We're 205 Strong in 2007!

Thank you for being a part of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis in 2007. Our message to the community is simple: as a group of women we can make a much larger impact upon the community than we can individually.

Our philosophy is as follows: we seek to fund critical needs, new ventures and innovative ways to solve social problems and to create a more civil and just climate in our community. We believe that every member of our community should have access to a clean, safe environment, cultural enrichment, family services and quality education and healthcare.

If you know other women in the Greater Indianapolis area that would be in agreement with our philosophy, please share this newsletter and help us grow.

Sincerely,

The Board of Impact Greater Indianapolis

2006 Grant Update

"People are asking ALL the time when the pharmacy is going to open," reports Wishard physician Ellen Marcus, M.D., who works at Pecar. "They also want to know if the staff will speak Spanish." Patients are anxious for the on-site pharmacy to open because it will immediately improve access to needed medication for the at-risk population served by the health center. The Impact grant is being spent in this way: $90,000 will go toward the purchase of software that will track pharmaceutical inventory, patient visits and dispensing of medications, with the remainder of the grant ($62,000) going toward construction costs. Two other grants were received in support of the project to build the pharmacy for a total cost of $302,000.

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis awarded $152,000 to the Wishard Memorial Foundation for the Pecar Health Center pharmacy at its annual meeting in June of 2006. Two installment payments have
been made to the Foundation for the pharmacy and the Wishard staff reports that the pharmacy will be complete mid-2007. Construction on the project is several months ahead of schedule. It will be named “The Impact 100 Pharmacy.”

Thanks to all members of last year's Health and Wellness committee that promoted the pharmacy to the membership as a finalist. Chair of the committee, LeeAnne Nazer, M.D., and vice-chair, Barbara Fleming Cecil, are again leading this year's Health and Wellness committee.

**Focus Area Committees are Meeting Now**

**Family, Arts and Culture, Environment, Health and Wellness and Environment**

The Focus Area committees are now meeting. When you volunteer to serve on a focus area committee, you are asked to attend the four meetings that have been scheduled, and each meeting lasts approximately 90 minutes. Thank you to those members who will be volunteering their time to choose the five candidates for our 2007 grant awards.

If you are interested in learning more about the Focus Area Committees and the grant process, please contact Donna Oklak at ddoklak@sbcglobal.net. Next year, our goal is to award three grants within the five focus areas. It's not too early to consider serving on a 2008 FAC.

**Become More Involved**

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis is seeking talented, smart, and philanthropically-minded women from our membership to serve on the Board of Directors.

We need women who are dedicated to the vision of “raising the tide” of philanthropy in Indianapolis through the Power of Women Giving as One, and who enjoy working together to uphold the mission of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. With your help, we can continue to grow the vision of the Power of Women Giving as One and as a result we can transform our community.

If you are a talented, smart, and philanthropically-minded woman and would like to help grow the vision, please contact either Rebecca Seifert at rseifert@indy.rr.com or by calling 356-9902 or Terri Czajka at Terri.czajka@icemiller.com for more information.

**Educational Opportunity Available**

Immediate Volunteer Opportunity: Impact 100 needs a volunteer with html and coding experience for our website. For more information, contact Linda Maxwell, lafrau@comcast.net or 570.3931.
Learn about Philanthropy

Internationally Recognized Leader of Ms. Foundation for Women in New York City to speak in Indianapolis

It is part of our mission and vision for Impact Greater Indianapolis to educate our membership about the nonprofit community. If you know of opportunities for our membership to learn more about the nonprofit community, please contact Kim Robertson at kgrobertson@sbcglobal.net. We are happy to use our newsletter to promote educational opportunities. With that being said, please read about this upcoming opportunity that we are happy to share with our membership.

Sarah Gould, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women in New York City, will visit Indianapolis February 5-7, 2007, as the first Scholar-in-Residence of the Women's Philanthropy Institute, a program of the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

Please join Ellen Quigley, Deputy Mayor of the City of Indianapolis, for a community conversation with Ms. Gould on Monday, February 5 from 4:40-6:00 pm in the Madame Walker Theatre ballroom, 617 Indiana Avenue. Ms. Gould's topic is "Engaging Women to Effect Social Change." RSVP to apactor@iupui.edu or call 278-8990 by January 29.

Message from Kelli Norwalk

On January 9, as our giving circle gathered together for the first time, it was clear to me that our mission of collectively giving away high-impact grants to nonprofit organizations in our community had resonated in all 205 of us.

Our grassroots initiative is comprised of strong, intelligent women with big, big hearts. As we embark on our journey to select this year's two nonprofit grant recipients, let us pause to reflect on the potential life-changing ramifications these gifts could have.

Who knows? Perhaps the lives that change may also include our own. Enjoy every step of this "life-giving" process! You may reach me at 704-1014 or email me at norwalks@aol.com.

With gratitude, Kelli Norwalk

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