Harvest Foundation
- Amala Foundation
- Any Baby Can
- Austin Angels
- Austin Clubhouse
- A.S.P.I.R.E.
- Back On My Feet
- CASA of Travis County
- Community Yoga Austin
- Council On At-Risk Youth
- EcoRise Youth Innovations
- Entrepreneurs Foundation of Central Texas
- Equal Justice Center
- Excellence and Advancement Foundation
- E4 Youth
- Family Forever Projects
- Family Link
- Frameworks CDC
- Girls Empowerment Network
- Ghisallo Foundation
- Golden Touch Academy
- Interfaith Justice Worker
- KAZI 88.7 Community Radio
- Life Champions
- Lisa’s Hope Chest
- Mariposa Pathway
- Media Communications Council
- Media Awareness Project
- Mobile Loaves & Fishes
- Morning Star Rising

My Healing Place
People Fund
Saint Louise House
Seedling Foundation
Strong Start
Survive2Thrive Foundation
Therapy Works
True Light Ladies Daycare & Learning Center
Vantana del Soul
Voices Ink
Worker’s Defense Project
World Preparatory

SENIORS
- Austin Free Net
- Austin Groups for the Elderly
- Badgerdog Literary Publishing
- Family ElderCare
- Helping the Aging, Needy & Disabled
- Interfaith Action of Central Texas
- Mobile Arts Program
- RBJ Senior Center
- Redemptive Work
- Samaritan Center
- Senior Access
- Welcome Table, Inc.

RECREATION
- Austin CAN Academy
- Austin Spurs
- Big Brothers Big Sisters
- Boys & Girls Club of Austin
- Camp Fire USA
- Central Texas Tennis Association
- Community Yoga Austin
- East Austin Soccer Club
- Hoop Zone
- Montessori For All
- PromiseLand Explorers
- San Antonio Spurs Foundation
- Set 2 Serve
- YMCA of Austin

HEALTH & NUTRITION
- Alliance for African American Health in Central Texas
- Austin Children’s Shelter
- Bonshaker
- Capital Area Food Bank of Texas
- Central Texas Table of Grace
- Choosing How I Live Life
- Healing with Horses Ranch
- Helping Hand Home for Children
- Latina Mami
- Meals on Wheels and More
- Palmer Drug Abuse Program of Austin
- Prairie View A&M Extension
- Project Transitions
- Rory Healthcare Foundation
- RunTex Foundation
- St. Davis Foundation Thea Project
- The Arc of the Capital Area
- The Austin Project
- Urban Roots

THE ARTS
- Arts & Fitness Program for Young Children
- Austin Ophir Hip Hop
- Austin Harmony Project
- Ballet Austin
- Ballet East Dance Company
- Beyond the Grade
- Blastbeat
- Center Stage of Texas
- Cinema Du Cannes Project
- Creative Action Project
- Creative Arts Austin
- Dance Another World
- Dancers Edge
- Hispanic Alliance for the Performing Arts
- Johnson Long Dance Company
- Joyce Willett School of Dance
- Kathy Dunn Harrick Dance Company
- Keys of Life
- KidsActing Foundation
- Latinas Unidas Por El Arte
- Leap of Joy!
- Life Changers
- LUPE Arte
- Mxico-Arte Museum
- Outreach Productions
- Polynesian Theatre Company
- Project Clay Play
- Proyectos Teatro
- Texas Empowerment Academy
- The Young Journey Foundation

EDUCATION
- 4-H Capital
- A.I.S.D. After School Program
- American YouthWorks
- Assistance League of Austin
- Austin Area Urban League
- Austin Bat Cave
- Austin Children’s Museum
- Austin Community Foundation
- Austin Idea Network
- Austin Partners in Education
- Austin Voices for Education and Youth
- Austin Youth River Watch
- Boys and Girls Club of South Central Texas
- Breakthrough Austin
- Casa Marianella
- Capital Area Reach Out and Read
- Catholic Charities of Central Texas
- Changing Expectations
- Channel Austin
- CODA College
- College Forward
- Communities In Schools
- Con Mi Madre
- Eastside Community Connection
- Extend A-Care for Kids
- For the Children
- Furaha House
- GEMS United
- Girl Scouts
- Girlstart
- Growing Roots
- Heart House
- Huston-Tillotson University
- Jacob Fontaine History Program
- Jump On It
- JUST Community
- Kaeo Austin Beautiful
- La Fuente Learning Center
- Latinas
- LaunchPad the Center
- Making Awesome Things Happen
- Mission Possible
- Outside the Box Dropout Prevention
- PelotonU
- Phoenix Arising Academy
- Pip Start
- Project Hope Austin
- Reach Out and Read
- Reading is Fundamental
- River City Youth Foundation
- The Austin Project
- True Light Day Care & Learning Center
- UpLift Austin