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Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Announces its Largest Grant Pool

Increase Enables Charitable Women's Giving Circle to Present TWO \$100,000 High-Impact Grants to the Impact 100 Change-Makers of 2018

INDIANAPOLIS – February 12, 2018 – Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis, a charitable women's giving circle, has announced its largest-ever grant pool of \$212,000. During the Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis annual awards celebration on June 12, 2018, the nonprofit will gift two \$100,000 high-impact grants to Impact 100 Change-Makers of 2018. An increase in the grant pool is due in part to a surge in membership with 272 women, including 91 new members, donating funds to this year's grant cycle. Following the annual celebration, the volunteer organization will have surpassed \$2.1M in transformational grants awarded to central Indiana nonprofit organizations over the past 13 years.

From now until May, grant review committees will evaluate proposed projects and applications submitted by greater Indianapolis area nonprofits, followed by site visits and the selection of one finalist from five focus areas (FACs), including arts and culture, education, environment, family, and health and wellness. At the annual celebration, each finalist will deliver a seven-minute presentation to the Impact 100 membership. After the presentations, Impact 100 members will cast their live vote, and two \$100,000 winners will be announced. The remaining \$12,000 in unrestricted residual grants will be shared equally between the other three finalists of the FAC categories.

“The women of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis are making a meaningful and lasting difference as they seek to improve the quality of life in central Indiana,” said Terry Mumford, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. “We are honored to award our largest grant pool ever in 2018 and to show the powerful impact women giving as one can have to help change our community for the better. We hope that many members of the community will join us for our exciting annual celebration to learn how our giving circle works.”

To date, 14 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 high-impact grants and 35 have received smaller unrestricted grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving. Previous grantees include: 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); 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).

In addition to the money raised through annual dues, members and others from the community have donated an additional \$20,000 to fund scholarships enabling 20 young female philanthropists to be a part Impact's 2018 grant process.

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. To learn more about Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis and the annual awards celebration, visit www.impact100indy.org.

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, 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.

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