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Impact 100 Chicago to Grant Over \$480,000 to Chicago-Area Nonprofits

Finalists named for funding from leading women's philanthropy

CHICAGO May 11, 2015- The Suburban and City chapters of *Impact 100 Chicago*, a philanthropic women's organization, have named the finalists for over **\$480,000** in transformational grants that will be awarded to Chicago-area nonprofits at ceremonies in May and June. Finalists will make presentations at the award dinners, followed by a vote of *Impact 100 Chicago* members.

This year's grants are a new record for *Impact 100 Chicago*, now in its 5th year of grant making to nonprofits. Distinctive among Chicago-area philanthropies, *Impact 100 Chicago* pools the resources of its women members, who determine the winners by vote at the annual award dinner.

Finalists for a \$100,000 grant from the **Suburban Chapter** of *Impact 100 Chicago* are:

Albany Park Theater Project - www.aptchicago.org
Beyond the Ball - www.beyondtheball.org
Demoiselle 2 Femme - www.demoiselle2femme.org
Inner-City Muslim Action Network - www.imancentral.org
Youth Organization Umbrella - www.youevanston.org

The winner will be announced at the Grant Awards Celebration dinner on June 2 at Arlington Park, Arlington Heights. The runners up will each receive an **\$18,000** Merit Grant.

The **City Chapter** of *Impact 100 Chicago* will award **three \$100,000** grants on May 19 at the Grant Awards Celebration dinner at Galleria Marchetti in Chicago. The finalists are:

Free Spirit Media - www.freespiritmedia.org
Mikva Challenge - www.mikvachallenge.org
North Lawndale Employment Network - www.nlen.org
Refugee One - www.refugeeone.org

Storycatchers Theatre - www.storycatcherstheatre.org

Turning Point Behavioral Health Care Center - www.tpoint.org

The runners up will each receive a **\$10,000** Merit Grant.

About Impact 100 Chicago: *Impact 100 Chicago* is a women-only organization with members from all over the Chicago area comprising two chapters, the City Chapter or 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. In the fall, nonprofits submit a letter of inquiry. The applications are reviewed by committee members and the finalists are selected.

www.impact100chicago.org

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