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\$400,000 in Grants Announced for Greater Cincinnati Nonprofits

Local giving circle Impact 100 Cincinnati continues philanthropic investment in region

Cincinnati, OH – Impact 100, a woman-powered collective giving circle bringing together more than 400 members from across the region, returns for its 24th grant cycle with four, \$100,000 grants available to qualifying local nonprofit organizations.

“This is very exciting,” said Impact 100 Board President Janet Collins. “Since 2002 when we awarded our first grant, to now awarding four grants for the past 10 years is unbelievable.”

Grant recipients are determined and announced each year at Impact 100’s Annual Award Celebration, to be held this year on September 19. The grant cycle is member-operated; the reviewing and vetting body consists of a collective of women who invest either a \$500 or \$1,000 annual membership contribution. Members also reflect a diverse array of personal and professional backgrounds and perspectives, adding more depth to the already robust conversation and learning experience.

To date, the giving circle has contributed nearly \$7 million to 63 nonprofit initiatives in the 10-county Greater Cincinnati region across southwestern Ohio, Northern Kentucky, and southeastern Indiana.

“As our agency grows and philanthropy evolves in our region, we are steadfast in our dedication to empower women as a critical catalyst for transformation,” added Collins. “The impact that is created through funding our region’s nonprofits is just one piece of the broader impact in creating a community of informed philanthropists.”

Impact 100 members will review each of the grant applicants from the 10-county region applying for one of the four available grants. Finalists will be selected after a rigorous vetting process spanning from late January to early summer, and members will select the final grant recipients to be announced at the September 19 celebration.

2023 Grant Recipients:

- KTMIS (Keeping Teen Moms in School), to purchase three used passenger vans to transport teen moms and their children to Dohn Community High School in Cincinnati, eliminating a primary obstacle for enabling this vulnerable population to stay in school and graduate, breaking the cycle of generational poverty.
- People Working Cooperatively, to create a workforce development program with training modules to train skilled workers to perform critical home repairs and other services for low-income families in Cincinnati, benefiting both the newly skilled worker and the homeowner.
- Samaritan Car Care, to purchase and repair used cars to sell, which will boost inventory and accelerate much needed car availability for women from the Ion Center in Covington, Ky., and Brighton Center in Florence, Ky., eliminating transportation as the obstacle to their recovery and financial stability.
- Youth Encouragement Services (YES Home), to renovate the YES Home in Aurora, Ind., creating a safe and therapeutic space for counseling and family visits for 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, visit <http://www.Impact100.org>.

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About Impact 100

Founded in Cincinnati by Wendy Steele, Impact 100 was born out of a desire to make a greater impact by collectively pooling the philanthropic donations of area women into 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 40+ U.S. cities and two foreign countries. Together, the organizations have awarded more than \$25 million in grants. The Cincinnati chapter alone has awarded over \$6 million in grant money locally.