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**Greater Chicago and City Chapter of *Impact 100 Chicago* Award Three \$100,000 Grants
*EMBARC, The Night Ministry, Crisis Center for South Suburbia Win Transformational Grants***

Chicago, IL – June 13, 2014 - The Greater Chicago Chapter and the City Chapter of *Impact 100 Chicago*, a women-funded and led philanthropic organization, have completed their 2014 grant-making, awarding three \$100,000 grants to Chicago area non-profits. In awards ceremonies in early June, *Impact 100 Chicago's* members selected **EMBARC** (embarcchicago.org), **The Night Ministry** (thenightministry.org) and **Crisis Center for South Suburbia** (crisisctr.org) as winners of the transformational grants.

EMBARC (Empowering Minds, Building Achievement, Reconnecting Communities) is a teacher driven organization which seeks to close the achievement gap by providing greater access to social, economic and cultural opportunities. The \$100,000 grant will be used to expand the program to two additional high schools.

The Night Ministry provides short-term housing, healthcare and human connection to Chicago adults, teens and children struggling with homelessness, substance abuse, poverty and loneliness. The \$100,000 grant will go towards the acquisition of a new Health Outreach Bus and to the expansion of staffing and services.

Crisis Center for South Suburbia provides emergency shelter and other essential services for families and individuals victimized by domestic violence in the Chicago southern and southwestern suburbs. The \$100,000 grant will go towards updating and remodeling the Residential Shelter and upgrading the security system.

Impact 100 Chicago is a 501 (c)(3) public charity whose mission is to award membership funded transformational grants to local nonprofits while empowering women to improve lives through philanthropy. This year, the two Chicago chapters of *Impact 100 Chicago* will have awarded more than \$850,000 to date in grants since the organization's founding in 2010. For more information, please visit www.impact100chicago.org.

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