

## HIGHLIGHTS THROUGH THE YEARS

# RGK CENTER

### JANUARY 18, 2000

The RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service officially begins operations under the founding director Curtis W. Meadows, Jr.

### SEPTEMBER 2002

The RGK Center receives its first research funding from the OneStar Foundation to study the **impact of volunteerism** on state agencies

### JANUARY 2003

The RGK Center begins disbursing **Academic Innovation Awards** university-wide, an investment of \$700,000 in new nonprofit course development and research awards to 36 UT Austin faculty in multiple disciplines across campus

### MAY 17, 2003

First UT Austin graduate students receive Office of Graduate Studies recognition for completing the new cross-disciplinary **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Studies**

### JUNE 2004

The Corporation for National and Community Service commissions the Center to create a reliable, valid **organizational assessment instrument** of volunteer and national service engagement

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2005

**Peter J. Frumkin** begins as the new director of the Center

### AUGUST 2006

With support from the Ford motor company, the RGK Center launches the Ford Fellows in Social Enterprise (later renamed the **Curtis W. Meadows, Jr. Fellows**)

### SEPTEMBER 2006

With investment from the MFI Foundation (and later MSDF), the RGK Center launches a **Social Innovation Competition** to support students interested in creating sustainable new social impact businesses and nonprofits

### NOVEMBER 2010

The RGK Center establishes, in collaboration with the Association for Research in Nonprofit and Voluntary Association, the annual **Presidents' Award** to support new, creative and theory building research projects in the field of philanthropic, nonprofit and voluntary action studies

### SEPTEMBER 1, 2014

**David W. Springer** begins Directorship of the RGK Center, offering courses in leadership and community impact

### OCTOBER 16, 2016

After 50 years, the RGK Foundation closes with the establishment of a \$1 million **Kozmetsky Fellowship** endowment at the RGK Center that funds tuition for two LBJ School graduate students each year

### MARCH 19, 2019

With funding from the MSDF and St. David's Foundation and nonprofits themselves, the RGK Center establishes the **CONNECT program** to connect the research and analysis strength of UT Austin graduate students directly to nonprofit data and evaluation projects