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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](http://www.aptchicago.org)
- **Beyond the Ball** - [www.beyondtheball.org](http://www.beyondtheball.org)
- **Demoiselle 2 Femme** - [www.demoiselle2femme.org](http://www.demoiselle2femme.org)
- **Inner-City Muslim Action Network** - [www.imancentral.org](http://www.imancentral.org)
- **Youth Organization Umbrella** - [www.youuevanston.org](http://www.youuevanston.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](http://www.freespiritmedia.org)
- **Mikva Challenge** - [www.mikvachallenge.org](http://www.mikvachallenge.org)
- **North Lawndale Employment Network** - [www.nlen.org](http://www.nlen.org)
- **Refugee One** - [www.refugeeone.org](http://www.refugeeone.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.

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