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**Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Announces 2017 Grant Pool and Annual Membership**  
*Increase in New Members Will Enable Charitable Women's Giving Circle to Present Grants Totaling \$156,000*

**INDIANAPOLIS – January 27 2017** – Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis ([www.impact100indy.org](http://www.impact100indy.org)) announced today it will give away \$156,000 and membership will be comprised of 215 women for the 2017 grant cycle. Following the annual awards dinner on June 13, 2017, the volunteer organization will have collectively granted \$1,913,000 in gifts over the past twelve years to central Indiana nonprofit organizations.

Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' circle continues to grow as 62 new members will participate in this year's grant decision making process. From now until May, focus area committees will review and discuss proposed projects and applications submitted by greater Indianapolis area nonprofits, followed by site visits and the selection of one finalist from five focus areas, including arts and culture, education, environment, family and health and wellness. Each finalist will deliver a seven-minute presentation to the Impact 100 membership during the annual dinner. After the presentations, Impact 100 members will cast their live vote and the \$100,000 high-impact grant winner will be announced. The remaining \$56,000 in unrestricted residual grants will be shared equally between the other four finalists.

“The power of women giving as one through our high-impact grants allows us to have a profound influence on improving the quality of life in central Indiana. Pooling our donations and working together, we are able to return 100% of our members' donations to effect sustainable social change,” said Beth Thomas, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis.

To date, 13 local nonprofits have received \$100,000 and 35 have received smaller unrestricted grants as a result of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving. Previous grantees include: 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 (2006).

In addition to the money raised through annual dues, members and others from the community have donated an additional \$11,000 to fund scholarships enabling 10 young female philanthropists to be a part Impact's 2017 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. During the 2017 grant cycle, there are 29 shared memberships. To learn more about Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis and the annual awards dinner visit [www.impact100indy.org](http://www.impact100indy.org).

**About Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis:**

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](http://www.impact100indy.org) or follow us on Twitter @Impact100Indy.

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