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## Finalists for Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis \$100,000 Grant Announced

Charitable Women's Giving Circle to Name 2019 Change-Maker During Annual Awards Celebration in June

INDIANAPOLIS – MAY 20, 2019 – Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis, a charitable women's giving circle, today announced the five nonprofits that will compete for a \$100,000 high-impact grant at the 14th annual Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis celebration at 5 p.m. on June 18, 2019 at The Willows, located at 6729 Westfield Blvd. in Indianapolis. Finalists will each deliver a seven minute presentation with their proposal to change the greater Indianapolis community. Following the presentations, current Impact 100 members will cast their live votes. Thanks to contributions from members and supporters to the 2019 grant pool, one nonprofit will be named the 2019 Impact 100 Change-Maker and receive a \$100,000 high-impact grant. Four finalists will receive the largest residual grants in the organization's history, \$22,750 each.

2019 projects/finalists in the five focus areas are:

- Arts, Culture & Preservation: Kennedy King Cultural Visitor's Center/<u>Kennedy King Memorial</u> Initiative
- Education: Westside Expansion/*Elevate Indianapolis*
- Environment & Animal Welfare: Pawsitive Impact Program/Paws & Think
- Family: Stability Builders Network/*Family Promise of Hendricks County*
- Health and Wellness: Path to Independence Wellness Program/*NeuroHope of Indiana*, *Inc.*

"Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis gives women a voice in improving our community," said Terry Mumford, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. "Our work together makes us strong and has enabled us to award \$2.3 million in grants to central Indiana nonprofit organizations over the past 14 years. We hope that many members of the community will join us for our annual celebration to learn how a giving circle works and to see the power of women giving as one."

To date, 16 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 high-impact grants and 38 have received unrestricted, residual grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving. Previous Change-Makers include: 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).

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, with more than 250 women collectively giving \$191,000 to the 2019 grant pool.

Only current Impact 100 members are eligible to vote for the selection of the 2019 Change-Maker, but the organization encourages non-members to attend the annual celebration and experience first-hand the impact they are making together. Tickets to the event, which has sold out in the past two years, are available for \$75 per person through June 11, 2019 on the Impact 100 website at <a href="https://www.impact100indy.org/join/event-registration">www.impact100indy.org/join/event-registration</a>.

The event is generously being supported by: Athletic Annex; BAF Construction; Bright Ideas in Broad Ripple; Eskenazi Health Foundation; Financial Partners Group; MCH Commercial; Nicky Blaine's Cocktail Lounge; REI Real Estate Services; Riggi Italia; SOAR: Street Outreach Animal Response Initiative; and The Emily Fund.

## 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.

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