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**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.

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2005**

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

**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.

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2014**

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

**MARCH 19, 2019**

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**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.

**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.

**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).

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**NOVEMBER 2010**

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**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.

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