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Finalists for \$100,000 High-Impact Grant Announced

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Celebrates \$1.9 Million of Giving Since 2006

INDIANAPOLIS – May 5, 2017 – [Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis](#), a charitable women’s giving circle, today announced the five finalists that will compete for the \$100,000 high-impact grant at the 12th annual Impact 100 dinner on June 13, 2017 at The Ritz Charles, 12156 N. Meridian Street, Carmel. Each finalist will deliver a seven minute presentation to the Impact 100 membership. Following the presentation phase, Impact 100 members will cast their live vote and the \$100,000 grant winner will be announced shortly thereafter.

The 2017 finalists are:

- **Arts and Culture:** Artist and Public Life Residency, *BigCar Collaborative*
- **Education:** Workplace Simulation Project Plus, *DirectEmployers Institute*
- **Environment:** Environmental Learning Center, *Marian University*
- **Family:** Fresh Start Recovery, *Volunteers of America*
- **Health and Wellness:** License to Drive and Yearn to Earn, *Children's Bureau*

The 221 women who are 2017 members of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis have collectively given \$160,000 to this year’s grant pool. One hundred percent of these funds will be granted during the annual dinner. In addition to the \$100,000 the winner of the high-impact grant will receive, each remaining finalist will receive a \$15,000 residual grant.

“It is incredible to think what has been achieved by the nonprofits who have received our grants over the past 12 years, and that nearly 700 women have made it possible for Impact 100 to give over \$1.9 million to our community,” said Beth Thomas, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. “Each year our members give individually so we can collectively impact our community. The only thing that would make this better is for more women to join us in the powerful experience of women giving as one, allowing us to support more nonprofits. Our dream is to be able to give \$500,000 in one year, \$100,000 to a nonprofit in each of our five focus areas.”

To date, 13 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 and 31 have received residual grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis’ collective giving. Previous high-impact grantees include: The IMPACT Program to Curb Runaway and Human Trafficking of Young Girls/Ascent 121 and Lutheran Child and Family Services (2016), 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 Eskenazi Health Center Pecar (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 and experience first-hand the impact they are making together. Tickets to the dinner are available for \$50 per person and can be purchased by nonmembers until May 31, 2017 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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