



A GLIMMER OF HOPE AUSTIN
inspiring hope. empowering community.

Impact in Austin

2017
ANNUAL
REPORT





A camper waits to try on new sneakers at Camp Glimmer.

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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.



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

2017 HIGHLIGHTS



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.

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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

AMPLIFYING IMPACT

Ongoing Partnership

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.

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.



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 grantee organizations 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**

GHISALLO CYCLING INITIATIVE

*Ghisallo made notable
impacts in Austin in 2017:*

7,000+

Hours of Youth Participation

51 Youth
Programs

2 New Senior
Program Sites

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.

STEPS TO SUCCESS



Over 500 pairs of tennis shoes were handed out to campers thanks to our partners Karavel Shoes, New Balance and eBay. Volunteers from the Young Men's Service League joined us at Camp Glimmer to help our campers find the perfect shoes for their many adventures ahead.

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!'"

- STEVE WANTA, COFOUNDER AND CEO OF JUST

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 Changers

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

Ventana 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

Boneshaker

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

Rosy Healthcare Foundation

RunTex Foundation

St. Davis Foundation Theo Project

The Arc of the Capital Area

The Austin Project

Urban Roots

THE ARTS

Arts & Fitness Program for Young Children

Austin CIPHER 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 Hamrick Dance Company

Keys of Life

KidsActing Foundation

Latinas Unidas Por El Arte

Leap of Joy!

Life Changers

LUPE Arte

Mexic-Arte Museum

Outreach Productions

Pollyanna Theatre Company

Project Clay Play

Proyecto 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

Bookspring

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

Code2College

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

Keep Austin Beautiful

La Fuente Learning Center

Latinitas

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



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