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IMPACT 100 CHICAGO AWARDS \$250,000 IN GRANTS

Chicago, IL – June, 2013 – Impact 100 Chicago, a women’s philanthropic organization, awarded \$250,000 in grants to seven Chicago-area nonprofit organizations at their annual Grant Award Celebrations. Impact 100 Chicago consists of two chapters, the City Chapter and the Greater Chicago Chapter.

The City Chapter awarded its first \$100,000 grant to BUILD, Inc., a program serving 6-18 year-olds with a goal of preventing at-risk behavior, intervening in youth violence and building positive futures beyond these youth’s current situations. The grant will support expansion of the education programs in the Austin community. Three finalists made presentations to the members, who then cast their votes to decide the awarding of the \$100,000 grant. The other two finalists, Urban Initiatives (a program boosting the physical fitness, education, academic engagement and character development of 2nd-4th grade students in underserved communities through soccer) and Inspiration Corporation (a program serving people experiencing homelessness and poverty by providing social services, workforce development and housing support), each received \$11,500 grants to help fund their projects.



Nicole Seidlitz, Georgy Ann Peluchowski and Allison Bacon of Impact 100 Chicago award the \$100,000 award to Dr. Roslind Blasingame-Buford and Aramis Pates of BUILD, Inc.

The Greater Chicago Chapter held their event on June 4, 2013 at Arlington Park and awarded their third \$100,000 annual grant to Umoja which partners with Chicago's most challenged public high schools to provide services for student development thereby reducing school violence, promoting academic success and increasing college enrollment. The grant will support an expansion of the Restorative Justice Program to two additional high schools. Four finalists made presentations to the members, who then cast their votes to decide the awarding of the \$100,000 grant. The three remaining finalists, ENLACE CHICAGO (funding a Ceasefire Youth Mural Project in Little Village, La Casa Norte (to expand its services targeting homeless youth in Humboldt Park), and Sarah's Inn (to expand their School Based Violence Prevention Program) each received a \$9,000 grant to help fund their projects.

By pooling the contributions of its members, Impact 100 Chicago is able to provide high-impact grants that reach under-served populations in the Chicagoland area, while bringing much needed attention to the organizations attempting to meet those needs. Many of the members not only contribute funds but volunteer their time to serve on focus area and financial review committees, which evaluate the grant proposals and financial reporting and conduct site visits to evaluate each of the organizations selected as semi-finalists.

Impact 100 Chicago is a 501(c)(3) public nonprofit whose mission is to award membership funded transformational grants to local nonprofit organizations while empowering women to improve lives through philanthropy. For more information, please visit www.impact100chicago.org.

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