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## **IMPACT SAN ANTONIO AWARDS \$100,000 GRANT**

*Home for abused, abandoned and neglected children benefits*

**November 4, 2008 - San Antonio, TX,**—Impact San Antonio, a not for profit foundation working to expand women's philanthropy in San Antonio, has made its 2008 grant award to St. Jude's Ranch for Children. The \$100,000 gift will allow St. Jude's to move the Transitional Living Program to San Antonio from the Bulverde campus.

Impact San Antonio , the four year old local organization modeled after similar groups in Cincinnati , Austin , and Pensacola surpassed its membership goal of 100 members, new and returning, attaining 105 members. The goal to give away \$100,000 was also outdone, affording Impact the opportunity to award \$1250 to each finalist.

Each year proposals are accepted by Impact San Antonio in five categories – Culture, Education, Environment, Family and Health & Wellness. Submitting organizations must be located in Bexar County or one of the six contiguous counties. The other four finalists were Youth Orchestras of San Antonio, Sisters of the Charity of the Incarnate Word, Headwaters Coalition, Mitchell Lake Audubon Center , and TeamAbility.

St. Jude's Ranch for Children rescues abused, abandoned and neglected children of all races and faiths from the vicious cycle of child abuse. They provide healing and nurturing in a safe home-like environment where children can learn life skills to start new lives, with new chances, new choices, and new hope.

Last year the group awarded a \$50,000 grant to JumpStart Performance Company in the Education category for their Historias y Cuentas (Stories and Tales) program. The Impact grant helped this program to continue with full funding, to take the program to two new elementary schools, and to develop a curriculum guide for teachers.

Impact San Antonio is committed to making a substantial impact on our local community by empowering women of San Antonio as both donors and decision makers. The group's philosophy is as individuals we may not have the opportunity to give on a large scale but together we can make a significant grant which will have a dramatic impact on our community. We are dedicated to improving San Antonio through effective philanthropy.

The simple concept is to recruit members who each donate \$1000 annually and the pool of money is used to make a grant each year to a worthy San Antonio area nonprofit organization. As the membership grows, larger and/or multiple grants will be awarded.

By empowering women as the decision-makers and allowing them to see the positive impact their collective efforts have on local needs, Impact San Antonio hopes to inspire a lifelong passion for philanthropy among women, as well as to expand members' knowledge of community needs and agencies.

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