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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 – 6/24/2024 – For 23 years, the women of Impact 100 have awarded transformational grants to local nonprofit organizations in the Greater Cincinnati region totaling nearly \$7 million. Impact 100 grants serve to support local nonprofit organizations and their commitment to improving and transforming their communities.

Impact 100 will award **\$400,000 in 2024 to four breakthrough nonprofits**. Four of the following seven grant finalists will receive a \$100,000 grant this September 19th during the Impact 100 Annual Awards Celebration. All seven finalists will present their proposals to the Impact 100 membership, and, after member selections are tabulated, 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 24, 2024, Impact 100 announced the seven nonprofits selected to be the 2024 Impact 100 Grant Finalists at its Meet the Finalist event. The sold-out event was held at Kennedy Heights Arts Center where members and guests engaged with each other and the finalists regarding their respective transformational projects.

Reagan Smith, Grant Review Coordinator of Impact 100 stated, “Impact 100 members invested many hours learning and evaluating over 120 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”.

The 2024 Impact 100 Grant Finalists are:

The Bridge Adaptive Sports and Recreation

The Bridge Adaptive Mountain Biking

Remove barriers for the disability community to independently explore and exercise in nature by purchasing a fleet of adaptive bikes, improving accessibility of park trails across the Tri-State, and creating regular mountain biking opportunities.

Cornerstone Renter Equity

Renter Equity Club Expansion

Expand membership and community engagement for their Renter Equity Club that supports low-income families identify personal and financial goals and provides opportunities to earn money for long-term savings.

CityLink Center

Every Mothers Advocate

Add a second Care Coordinator to the “Every Mother's Advocate” team, who will support and guide up to 75 volunteer Advocates as they provide one-on-one, ongoing support to empower at-risk moms to increase their resilience, overcome risk factors, and achieve stability for their children, preventing approximately 150 children from being separated from their mothers and entering the foster care system.

Last Mile Food Rescue

Last Mile Market

Expand the Last Mile Market to Price Hill. Already operating in Avondale four days a week, this mobile, farmer-style market delivers FREE, fresh, rescued food directly to communities with limited access to healthy options.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Southwest Ohio & Transform

Providing Support for LGBTQ+ Individuals With Mental Health Conditions

Develop and pilot a new, collaborative support group model that will provide mutual support and resources for adult LGBTQ+ individuals who also have a mental health condition, tailored to their specific intersectional identities.

Ohio Justice & Policy Center (OJPC)

Advocating for Incarcerated Women

Support the hiring of a dedicated attorney to lead OJPC's Women's Project, addressing critical issues such as human trafficking, domestic violence, and self-defense against abuse, to ensure justice and empowerment for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated women.

UpSpring

Extending Hope for Homeless Youth Across Greater Cincinnati

Expand UpSpring Summer 360°, UpSpring After School, and the UpSpring Resource Collaborative to include Butler and Clermont Counties, and additional sites in Hamilton, Boone, and Kenton Counties to support at least 415 new students in their academic and social-emotional needs over a three-year period.

To learn more about Impact 100, or for information about the upcoming 2025 grant application process, visit www.Impact100.org.

About Impact 100: Founded in Cincinnati in 2001, Impact100 was born out of a desire to make a greater impact with philanthropic donations through a collective giving concept: women pool their resources together to make a greater change than often one can do alone. 100% of membership dollars go directly toward transformational grants.

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.