





young women's alliance

Annual Impact Report

2025-2026

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Summary of the Year's Achievements & Community Impact

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A Word From Our President

As I reflect on the 2025–2026 YWA year, I feel incredibly proud of what this community accomplished together.

This year, I watched women show up for something bigger than themselves by supporting our mission and one another while making a meaningful impact in the Austin community. One of the most rewarding parts of this role has been seeing members grow in confidence, stretch themselves, and step into leadership in new ways.

From awarding $40,000 in scholarships at Del Valle High School, to hosting another unforgettable Flourish gala, to creating space for connection and collaboration through more than 100 events, this year was powered entirely by women who believe deeply in making a difference.
What makes YWA special is not just what we accomplish, but how we accomplish it - together.

To our members, alumni, sponsors, and supporters: thank you for being part of this mission and helping make this year possible. I hope this report leaves you feeling proud of the impact we've made together and inspired for what's ahead.

With gratitude,



Peyton Blanchard
President, 2025-2026

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Our Mission & Values

Mission

The mission of YWA is to unlock every woman's potential through opportunities for leadership, education, networking, and service. By connecting a diverse and welcoming community, we empower women to make a difference today and for future generations.

Vision

YWA envisions an equitable world where all women are empowered to make a difference.

Goals

1. Grow a diverse network of connected and supportive changemakers who invest in the community and each other.
2. Ensure YWA's longevity for future generations of women leaders.
3. Host multi-faceted programming that meets members where they are.

2025-2026 By the Numbers

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

$135K
TOTAL REVENUE

$131K
TOTAL EXPENSES



GIVING

$40K
4 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR $10K

$1.5K
1 PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

MEMBERSHIP

347.5
VOLUNTEER HOURS

50
WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

100+
EVENTS & EXPERIENCES

50
NEW MEMBERS

FUNDRAISING & SPONSORSHIPS

$33K
FUNDRAISED BY MEMBERS

$36K
FLOURISH TICKET SALES

$16K
CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS & DONATIONS

Year in Review

NOTABLE MILESTONES

Austin Young Chamber FAVE Local Nonprofit Award Winner
The FAVE (Favorite Austin Venture or Enterprise) Awards honor the businesses, nonprofit organizations, and leaders strengthening Central Texas through community engagement, workforce development, innovation, business growth, and purpose-driven leadership.

The Austin Young Chamber celebrated its 2025 FAVE Awards on November 13, 2025 at KMFA Studios. Thirty-five organizations and individuals representing ten different categories were honored and recognized. Finalists included small and micro businesses, women and minority-owned businesses, and large-scale global brands.



H-E-B Brings Community to Life
Thanks to a generous grant from H-E-B, YWA was able to bring new and memorable experiences to our members and community – from a flower cart activation at Flourish and support for our Cookbook Club series to funding an all-new Donor Dessert concept launching November 2026.

We are incredibly grateful for H-E-B's investment in creating meaningful moments of connection, celebration, and community through YWA.

LEADERSHIP & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

YWA is committed to developing women at every stage of their leadership journey. Throughout the year, members and volunteer leaders had opportunities to learn from accomplished professionals, strengthen their leadership skills, and shape the future of mentorship within the organization. Together, these initiatives reflect YWA's commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for personal, professional, and leadership growth.

EDUCATE



Sarah Goodman
Founder & Owner of Eminence M&A Strategies

YWA kicked off the new year with an inspiring conversation featuring YWA alumna Sarah Goodman. Drawing from her unconventional career journey – from earning a degree in chemistry to building a successful career in mergers and acquisitions – Sarah encouraged members to embrace career pivots, lead with confidence, and remain open to unexpected opportunities. In a generous show of support, she also pledged $3,000 toward YWA's Annual Giving Campaign, demonstrating the lasting impact of investing in the next generation of women leaders.

2025-2026 YWA Speaks	
Jun	Personal Care, the Low-Tox Way: A Wellness Workshop for Women | *August Beverly*
Jul	Being Your Authentic Self | *Ada Starks*
Aug	Not So Speedy Networking
Sept	Modern Dating & Relationships | *Dr. Nahal Delpassand*
Oct	Navigating Workplace Challenges: A Fireside Chat on Women, Bias, and Leadership | *Robyn Rodriguez*
Nov	Powerpoint Party featuring YWA Members
Jan	Career Pivots, Confidence & the Power of Your Network | *Sarah Goodman*
Feb	Career Zen Workshop | *Dr. Lynn Chang*
Mar	From Connection to Catalyst: Real Stories from the LENS Mentorship Program
Apr	Annual Town Hall hosted by the YWA Board of Directors
May	Home Organization Workshop | *Katie Clingman*

LEAD

Caroline Crawford Strengths Workshop for the Leadership Team
For the second year in a row, YWA invested in its volunteer leaders by providing CliftonStrengths assessments as a leadership development benefit. Leaders then participated in an interactive workshop with strengths coach Caroline Crawford, where they explored how to leverage their individual talents, collaborate more effectively, and better understand one another's unique approaches to leadership. By continuing to invest in our leadership team, YWA equips volunteers with practical tools they can use to strengthen our organization while supporting their own personal and professional growth.



NETWORK

Building the Future of YWA Connect
This year, YWA stepped back to thoughtfully reimagine one of its signature programs. The Mentorship Committee gathered feedback from past mentors and mentees, researched best practices, and utilized data analytics and AI to evaluate every stage of the participant experience. The result is a thoughtfully reimagined YWA Connect program that will launch in the 2026–2027 term – strengthening one of YWA's most impactful leadership development offerings for years to come.

FLOURISH

Flourish is YWA's signature celebration of leadership, philanthropy, and community. Each year, members, alumnae, families, friends, sponsors, and community partners come together to celebrate the collective impact of women investing in women. Through inspiring stories, meaningful recognition, and shared generosity, Flourish reflects the strength of the YWA community while raising support for the Future Women Leaders Fund.

More than a fundraiser, Flourish reflects the power of community. Every sponsor, volunteer, donor, award recipient, and attendee plays a role in advancing YWA's mission by strengthening relationships, celebrating leadership, and creating opportunities for the next generation of women leaders. The impact extends far beyond a single evening, continuing to shape lives and strengthen our community for years to come.

💰 Net Profit for Future Women Leaders Fund: $8,265.21

YWA Community Award Recipients

- 🏆 **Health & Wellness Champion:** Sarah King
- 🏆 **Community Ally of the Year:** AJ Johnson
- 🏆 **Community Partner of the Year:** Ricky Perez
- 🏆 **Alumna of the Year:** Kerri Qunell
- 🏆 **Catalyst for Change:** Cristina Masters

Financial Summary

- 💰 **Total Funds Raised via GiveButter:**
  - $35,742
- 💰 **Flourish Sponsorship Dollars Secured:**
  - $8,000
- 💰 **In-Kind Sponsorship Value:**
  - $18,364.58

Thank You to Our Sponsors







THE MEMBER EXPERIENCE

The YWA member experience is built on meaningful connections. Throughout the year, members gathered to celebrate milestones, explore new interests, support one another, and simply enjoy each other's company. From signature parties to casual community gatherings, every event created opportunities for women to build lasting friendships, strengthen their sense of belonging, and experience the supportive community at the heart of YWA.

Membership Appreciation Party Award Winners

- 🏆 **Most Events Attended Award:** Christina Shin
- 🏆 **Volunteer of the Year Award:** Meena Pyatt
- 🏆 **Lead Award:** Morgan Dubose
- 🏆 **Educate Award:** Jillian French
- 🏆 **Network Award:** Jessica Waites
- 🏆 **Serve Award:** Julie Johnson
- 🏆 **Member's Choice Award:** Kara Davis











FUNDRAISING

This year's Annual Giving Campaign raised $42,079 through the support of 357 donors and 38 individual fundraisers. This incredible community effort directly funds our mission to empower the next generation of female leaders by providing young women with the resources, mentorship, and opportunities they deserve!

Top Fundraisers

- 💸 Christina Shin
  - $5,000
- 💸 Nedra El-Mansouri
  - $3,240
- 💸 Julie Johnson
  - $2,520
- 💸 Jacie Minnick
  - $2,416
- 💸 Kara Davis
  - $2,407
- 💸 Hannah Lothrop
  - $2,070
- 💸 Jessica Waites
  - $2,065
- 💸 Peyton Blanchard
  - $2,005
- 💸 Jamie DeFillipis
  - $1,540
- 💸 Tillie Stilling
  - $1,250

YWA Market Day

YWA's first Market Day brought together our community for an afternoon of shopping, connection, and giving back. The event featured 15 vendors — including 8 YWA members and 7 external small businesses — showcasing everything from handmade goods and baked treats to creative side hustles and curated resale finds. Through vendor donations and community support, Market Day raised $745 for the Future Women Leaders Fund. The event also created a meaningful opportunity to spotlight member creativity, support local women-owned businesses, and strengthen community connections.







Community Impact & Philanthropy

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Service is at the heart of YWA's mission and an important part of how our members make a difference beyond our organization. Throughout the year, members gave their time and talents to support local nonprofits, strengthen our Austin community, and create meaningful opportunities for women and girls. Through hands-on service and community partnerships, YWA turns connection into collective impact.

Community Partners

- Austin Animal Center
- Austin Farm Sanctuary
- Austin Sunshine Camps
- Big Brother Big Sister
- Casa Marianella
- Center for Child Protection
- Girls Empowerment Network
- MLK Pease Park
- Austin Pets Alive
- Salvation Army
- Wildflower Center







SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

YWA awarded four Young Women's Alliance Scholars this year, each eligible to receive $2,500 annually for four years – representing $40,000 in financial support. To make this opportunity more accessible to Del Valle students, YWA offers its scholarship application in both English and Spanish. This year, Fatima Nino became the first scholar to apply in Spanish.

YWA's investment in scholars continues throughout their college experience. In addition to annual scholarship funding, scholars receive mentorship, mental health resources, and access to funding for opportunities beyond the classroom. This year, 2023 scholar Evelyn Salas received $1,500 in Promise Scholarship funding to attend a dental outreach program in Peru.

Meet the 2026 Young Women's Alliance Scholars

Narcy Uresti

Narcy plans to attend St. Edward's University, where she will major in Psychology and minor in Marketing. She hopes to become a child psychologist and eventually open her own practice, where she can support and uplift young people. Outside of school, Narcy enjoys spending time with her family, especially sharing dinners with her siblings, nieces, and nephews and taking morning walks with her mom.

Megan Arispe

Megan plans to attend The University of Texas at San Antonio to pursue a career in nursing. Through her future career, she hopes to help people in need and make a positive impact in her community.

Fatima Nino

Fatima plans to study mechatronics engineering during her four years abroad at Tecnológico de Monterrey. She is excited to go to college because she hopes to build new things and inspire people in her community not to be afraid of pursuing higher education despite the barriers they may face.

Teyla Woody

Teyla plans to attend The University of Texas at Austin and major in Human Dimensions of Organizations. In her free time, she enjoys playing volleyball with her friends.



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