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**IMPACT 100 WILL AWARD \$404,000 -- NAMES FINALISTS**

*Women-Led Philanthropic Group to Award Four \$101,000 Grants in Cincinnati Region*

**Cincinnati, OH – 6/30/2022** – For 21 years, Impact 100 has awarded transformational grants to local nonprofit organizations in the Greater Cincinnati region totaling more than \$6 million. Impact 100 grants serve to support local nonprofit organizations and their commitment to improving and transforming their communities.

Impact 100 was founded in Cincinnati in 2001 as a meaningful way for women to respond to the needs of local communities through a collective giving concept: women pool their resources together to make a greater change than often one can do alone. Every year, Impact 100 members contribute to make these impactful grants in our Greater Cincinnati community.

Impact 100 will award **\$404,000 in 2022 to four breakthrough nonprofits**. Four of the following seven grant finalists will receive a \$101,000 grant this September 20<sup>th</sup> during the Impact 100 Annual Awards Celebration. All seven finalists will present their proposals to the Impact 100 membership, and, after member votes are counted, four will each receive an Impact 100 grant to implement their projects.

Candidates submit applications for funding in one of five key IMPACT areas: Culture; Education; Environment, Preservation & Recreation; Family; and Health & Wellness.

On June 20, 2022, Impact 100 announced the seven nonprofits selected to be the 2022 Impact 100 Grant Finalists at its first in-person event held since 2019. The sold-out event was held at Memorial Hall where attendees heard from representatives of the selected nonprofits about their proposed projects.

Kyle Cadena, Operations Director for the Music Resource Center Cincinnati stated, “I want to collaborate with all of [these nonprofits],” after hearing the impassioned presentations about projects aiming to address food insecurity, access to music, poverty, and home ownership.

Laura Berkemeier, Director of Development of Life Learning Center stated, “We all have the collective goal to help individuals reach their potential.”

**The 2022 Impact 100 Grant Finalists are:**

**Cincinnati Urban Promise**

**Bracken Woods Lane Redevelopment Project**

Provide equipment & supplies to transform seven blighted lots into a children’s playground, STEM learning opportunities and community gardens for children and adults, providing fresh produce as sustenance for an impoverished area.

**City Gospel Mission**

**Having the Courage to Change Kitchen for New Building**

Purchase commercial kitchen equipment for the new kitchen that will be used to cook 150 hot meals each day for the women, with their children, who are in the residential treatment program.

**Found Village****Launch2IndependenceProgram**

Provide support to a program that connects young adults ages 18-25 who have been released from social service systems with a community of care to help them navigate their transition to independent adulthood.

**Life Learning Center****Pillars Café Transformation**

Upgrade kitchen by purchasing commercial kitchen equipment & supplies to support clients with food insecurities who then will be more able to complete classwork, keep appointments with the goal of long-term employment.

**Music Resource Center -Cincinnati****MRC Rolling Studio**

Purchase and convert a van into a rolling music studio to increase their community outreach thus creating and expanding opportunities for teenagers in our community to develop musical skills and abilities.

**North Fairmount Community Center****Neighborhood Transportation and Family Center Structural Improvements**

Purchase a passenger van for safe, reliable transportation linking more residents to free community programs and services, and repair the concrete patio, ramp, and steps of the Family Center front entrance.

**Price Hill Will****Homesteading Program**

Assist in the purchase and renovating of blighted properties and helping low-moderate income families that do not qualify for conventional financing become homeowners and supporting Price Hill as a desirable place to live.

To learn more about Impact 100, or for information about the upcoming 2023 grant application process, visit [www.Impact100.org](http://www.Impact100.org).

**About Impact 100:** Founded in Cincinnati in 2001 by Wendy Steele, Impact100 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 Cincinnati chapter alone has awarded more than \$5.5million in grant money locally. 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 more than 50 U.S. cities and two foreign countries. Together, the organizations have awarded more than \$105 million in grants.