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## Family Promise of Hendricks County Awarded \$100,000 Grant During Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Virtual Awards

Charitable Women's Giving Circle Celebrates 2020 Change-Maker Finalists and Over \$2.5 Million of Women Giving as One to Central Indiana Nonprofits

**INDIANAPOLIS** – **July 14, 2020** - <u>Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis</u>, a charitable women's giving circle, awarded a \$100,000 high-impact grant to <u>Family Promise of Hendricks County</u> tonight during its 15th annual awards celebration which was held virtually as the result of the coronavirus pandemic. Family Promise of Hendricks County was announced as the Impact 100 Change-Maker of 2020 following taped video presentations by the five finalists and current members casting their votes electronically.

Family Promise of Hendricks County will utilize their funding to increase the impact of their PowerHouse project, an innovative community response that will prevent evictions and quickly rehouse those who are homeless, while offering supportive services to ensure stability. The organization has experienced a 40% increase in housing needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and through this project, Impact 100 funding will help the organization prevent homelessness for an additional 400 families and end homelessness for 75 families throughout Central Indiana. Those struggling will be able to find or keep their home through extensive partnerships within a caring community.

"Impact 100 is honored to recognize and support the missions of all five of our 2020 Change-Maker finalists," said Karen Holly, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. "During this difficult time, it is clear that the lives of many will continue to be impacted. Women giving as one is powerful and we need to continue to come together and 'raise the tide' of philanthropy by connecting Family Promise of Hendricks County, our 2020 Change-Maker winner, to the funding they need to create positive change in our community."

This year marks the 15th anniversary of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis and following the 2020 celebration, the organization has awarded 64 grants, totaling over \$2.5 million to local nonprofits. Organizations submitted grant applications in January 2020. Five focus area committees vetted one finalist in each focus area.

Family Promise of Hendricks County, finalist in the family focus area, was one of five organizations that made a video presentation during the virtual awards dinner. Additional finalists included: <u>Claude McNeal Productions</u> (arts, culture and preservation); <u>Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside (FIDO)</u> (environmental and animal welfare); <u>Nine13sports</u> (education) and <u>Paws & Think</u> (health and wellness). The four remaining finalists each received residual grants of just over \$26,000 each, the largest residual grants in the organization's history.

"Family Promise of Hendricks County is honored to be the 2020 Change-Maker for our PowerHouse Project," said Julie Randall, executive director of Family Promise of Hendricks County. "The impact will be felt immediately by those struggling for housing stability during this pandemic. Thank you for believing in us and the families that desperately seek the stability a home can provide!"

To date, 18 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 high-impact grants and 46 agencies have received unrestricted, residual grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving. Previous Change-Makers include: Kennedy King Memorial Initiative (2019); Brookside Community Development Corporation and Trinity Episcopal Church (2018); Volunteers of America of Indiana (2017); The IMPACT Project (a joint project between Ascent 121 and The Lutheran Child and Family Services (2016); Indianapolis Parks Foundation for Indy Urban Acres Flower Farm (2015); LifeSmart Youth (formerly Social Health Association of Indiana) (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).

Women may join Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis by making an individual membership donation of \$1,000. Shared memberships are also available for small groups of women who wish to pool their money together for the \$1,000 donation. These funds are used exclusively for the purpose of grant making. Details on how to become a member can be found here.

## 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 <a href="https://www.impact100indy.org">www.impact100indy.org</a> or follow us on Twitter @Impact100Indy.

## About Family Promise of Hendricks County

Founded by volunteers, Family Promise of Hendricks County transforms the lives of families experiencing homelessness and poverty in Hendricks County by providing housing, stability services and homelessness prevention, with the goal of achieving sustainable independence.