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## **IMPACT 100 CHICAGO AWARDS \$210,000 IN TRANSFORMATIONAL GRANTS TO CHICAGO AND ELGIN-BASED NONPROFITS**

**Palatine, IL, June 14, 2016** – The Suburban Chapter of [Impact 100 Chicago](http://www.impact100chicago.org), a philanthropic women’s organization, awarded two transformational \$100,000 Impact Grants and two \$5,000 Merit Grants to Chicago-area nonprofits at its annual Grant Award Celebration held at Arlington Park in Arlington Heights on June 7.

Over 250 area nonprofits applied for an Impact 100 Chicago grant this year. The membership votes for the \$100,000 Impact Grant recipients after hearing the presentations at the Grant Award Celebration.

The \$100,000 Impact Grants were awarded to:

**Community Crisis Center** – [www.crisiscenter.org](http://www.crisiscenter.org), Located in Elgin, this organization provides safety, hope, advocacy, respite and education for those impacted by crisis and violence in the Fox Valley Region and Illinois.

**Inspiration Corporation** - [www.inspirationcorp.org](http://www.inspirationcorp.org). This Chicago-based organization provides people who are affected by homelessness and poverty with employment, housing and supportive services.

Merit Grants of \$5,000 each were awarded to: **Juvenile Protective Association (JPA)** ([www.jpachicago.org](http://www.jpachicago.org)) and **New Moms** ([www.newmoms.org](http://www.newmoms.org)).

“We are thrilled to award two Impact grants this year and look forward to partnering with these deserving organizations to make their projects a reality,” said Michele Polvere, president of Impact 100 Chicago’s Suburban Chapter.

The City Chapter of Impact 100 Chicago recently awarded four \$100,000 grants this year, bringing the total amount in grant money Impact 100 Chicago has awarded to over \$2 million since its inception in 2010.

### **About Impact 100 Chicago**

Impact 100 Chicago ([www.impact100chicago.org](http://www.impact100chicago.org)) is a 501(c)(3) all volunteer women's philanthropic nonprofit that awards transformational grants to local nonprofits while empowering women to improve lives through philanthropy. Impact 100 Chicago has two chapters, the City Chapter and the Suburban Chapter. Women join by making a donation of \$1,000 for the grant year. Each chapter pools its funds to award Impact Grants of \$100,000 to nonprofit organizations in the Chicagoland area. Nonprofits apply through their website in the fall. Members thoroughly evaluate the applications and the finalists are chosen to present at the Grant Award Celebration in the spring. The membership votes for the \$100,000 Impact Grant recipients after hearing the presentations at the Grant Award Celebration.

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