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IMPACT 100 AWARDS \$624,000 TO SIX LOCAL NONPROFITS

Awards Mark 17 Years Of Giving By Region's Women-Led Philanthropic Group

Cincinnati, OH – 9/14/2018 – Six Greater Cincinnati organizations have received grants of \$104,000 each to help transform and improve our community.

The grants were awarded by Impact 100, the region's premier women's philanthropic organization, which for the past 17 years has provided individual grants in excess of \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations across Southeastern Indiana, Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati.

"We are proud to be able to help nonprofit organizations transform and improve our community – but we also learn so much from our applicants and finalists each year," said Impact 100 President Clare Zlatic Blankemeyer "We know that one of the largest barriers to acting through philanthropy or volunteerism is knowing which opportunities to support. Our aim is not only to support worthy causes, but also to educate the broader community about these organizations and initiatives so that others are moved to support them, too."

Impact 100 was founded in Cincinnati in 2001 as a meaningful way to respond to the needs of the community through a collective giving concept: that people can pool their resources together to make a greater change than one could alone. Every year, the organization's members contribute or raise funding to make these impactful grants.

The grant review process starts in January. This year, after a rigorous six-month vetting process, six high quality grant finalists were named in June. In September, Impact 100 members heard outstanding presentations from each finalist and voted for four grant recipients through a newly implemented digital process. After the Annual Awards Celebration, board members learned of a voting error. The Board of Directors unanimously agreed on the most appropriate resolution: in fairness to the quality grant finalists, and in honor of Impact 100's philanthropic mission, commitment to integrity and transparency, Impact 100 has awarded each of the six finalists with a \$104,000 grant.

To be clear, Impact 100 did not have the available funds for these two additional unplanned grants. Our valued members funded four grants for \$416,000. To fund these two additional grants, Impact 100 was most honored and deeply grateful to a local foundation who immediately, yet anonymously, agreed to support the funding of these two additional grants!

2018 Impact 100 grant recipients are:

Outdoor Adventure Clubs of Greater Cincinnati

Outdoor Adventure Clubs for At-Risk Youth

Expand a school-based model of involving youth in the outdoors and apply it to serving non-school based at-risk youth including those living in extreme poverty, experiencing homelessness, and/or affected by mental illness.

La Soupe

Souping UP La Soupe for Food Insecurity

Purchase five pieces of vital equipment to expand current capacity and substantially increase the ability to process the rescue of perishable food, transform it into healthy meals more efficiently, and allow faster distribution to the food insecure.

Power Inspires Progress, Inc.

Venice Food Truck: Mobile Training for Adults with Barriers to Employment

Purchase and equip a food truck to use as a new training facility that will prepare adults facing significant barriers to employment with skills to re-enter the workforce as well as achieve a stable living situation.

Wave Pool

Welcome Project for Refugees and Immigrants

Renovate a space for instruction, handmade produce sales, and fresh produce in a food desert while empowering marginalized, at-risk refugee and immigrant women with skills training leading to employment as well as broader community revitalization.

Welcome House

Homeless Street Health & Hygiene Open Door Outreach

Purchase and equip a customized medical outreach van that provides safe & sanitary medical care in a private setting allowing greater efficiency and more effective health care to hundreds of people experiencing homelessness in Northern Kentucky.

City Gospel Mission

Little Village – Stay & Play

Provide a high-quality space for playful learning by young children (birth to 5 years) and their families, where neighborhood relationships are built, and families are connected to community resources, ensuring family needs are met at every point of development.

To learn more about Impact 100, or for information about the 2019 grant application process, visit www.Impact100.org.

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About Impact 100:

Founded in Cincinnati in 2001 by Wendy Steele, Impact 100 was born out of a desire to make a greater impact with philanthropic donations by collectively pooling the funds of area women to create a significant \$100,000-plus grant. The name, Impact 100, comes from the initial goal of 100 women contributing \$1,000 to award a \$100,000 grant to a community organization. Impact 100 has grown into a movement with chapters in over 50 U.S. cities and two foreign countries. Together, the organizations have awarded more than \$55 million in grants. The Cincinnati chapter alone has awarded more than \$4.8 million in grant money locally.