



Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Newsletter

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2007 Focus Area Finalists Announced!

The focus area committees of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis are presenting our membership today with five nonprofit finalists that exemplify our grant giving philosophy. On June 12, we will together decide the two nonprofit organizations that will be awarded \$102,500.

These grants will enable two of these organizations to meet critical needs, begin new ventures, and find innovative ways to solve social problems in our greater Indianapolis community. On behalf of our entire membership, I would like to extend a deep sense of appreciation and gratitude to all who served on the focus area committees. You have done your due diligence and we commend you for a job well done! I look forward, with great joy, in sharing the culmination of our mission together on June 12. See you there!

Ladies, here are your five focus area finalists for 2007. Your packets will be sent to you in the mail along with instructions on how to vote if you are unable to attend the June 12th awards dinner. Please read the information below and your packet of information when it arrives in the mail.

Respectfully,

Kelli Norwalk, President

• Arts and Culture



Phoenix Theatre, Inc.

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Phoenix Theatre, Inc. -- Social Outreach Program

The nationally recognized Phoenix Theatre will extend its mission of producing relevant contemporary plays to the broader community. It will acquire more than 400 proven scripts that use the immediacy of "interactive" theatre to help groups from schoolchildren to seniors explore topics ranging from domestic violence to race relations to disease prevention. Professional actors will visit schools, community centers, prisons, and other venues, and will be supported by a sociologist to maximize learning experiences.

• **Education**



Indy Reads

Indy Reads -- Volunteer Tutor Training Program

Indy Reads, the only provider of free basic literacy tutoring to adults in Indianapolis, seeks to expand current volunteer training for tutors to reach more students. The proposal requests funds for the program manager position, for contracted certified trainers, to print tutoring materials, to underwrite pro-rated office expenses to Indianapolis Marion County Public Library, to fund travel to a ProLiteracy Conference, and to purchase training software. Indy Reads is currently undergoing a significant organizational change, operating as an independent nonprofit for the first time in its twenty-two year history.

• **Environment**



Hoosier Heartland Resource Conservation & Development Council, Inc.

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Hoosier Heartland's Plant a Tree, Make a Difference project, part of the ten year Plant a Million Initiative, is a campaign to improve the environment in Central Indiana by helping people plant trees and educating them about the benefits of trees and how to care for them. The project will directly benefit the community by creating more beautiful and healthy surroundings. It will also educate residents about the importance of trees to human health, peaceful communities, economic development and environmental conservation.

• **Family**



John P. Craine House/Fairbanks Collaboration -- The Next Generation at Risk

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This new and innovative partnership between Craine House and Fairbanks, "Parenting Education and Interventions for Substance Impacted Mothers and their Children" will address substance abuse issues of incarcerated women and their children. The ultimate goal is to prepare the families for success-- both in the present and the future-- while breaking the cycle of substance abuse and incarceration that plagues too many Indianapolis families.

• **Health and Wellness**



Easter Seals Crossroads -- Multi-Sensory Environment

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Easter Seals Crossroads (ESC) requests funds to renovate current treatment areas at their Marion County facility to better serve pediatric medical rehabilitation patients, specifically children with autism. The renovation will modernize seven private treatment rooms, a waiting area for families of patients and create two multi-sensory therapy rooms. ESC staff will also receive training to fully maximize the latest information regarding autism treatment to better serve the growing number of children and families in our community with autism.

• Annual Award Dinner



Come Cast Your Vote!

Join us at the Riverwalk Banquet Center

As a member of Impact 100, you are invited to the Members' Annual Award Dinner. Don't miss the excitement as we select and award our grants totaling \$205,000!

We'll meet Tuesday, June 12, at the Riverwalk Banquet Center, 6729 Westfield Boulevard, Indianapolis. 5:30p.m. begins with a social cash bar, 6:00p.m. a buffet dinner will be served, 7:00p.m. the focus areas begin their presentations, and at 8:00p.m. all present will vote to select our 2007 two recipients. Following the vote count, we will announce this year's grant winners and share a champagne toast!

Make your reservation check for \$35.00 payable to Impact 100 and mail to: Janet Belden, 203 Harbour Circle, Fishers, 46037. **Checks will be accepted at the door if you have previously made a reservation by calling 842-8727 or sending an email to thebeldens@aol.com.** All reservations must be in by Thursday, May 24.

Look forward to hearing from you!
Janet Belden and Alyson Smith,
Membership Chairs

• The Power of Women Giving as One



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

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Tell others about us so they can join us!

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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.

With gratitude,
Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Board

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