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## **Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Announces \$164,000 Grant Pool for Change-Maker Grants in 2021**

*Charitable women's giving circle will help nonprofits implement programs directly impacting Central Indiana*

**INDIANAPOLIS – Feb. 15, 2020 –** Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis, a charitable women's giving circle, announced today that, thanks to contributions from more than 200 women, their 2021 grant pool has reached \$164,000, which will be used for Change-Maker grants to Central Indiana nonprofits. Including the grants to be made in 2021, Impact 100 will have granted more than \$2.7 million in its 16-year history. The grant recipients will be determined at the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis awards celebration in June. Following the annual celebration, the women of Impact 100 will have surpassed \$2.6 million in grants awarded to Central Indiana nonprofit organizations over the past 16 years.

From now until May 2020, grant review committees will evaluate proposed projects and applications submitted by greater Indianapolis area nonprofits, followed by site visits and the selection of one finalist each from five focus areas (FACs), including: arts, culture and preservation; education; environment and animal welfare; family; and health and wellness. At the annual celebration, each finalist will deliver a seven-minute presentation to the Impact 100 membership. After the presentations, Impact 100 members will cast their live vote, and the 2020 Impact 100 Change-Makers will be announced.

“The women of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis are making a meaningful and lasting difference in Central Indiana by harnessing ‘The Power of Women Giving as One’ to make our community better,” said Karen Holly, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. “Giving circles are a powerful approach to philanthropic giving and we are excited to have the opportunity to award two Change-Maker grants this year and help nonprofits change our community for the better,” she said.

To date, 18 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 high-impact grants and 46 have received unrestricted, residual grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving. Previous Change-Makers include: Family Promise of Hendricks County (2020); Kennedy King Memorial Initiative (2019); Brookside Community Development Corporation and Trinity Episcopal Church (2018); Volunteers of America of Ohio & Indiana (2017); The IMPACT Project (a joint project between Ascent 121 and Lutheran Child and Family Services) (2016); Indianapolis Parks Foundation for Indy Urban Acres Flower Farm (2015); LifeSmart Youth (2014); Tindley Collegiate (2013); Jameson Camp, Inc. (2012); Outside the Box, Inc. (2011); Rock Steady Boxing (2010); Outreach, Inc. (2009); Herron High School and Horizon House (2008); Indy Reads and Craine House/Fairbanks (2007); and Wishard/Eskenazi (2006).

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis is completely managed by volunteer members. Membership in Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis is secured through an individual donation of \$1,000. Shared memberships in which two to four women can pool their money to share one vote are also available. 100 percent of membership donations go into the grant pool to fund. To learn more about Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis monthly membership events and the annual awards celebration, visit [www.impact100indy.org](http://www.impact100indy.org).

### ***About Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis***

Founded in 2006, Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis is a 501(C)(3) charitable women's giving circle dedicated to awarding high impact grants totaling \$100,000 or more to at least one nonprofit in the greater Indianapolis community in the areas of arts, culture and preservation; education; environment and animal welfare; family; and health and wellness. The organization seeks to fund critical needs, new ventures, and innovative ways to solve social problems and to create a more civil and respectful climate in our community. Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis has a minimum of 100 members, each donating \$1,000 per year to fund the grants. For more information about Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis, visit [www.impact100indy.org](http://www.impact100indy.org) or follow us on Facebook @impact100indy and Instagram @impact100indy.

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