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Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Announces 2016 Finalists for \$100,000 High-Impact Grant *Charitable Women's Giving Circle Celebrates \$1.76 Million of Giving Since 2006*

INDIANAPOLIS – May 9, 2016 – Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis (www.impact100indy.org) today announced the four finalists that will compete for the \$100,000 high-impact grant at the eleventh annual Impact 100 dinner on June 7, 2016 at The Willows on Westfield, 6729 Westfield Boulevard, Indianapolis. Each finalist will deliver a seven-minute presentation to the Impact 100 membership. Following the presentation phase, Impact 100 members will cast their live, 'Shark-Tank' style vote and the \$100,000 grant winner will be announced.

The 2016 finalists are

- **Arts and Culture:** PRISM Project/Indy Fringe
- **Education:** Creative Classroom Connections/Art with a Heart
- **Family:** The IMPACT Program to Curb Runaway and Human Trafficking of Young Girls/Ascent 121 and Lutheran Child and Family Services
- **Health and Wellness:** Dove Recovery House for Women at Summerlin Place/Dove Recovery House

The 2016 members of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis have collectively given \$155,000 to this year's grant pool. One hundred percent of these funds will be presented during the annual dinner. In addition to the \$100,000 the winner of the high-impact grant will receive, each remaining finalist will be given an \$18,333 residual grant.

"I am honored to help lead this incredible group of generous women. Through our collaborative efforts we are able to deliver extraordinary gifts to nonprofits that if done on our own would not be as impactful. Our annual dinner is a wonderful opportunity to experience the power of women's philanthropy while learning about the needs of our community and those working hard to make it a better place," said Beth Thomas, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis.

To date, 12 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 and 35 have received residual grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving. Previous high-impact grantees include: Indianapolis Parks Foundation for Indy Urban Acres Flower Farm (2015); 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 (2006).

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. Membership funds are used exclusively for the purpose of grant making.

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Only current Impact 100 members are eligible to vote for the selection of the \$100,000 grant winner, but the organization encourages non-members to attend the annual dinner in order to see the impact they are making together. Tickets to the dinner are available for \$50 per person and can be purchased by nonmembers until May 30, 2016 on the Impact 100 website at www.impact100indy.org/join/event-registration.

About Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis:

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, education, environment, family and health & 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 or follow us on Twitter @Impact100Indy or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Impact-100-Greater-Indianapolis-193876110663610/.

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