



Adults Independent and Motivated

Making Independence Possible

February 8, 2019

AIM joins Amplify Austin’s Day of Giving

Get ready for Amplify Austin, Austin's huge day of online community giving, on February 28 at 6 pm -March 1, 6 pm. This year, for the first time, AIM will be a participating organization and we are excited.

Here's a link to our Amplify Austin page:

<https://www.amplifyatx.org/organizations/adults-independent-and-motivated>

AIM needs your support to reach our goal of \$5,000! We've built a wonderful community that's one of only two such communities in the United States. Now we want to add a robust transportation service to the education, recreation and social supports we already provide.

Please help us do this important work and give to AIM through Amplify Austin. Thanks so much!

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Support AIM by having dinner at Chick-Fil-A on Hwy 620 in Bee Cave from 4pm-10pm on Monday, February 11th.



We thank Chick-Fil-A for donating a portion of the evening’s profits to AIM.

Participant Corner



Congratulations to AIMers who have celebrated recent anniversaries of the date they joined our community:

- Amy – 1 year in March
- Alicia—3 years in December
- Gracie and Cristina—4 years in January

Happy anniversary!

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Board Members:

- Ashley Sanchez, President
- Hector Sanchez, Vice President
- Julie Buchanan, Secretary
- Kim Eudy, Treasurer
- Ronda Phillips
- Suzanne Shepherd

AIM Turns 5!!

AIM was officially formed on February 19, 2014 and we are celebrating our 5th birthday this month!



AIM Buys a Minivan!

Since our program began, we have aspired to provide transportation for AIMers to get to work and AIM activities. We are delighted to announce that we have launched our transportation program.

AIM Vice President Hector Sanchez brought his engineering talent to bear on the acquisition, spending 2 months evaluating the various considerations, developing a formula to weigh the

merits of the various vehicles, and keeping a real-time spreadsheet of vehicles available in a 200-mile radius. He concluded that our best option— based on safety, price point, and passenger capacity— was a Kia Sedona. We bought a 2016 Kia Sedona LX with 36,200 miles on it. It is 8-passenger. It still has about 30 months and 23,500 miles left on its bumper-to-bumper warranty, and it is in good condition. In addition, they included “Certified Pre-Owned” status and the first year of oil changes.

Over the past 4 years, we have been steadily raising money for both the purchase of a vehicle and its operational expenses. We could not have arrived at this exciting milestone without the help of numerous donors and volunteers over the years, and we thank you all. In addition, we extend our profound thanks to our 2 top donors without whom we could not have done this:

- **Independent Bank**
- **Century Granite and Marble** (Toni and Bryan Sircely) in Southlake, Texas

Having access to reliable transportation expands employment opportunities for current AIMers and makes AIM a more viable option for other young adults who could not consider AIM unless we provide transportation. We could not be more excited to have reached this fantastic milestone.



AIM Core Principles

1. Safety
2. Employment or Meaningful Regular Activity Away from Home
3. Lifelong Learning
4. Healthy Living
5. Social Activities
6. Family Engagement and Family Commitment
7. Increasing Independence
8. Continuity

AIM Socials

AIM has socials for people who are taking the next step in exploring whether AIM is the right fit.

The socials in October, November, December and January included: Pumpkin Decorating and Donkey Petting, Elizabeth Ney Museum & Hyde Park Grill, Annual Membership Meeting, HCI Socials x 5, AIM Sparks Practices x 3 and Bowling.

AIM through the eyes of AIMers

In order to tell the story of AIM from those who know it best, we enlisted the help of our Monday Night Group Facilitator, Erika Musick. Erika asked a group of current and future AIMers a series of questions that would explain what AIM means to them.

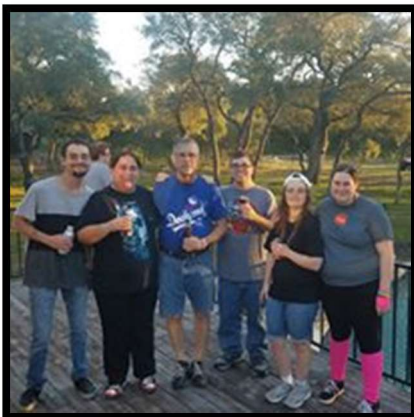
Here is our video with their observations.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hz4_7X0nsg4

This video would not be possible without the editing help of Ryan Korsgard, who spent 4.5 hours arranging and compiling the footage into what you see here. Thank you Ryan for your expertise and time spent helping AIMers tell their story!

AIM by the Numbers - 2018

- 1 Vehicle Purchased for getting AIMers to work and AIM activities
- 1 new AIMer
- 1 AIM Sparks Special Olympics basketball team
- 1 AIM Open House
- 1 Job Placement for a prospective AIMer with ABC Home and Commercial Services
- 1 full-day Strategic Planning Session for the Board of Directors
- 1 documentary being made by filmmaker Mark Baird about AIM
- 1 Alamo Draffhouse screening of that documentary
- 3rd annual party barge on Lake Travis attended by about 50 participants and family members
- 5 Who Care Award from KVUE News
- 6 Residents celebrating 2, 3, and almost 4 years in AIM
- 10 to 20 prospective AIMers participating in socials
- 12 Outreach and Networking Events
- 12 AIM socials
- 30 Nights of Fun Fitness at Hill Country Indoor
- 46 meetings of The Monday Group
- 140 hours worked on average every week by AIMers
- 200+ AIM cookbooks sold to date
- 1,500 hours volunteered with AIM
- \$2,000 grant from The Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation
- \$16,000 raised in our 2nd annual Tutus and Ties Fun Run



Thank You to Our 2018 Donors!

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