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**IMPACT 100 WILL AWARD \$400,000 -- NAMES FINALISTS**

*Women-Led Philanthropic Group to Award Four \$100,000 Grants in Cincinnati Region*

**Cincinnati, OH – 6/27/2023** – For 22 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 **\$400,000 in 2023 to four breakthrough nonprofits**. Four of the following seven grant finalists will receive a \$100,000 grant this September 12<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 27, 2023, Impact 100 announced the seven nonprofits selected to be the 2023 Impact 100 Grant Finalists at its first combined Meet the Finalist and Education event. The sold-out event was held at Terwilliger Lodge where members and guests heard about the finalists' transformational projects and also learned about and discussed the merits of trust-based philanthropy.

Janet Collins, Grant Review Coordinator of Impact 100 stated, "Impact 100 members invested many hours learning and evaluating over 100 applications to get to this point. There are so many transformational projects happening in our city, the decision to choose the finalists was very difficult. All seven nonprofits make passionate cases to address critical needs in our community. Highlights include programs that aim to support teen moms and other disadvantaged young people, enable transportation to keep gainful employment, provide needed home repairs, reduce gun violence, and enrich senior citizen dignity.

Laura Berkemeier, Director of Development of Life Learning Center, an awardee in 2022, shared, "We all have the collective goal to help individuals reach their potential."

**The 2023 Impact 100 Grant Finalists are:**

**COVERD Greater Cincinnati (aka, Sweet Cheeks Diaper Bank)  
We've got You COVERD – Fly & Dry Basic Needs Bank**

Launch program to provide incontinence supplies (not covered by SNAP, food assistance programs) to those who otherwise would not have supplies to feel healthy, safe and dignified, and without which often leads to significant health issues, isolation and depression.

### **Dohn Community High School**

#### **Keeping Teen Moms in School (KTMIS) Transportation**

Purchase 3 reliable used passenger vans to transport a total of up to twenty-one (21) teen moms and their babies to school, eliminating a primary obstacle for enabling this vulnerable population to stay in school and graduate, breaking the cycle of generational poverty.

### **People Working Cooperatively**

#### **Workforce Development Program**

Create 3 training modules (Carpentry Level 2 and Plumbing/Heating/Electrical Skills Levels 1 &2) to train skilled workers to perform critical home repairs and other services for low-income families, benefiting both the newly skilled worker and the home-owner.

### **Samaritan Car Care Clinic**

#### **Vehicle Purchase Program**

Purchase and repair used cars to sell to boost inventory and accelerate much needed car availability for women from the Ion and Brighton Centers, eliminating transportation as the obstacle to their recovery and financial stability.

### **Tikkun Farm**

#### **Improving Waste Reduction Strategies**

Purchase 3 pieces of farm equipment and employ an intern to accelerate the composting program, enabling a dramatic increase in ability to grow food, impacting all Tikkun Farm outreach programs serving low-income neighbors (both children & adults) in Mt. Healthy.

### **Whitney/Strong Inc.**

#### **Youth Gun Violence Prevention Curriculum Development**

Develop a new, one-of-a-kind training curriculum to reduce gun violence in our city, filling a void by creating the first culturally relevant training for youth in neighborhoods disproportionately impacted by gun violence, saving lives and reducing individual and community trauma.

### **Youth Encouragement Services, Inc.**

#### **YES Home Renovation**

Complete a renovation project of the YES Home, creating a safe and therapeutic space for counseling and family visits for referred youth, often experiencing abuse, neglect or mental health issues, ensuring they receive the necessary support and services to overcome their challenges and improve their well-being.

To learn more about Impact 100, or for information about the upcoming 2024 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.