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Point Hope "TEENISTA" Austin Chapter

Point Hope "Teenista" is about changing "One Heart at a Time". Point Hope is a nonprofit 501(C) 3 charity founded by Delilah, the renowned radio host, with over 8 million listeners. Teenista is an event for teenage foster girls to show them they are special and they are loved. February 10, 2019, Faye Batson, Debbie Woods and Susan Benefield kicked off their first Point Hope "Teenista" Austin Chapter, with the help of many other volunteers, who worked with them throughout the past few months. Austin Angels partnered with Point Hope Austin Chapter by finding the guests of honors "the teenage foster girls" for this extravagant event. It was a huge success in deed! People from Texas to California came forward with all their love for the girls to do whatever they could, to make this day special for them. Michael O'Rouke founder of Big Sexy Hair, donated 20 of his ROCK YOUR HAIR blow dryers. No.Facial 5 Dermacare donated Facial scrub and makeup. Hand Made earrings were provided by Robin Mayfield. There were many personal donations. And so much more!



The day started out with Deer Run Chauffeur Service and Lux Limo, picking up 15 teenage foster girls taking them to Lakeway Hair Salon and Luxe Salon in Lakeway for a royal treatment of hair, makeup and nails services. Everyone at the salons were anxiously excited to open their doors along with their hearts to bring love and beauty to the foster girls. Bagels, fruit and pastries were served. From the salons the girls were chauffeured to Target. Each girl was given a gift card of \$150. One young lady went up to a volunteer with tears and said, "I have never been given this much money to spend on myself." After picking out their new outfits the girls rode in the limos to The Hills Country Club for a personal photoshoot and sit down dinner. At the country club they selected purses, jewelry and additional accessories. Jaime Rubenstein, local artist, assisted the young ladies in creating greeting cards. Throughout the day the girls were bonding and making new friends with other foster girls and many of the volunteers. As the day went on, they were giggly and smiling from ear to ear. (Continued on Page 4)

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Travis County Animal Control	512-972-6060
SCHOOLS	
Lake Travis ISD	512 533 6000
Lake Travis High School	
Lake Travis Middle School	
Lake Travis Elementary	
Hudson Bend Middle School	
Lake Pointe Elementary	
Lakeway Elementary	
Serene Hills Elementary	
Bee Cave Elementary	
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UTILITIES	
Travis County WCID # 17	512-266-1111
Lakeway MUD	512-261-6222
Hurst Creek MUD	512-261-6281
Austin Energy	512-322-9100
Pedernales Electric	888-554-4732
Texas Gas Service	
Custom Service	
Emergencies	
Call Before You Dig	512-472-2822
AT&T	
New Service	
Repair	
Billing	1-800-858-7928
Time Warner Cable	
Customer Service	
Repairs	
Progressive Waste Solutions (Trash & Recycle	
Austin/Travis County Hazardous Waste	512-9/4-4343
OTHER NUMBERS	
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Candy Coburn a star rock-n-roller entertained everyone with her amazing voice and guitar playing. Many danced and sang. One shy girl wanted to play the tambourine with Candy, but was too timid. A volunteer encouraged her to get on stage and she stood there in awe the whole time. They were all very precious. Prior to dinner there were three inspirational speakers - Edith Henry, Kelly Henry and Crystal Olenbush. They spoke about their teenage years, hurts and struggles. They told of their choices and how God helped them achieve their goals. Each story was different, but had common themes, not letting your circumstances dictate your future and God loves all of us. Everyone in the room was moved by their testimonies. Many had tears in their eyes. Pastor George Oakes, of Life Austin Church, also shared from his heart a personal testimony. As he pointed to each girl he told them God loves you, you, you and you. A shy girl stood as he pointed to her and she raised her hands high. Pastor George then asked his daughter Faye Batson to give the blessing.

While dinner was being served, each girl was asked, "What part of the day was your favorite?" The answers by each were sweet and tender. For some they said, "My favorite was getting my hair and makeup done". Some it was shopping, photo shoot and making cards. For others it was the limo ride! The other favorites were, bonding with their new friend. One girl said, "My favorite part was meeting

Faye". As they finished their 5 star dinner and 10 star cake by Cakes Rock, Candy came back on for another quick set, some more dancing and singing to her music.

At the end of the night everyone's heart was filled with joy, hope and love. Some of the volunteers were talking and planning next year's Point Hope "Teenista" Austin Event, knowing they were changing "One Heart at a Time" as titled by Delilah's newest book.

Points of Hope Austin Chapter, would like to thank ALL who volunteered to help make this day special and help change "One Heart at a Time"



Lakeway Salon: Glen Mauldon, Judi Caiati, Juana Cooper and Christopher.

Luxe Salon: Ellie Toia, Christine Simons, Michelle Wood, Whitney Wood, Nina Grossman, Andrea Rodriguez, Clayton Rayborn

Hair and Makeup on locations: Lindsey Majors from Lindsey's Styles, Brittany Antonishek from Southern Roots, Shannon Bray Salon Mystique in Belterra, Gene Rock, Dawn Alati, Samantha Denoyer, Sherri Martin, Shelly Wynn, Naomi Christian and Xylina Cardiel at Bella Salon, Brandy Lord, Kellie Campos, Vivian Lavo at Lavo Queen

Photographers: Lisa at Time Knot Forgotten Photography, Valentina Pardi MacGregor Photography

Volunteers for all other needs: Abby Atwell, Yvonne Walkup, Kenya Swain, Elizabeth James, Kathy Rocco, Terry Rodriguez, Katrina Scott, Mark Woodruff, Christina Crews, Jaime Rubenstein, Gary Rubenstein, Ange Wagner, Kelly Hutcheson, Kristen Raines, Becky Day, Sheryl Kelly, Andrew Bickerton, Ashley Rose, Kelly Jo Simon, Katie Rich, Cynthia Oliver, Lee Haslam, Dewayne Benefield, Darrell Steadtler, Diana Molina, Samantha Stahl, Michelle Alderman

Executive Director of Point Hope: Jan Haynes







LMUD Out Of District Wastewater Project: Pilot Phase Underway



Lakeway MUD (LMUD) has started the pilot phase of the previously announced Out of District Wastewater (OODWW) Project. As of mid-February, nine homes have been successfully switched from operating on their personal septic system to being hooked up to the public sewer system. We currently have 18 more homes on the list, of which five are emergencies, meaning their septic tank has already failed. The remaining homes have chosen to hook up for personal reasons in advance of us getting to their area. This early option is not available to all, and is more costly than waiting for the Project to reach each area.

As a reminder, in May of 2018, the LMUD Board passed a resolution to move forward with the proposal to install a public sewer system in the first 17 sections of Lakeway (the area designated by the "Old Lakeway" street signs). We have named this our "Out of District Waste Water (OODWW) Project" since this area is, and will continue to be, outside of LMUD's jurisdiction – meaning home owners will continue to not pay taxes to LMUD. As was stated in the information letters we mailed and e-mailed out and in the public meetings we held in February and March of last year, this continues to be an optional program for the affected home owners. Under no circumstances will home owners be forced to switch from their current septic tank and hook up to the public sewer system. This has been a cause for concern so we want to make this point very clear!

The OODWW Project is currently in the pilot phase, meaning that we are extending existing public sewer lines to just certain areas to accommodate homeowners who have notified us that their existing septic tank has failed, requiring them to either replace it or hook up to this alternative option. Other homeowners in the area have opted in to be hooked up during this phase as well. All home owners who have opted in to be hooked up during this pilot phase have been required to pay an early hook up fee of approx. \$3,500 plus electricity to their grinder pump, then a monthly base rate plus their water usage fees. The early hook up fee will not be assessed to those home owners who hook up at their scheduled time in the forthcoming future.

As of now, we are still on track to break ground for Phase 1 of the project on April 1. This will be the start to building the infrastructure and laying the lines required to hook up homes along the Live Oak golf course. This may change, depending on approvals from TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) as well as weather

and other factors beyond our control. We will provide more updates as our timeline develops. There are approx. 324 homes along the golf course; we expect it will take at least eight months to lay supporting infrastructure and another 16 months to hook up the opt-in homes. The remaining 676 homes in the first 17 sections of Lakeway (Old Lakeway) will be in Phase 2 of which will take several years to complete.

With this pilot phase, and as the Project moves forward, each affected street will see construction along the right-of-ways where we will be laying the pipe. Our construction crews will do their very best to not disrupt anyone; however, there will be some noise during the daylight hours and some landscaping along the roadway will need to be disturbed. At night, any holes will be covered up and traffic cones will be left out. Construction equipment will be left onsite, but out of the way of traffic. All affected areas will be repaired once the crew is done working on the full length of that street before moving onto the next street. The crew is being careful to take note of any areas of property they may have damaged and will repair this at the same time. PLEASE stay clear of a work site day or night!

We know that any construction is a nuisance to the surrounding residents and we will do everything we can to keep the impact as minimal as possible, but please keep in mind that your neighbors have requested a service that requires some community impact. We appreciate your understanding and attention to this development.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. LMUD has recently contracted with Stephanie Threinen to perform the duties of Public Information Liaison. Her primary role is to serve as our outreach to the community in regard to this project. She can be reached by e-mail at stepht@lakewaymud.org or by phone at (512) 261-6222 x175. Our website (lakewaymud.org) has also been updated with a section dedicated to providing information about the progress of the Project and affected home owners will receive e-mails and/or letters as the Project progresses.



LMUD General Manager Earl Foster with Lakeway Resident Amy Creed stand outside her home at the site of the first grinder pump install in Old Lakeway.

21st Annual Wilderness Run & Walk Friends of the Parks of Lakeway

SATURDAY, APRIL 27 • HAMILTON GREENBELT IN LAKEWAY • REGISTRATION: 8:00 AM • EVENT: 9:00 AM

Enjoy a morning at the park and explore the beautiful trails of Lakeway! This FREE noncompetitive run and walk will begin at 9:00 AM with refreshments following the race. Participants may choose to run or walk either 3 miles or 5 miles through the scenic trail system of the Hamilton Greenbelt 1, located across from the Lakeway Justice Center. The course winds along canyon walls and high cliffs, across fern covered creeks, and through tall native tree forests.

Registration is now available online by visiting www.lakewayfop. org or by picking up an entry application at the Lakeway Activity Center and at the registration boxes at the entrances to City Park, The Canyonlands, Hamilton Greenbelt I and Hamilton Greenbelt II. Or register on event day between 8:00AM to 9:00AM. Commemorative T-Shirts will be available for \$15 with all proceeds from donations and sales going to the maintenance of the trail systems in Lakeway.

This is a great opportunity for runners and walkers, as well as families with children in strollers and dogs to enjoy an outing and meet other outdoor enthusiasts. For more information regarding Friends of the Parks or the Wilderness Run & Walk, please contact director & chair Sheryl Kelly at 512 997 8880. Hope to see you there!





Women's Club of Greater Lakeway

"If Monty Python went looking for a female cast member, Bernadette Nason would be an obvious choice. She's innovative, polished, and funny – a most proper 'pepper-pot' of a storyteller." Barbara McBride Smith, Storyteller

Speaking to the Women's Club of Greater Lakeway on March 25, 2019 will be Bernadette Nason, multi award winning comedic story teller, actress and narrator as well as published author. Nason hails from England, now lives in Austin and performs all over the world.

As a storyteller Nason has been on the Texas Commission of the Arts Texas Touring Roster since 2002, telling stories annually to over 30,000 students, Pre-K through high school. Every December, she performs her critically acclaimed one-woman version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* bringing vivid life to more than 30 characters. She has also narrated *Peter and the Wolf* for the Austin Symphony's Children's Series and is a company member at Austin Playhouse. In June/July 2019, she will be narrating a selection of classical music at the ASO's summer series for children at the Austin Central Library.

Nason will regale the Women's Club members with a compilation of hilarious stories about being a fish out of water into various cultures from England to Libya and Dubai and then on to the culture shock of being British in Texas.

In 2017, she published *Tea in Tripoli: A Memoir*, copies of which will be available at the presentation. The sequel, Dinner in Dubai, is a work in progress. She is currently working on a treasury of stories about dysfunctional Christmases around the world, *Stealing Baby Jesus*.



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Lakeway Players Presents Barefoot in the Park

The Lakeway Players present "Barefoot in the Park", March 28, 29 and 30, 2019 at the Lakeway Activity Center. We are offering our popular table seating for this show. It's become a tradition for the Players' productions that theater-goers purchase a table with friends and bring snacks and drinks for fellowship prior to curtain. We provide setups and snacks prior to each performance.

Barefoot in the Park is a romantic comedy focusing on a pair of newlyweds, Corie and Paul, as they begin married life in a tiny, 5th-floor walkup apartment in a Manhattan brownstone. Paul is a strait-laced attorney; Corie has a far more spontaneous, free spirit. As the young couple contend with a lack of heat, a skylight that leaks snow, several long flights of stairs, oddball neighbor Victor Velasco, and Corie's well-meaning mother, they must also reconcile their own personal differences in how they approach life's challenges. Adjusting to married life isn't so easy!

Doors open at 6:30, show starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$25 per person, by phone: 512-261-1010 or available at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, Lakeway, TX. Hope to see you there.







Lakeway Community Blood Drive biggest in region

Become part of something bigger by donating blood at the next Lakeway Community Blood Drive from 8 a.m.-noon March 16 at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek.

When you donate blood, you know that you are helping someone else who is in dire need of the precious, life-saving fluid. When you donate at the Lakeway Community Blood Drive, you are a part of a bigger effort that enhances the impact of your efforts.

"The Lakeway blood drives are consistently the biggest of our community drives in the Austin area," said Louis Hill, account executive at We Are Blood. "We Are Blood requires about 200 units of blood per day to keep our hospitals supplied, to save lives in our community," which is the 10-county area surrounding Travis County.

Lakeway drives usually provide about a third of that 200-unit need, six times per year.

Organizers give prospective donors with appointments priority during the donation process. Walk-ins are always welcome, too.

To schedule an appointment or for information, contact the coordinators at lakewaycommunityblooddrive@gmail. comor visit www.wrbdonor.org and search for Group Code A197.

The We Are Blood website also includes useful information regarding eligibility and answers to other frequently asked questions. For example, We Are Blood will not accept a donation from someone within 28 days of their getting the shingles vaccine. However, a flu shot will not prevent a donor from giving.

To be eligible, donors need to be in generally good health, at least 17 years old and weigh 115 pounds or more for whole blood donations. Photo identification is required. Organizers recommend that donors eat a good meal and drink plenty of liquids before donating.



Lakeway Activity Center to host nationally known guitarist



Classical guitarist Tony Morris will perform in a free concert from 4-5 p.m. March 31 at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek.

Morris is a musician and media artist working in radio, television, and film. He is executive director of the Classical Guitar Alive (CGA) nonprofit organization, which produces the awardwinning Classical Guitar Alive! radio program, airing each week

on more than 200 NPR stations across the United States, and currently in its 22th year of national syndication.

The three-time White House performer also served as a U.S. State Department cultural envoy to Paraguay in 2010.

Morris will present a variety of classical guitar selections at the concert presented by the City of Lakeway Arts Committee. For information, call the Activity Center at 512-261-1010.



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Lake Travis Library



The Lake Travis Community Library will display the work of local artist Jennifer Landis during the month of March. From an early age, Landis enjoyed sketching and drawing and developed an interest in both photography and interior design. After earning degrees in Psychology and Physical Therapy, she went on to work as a Physical Therapist for ten years.

Though she found her work rewarding, she decided to leave after her son was born to focus on raising her children.

Landis returned to her love of art after attending a painting class and finding that it came naturally to her. She began researching acrylic painting techniques and ultimately discovered joy in fluid acrylic art. Occasionally she highlights dried paintings with oil paint using a brush or acrylic paint using a palette knife to create elements such as clouds or mountains.

"My paintings are inspired by land, water, sky, and metallic minerals; nature's own color palette," said Landis. "I am a nature lover and there is no better inspiration for art than the simple beauty of the world around us. Although at times I add a bolder element through unexpected color or striking contrast to create a statement piece. My hope is that my artwork conveys a sense of wonder and inspiration to others, and an eagerness to explore the simple beauty in our world."

In addition to artwork, Landis has created a line of home décor, including decorative pillows. She also demonstrates her fluid art methods for teens and adults in the Austin area to share the joy of painting and its therapeutic benefits.

Landis has exhibited her artwork in Austin Art Space Gallery's New Work Show and Spring Show, Round Rock Arts Big Show at Texas State University, and Adams Galleries of Austin in Lakeway.

All are welcome to view Landis's exhibit during the month of March and attend her reception on Sunday, March 3rd from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Lake Travis Community Library. For more information about the library, please visit laketravislibrary.org. For more on Jennifer Landis, visit her website at composedchaosart.com.

Tax Assistance Lake Travis Library

Receive free tax assistance from IRS-certified tax preparers at the Lake Travis Community Library. This service will be available every other Monday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. from February 18th through April 15th.

Bring a government issued ID, your Social Security card, and any relevant income and insurance documentation. There are no income or age restrictions, although this service is not available for small businesses or individuals and families with rental property or complex investments.

This service is provided through a partnership with the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program but you do not have to be a member of AARP to take advantage of this program.

For more information: 888-687-2277; taxaide@aarp.org.

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Lakeway Men's Breakfast Club

PROGRAM SCHEDULE MARCH 2019

March 6, 2019

Ildako Scott - Lakeway Resident Escaping Communism

March 13, 2019

To be announced

March 20, 2019

Nancy P Daley Sexual Assault

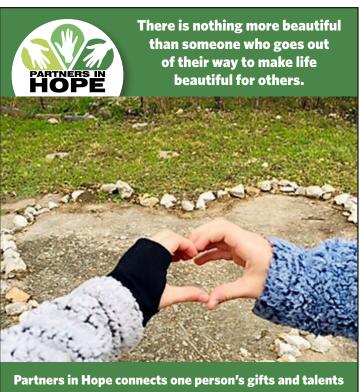
March 27, 2019

Steve Jones - City Manager Lakeway Update

Meetings at the Lakeway Activity Center, 105 Cross Creek, 78734 Available to Men Residing in the Greater Lakeway Area

\$1 Continental Breakfast at 7:00 am. / Speaker at 8:00 am. No reservations necessary. No membership required

FOR INFORMATION CALL Tom Cain 512-363-5793 e-mail: speakers@thomasgcain.com



Partners in Hope connects one person's gifts and talents with another person's needs and equips the Lake Travis community to serve through the lens of ministry. Contact Matt Peacock at mattbp61@gmail.com to get involved.

www.partnersinhopelaketravis.org

Power For Parkinson's "Musical Collage"

THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019
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The 4th Annual Musical Collage benefits locally founded nonprofit, Power For Parkinson's.

This unique event features 8 local musicians/bands of varied genres performing one arresting work after another. Music lovers will be captivated by surprising shifts between three different

stages to create the "Collage." Each performer has a connection to the disease and plays to honor those affected by Parkinson's Disease.

This event is an opportunity for music lovers, friends, and those with a Parkinson's connection to come together and support Power for Parkinson's efforts to provide free exercise, dance, singing, and social activities to our local Parkinson's community as well as globally through a home video series.



Aeration Now Can Help Your Spring and Summer Irrigation



In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.

The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done.

- Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised.
- Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.
- The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.
- An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy the herbicide "barrier." This is not true research shows that aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches, water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

Did you know...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.



The New Story Festival and the Compassionate Austin Co-op!

Info at compassionateaustin.org

Questions? Contact compassionateaustin@gmail.com



You are invited to the New Story Festival, a new annual gathering for community, creativity, and the common good. The Festival is March New Story Festival 29-31, 2019 at Huston-Tillotson Austin,TX | March 29-31,2019 University. This is the "signature

festival" of Compassionate Austin (an inclusive Austin movement to create a more compassionate city).



We are launching a new collective initiative, the Compassionate Austin Co-op and will host the inaugural Offers & Needs Market at the Festival on March 31st from 5:00-6:30 pm! Join the Co-op today! Join a diverse collective of organizations and individuals across our community who commit to enacting

the City Council's Compassionate Austin Resolution, practicing compassionate action on behalf of Others, Self, and the Earth.

We welcome businesses, schools & educational entities, civic organizations, faith-based groups, advocates, artists, musicians,

news representatives (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.), design-thinkers, innovators, healers, family, friends, neighbors, etc.... (basically any and everyone who is committed to compassionate action on behalf of others, self, and the Earth). We invite you to attend the Festival and, of course, to join the Compassionate Austin Co-op and participate in the Offers & Needs Market.

Co-op Members receive both public recognition & tangible

- Free pass to the New Story Festival, the signature festival of Compassionate Austin.
- Invitation to the Offers & Needs Market, an innovative way to connect and collaborate with likeminded organizations.
- Recognition on compassionateaustin.org and at the New Story Festival.
 - Half-off on exhibitor fees at the New Story Festival.
- Discounted rates on the Compassionate Integrity Training group workshops.
- **There is no cost to join the Co-op or attend the Offers & Needs Market.

How to Join the Co-op!

Step 1: Complete the online membership form found on the "Compassionate Austin Co-op" page at compassionateaustin.org.

Step 2: Download and display the Co-op badge on your website, social media, and/or establishment.

Step 3: Participate in the Co-op's Offers & Needs Market at least once a year.

Participate in the Co-op's Offers & Needs Market!

An Offers & Needs Market is a 90-minute guided process for participants to identify and exchange knowledge, skills, and resources.

The Market combines community asset-mapping and sharingeconomy principles, to enhance your own work exponentially through collaboration with others!

Whether for free, barter, or a set rate, participants might offer or need things like:

- Professional skills or services
- Consulting in various areas of expertise
- Tools, vehicles, food/drink, meeting space
- Volunteers or financial support
- Anything else they are able to share!

There is no cost for Co-op Members to participate.

The first Offers & Needs Market will be held at the New Story Festival at Huston-Tillotson University on Sunday, March 31, 5:00-6:30 pm.

The New Story Festival is a Festival where we all belong. Join the Co-op and Offers & Needs Market where we share, connect, and support each other! We look forward to seeing you there! Thanks so much!









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Still on the Fence About Hosting an Exchange Student?



You don't have any kids? Are you a single parent? Same sex couple? An empty nester? This is not a problem, we place our students in all kinds of families!

You're not rich? Neither am I! Your exchange student comes with their own spending money and health insurance. All you provide is room/board and three meals a day. Oh and

TLC...but that's free.

Live in the middle of no where? Small town? Not a big deal. Some kids prefer to get away from the hustle and bustle of big cities. The exchange students also do pretty well in small schools, as they usually get to be the center of attention and make friends rather quickly. Our students also get chances to travel to New York, Washington DC, Hawaii and California...so they can get their fill of the city life and return back to the peaceful sounds of nature.

Do you consider yourself a boring person? More than likely this is not true, and you should quit being so hard on yourself. Your student will make friends. Your student will meet other exchange students. Your student will attend activities offered by our program. Your student will get involved in sports and school clubs. Your purpose is not to entertain them. But you might find that you bring a little adventure to each others lives.

Kids are too young? Great! Lots of students love young kids, and your kids will love them. It's beneficial to introduce your kids to new cultures at a very young age. You're preparing them to accept people no matter what the religion, color of their skin, or language they speak. That my friend, is good parenting.

Don't hold back! This is a gret experience for both parties. You get the opportunity to change a child's life. You get the satisfaction of seeing them grow, even after they leave your home into becoming a doctor, a lawyer, a diplomat, artist, teacher... the list goes on. And you contributed to that success! And the best part of it all, is you gain another family member for life. We need people like you to give these kids a chance.

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