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Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Names 2021 Change-Maker Finalists During “Big Reveal”

In its 16th year of grant making, charitable women’s giving circle names five nonprofits who will vie virtually for a \$100,000 grant in June 2021

INDIANAPOLIS – May 13, 2021 – [Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis](#), a charitable women’s giving circle, announced during their “Big Reveal” virtual event on May 12, 2021 the five Central Indiana nonprofit organizations that will compete for a \$100,000 high-impact grant on June 29, 2021. In lieu of the traditional awards celebration, the Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis 2021 Change-Maker winner will be named during a virtual event in which current members will preserve one of the essential features of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis by enabling members to cast their votes electronically following a seven-minute video presentation from each of the finalists. One nonprofit will be awarded the 2021 Impact 100 Change-Maker \$100,000 high-impact grant with the other four finalists receiving residual grants of \$16,788 each. Following the virtual celebration, the women of Impact 100 will have surpassed \$2.7 million in grants awarded to Central Indiana nonprofit organizations during its 16-year history.

2021 Change-Maker finalists in the five focus areas are:

- **Arts, Culture & Preservation:** [Indianapolis Shakespeare Company](#)
- **Education:** [Westminster Neighborhood Services](#)
- **Environment & Animal Welfare:** [Beacon of Hope Crisis Center](#)
- **Family:** [You Yes You! Project](#)
- **Health & Wellness:** [NeighborLink Indianapolis](#)

“Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis not only has the privilege of making transformational gifts available in the community where we live, but empowers women to get to know nonprofits on a deeper-level and determine collectively what need to fund,” said Karen Holly, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. “We are ecstatic to have these five nonprofits as 2021 Change-Maker finalists and hope members of the community will join us for our virtual celebration to learn how a giving circle works and to share in the celebration of awarding transformative grants to organizations with innovative ideas for solving social problems.”

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).

Membership in Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis is secured through an individual donation of \$1,000. Shared memberships in which two to four women pool their money to share one vote are also available. Membership funds are used exclusively for the purpose of grant making, with more than 200 women collectively giving over \$167,000 to the 2021 grant pool.

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Only current Impact 100 members are eligible to vote for the selection of the 2021 Change-Makers, but the organization encourages non-members to participate in the virtual celebration when the winner of the 2021 \$100,000 Change-Maker grant will be announced during a special video presentation on June 29, 2021 at 7 p.m. The community can watch by [signing up to receive the newsletter email notification](#), by [watching on Facebook](#) or on the [Impact 100 website](#).

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 or follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#).

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