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**Impact 100 Chicago Awards \$172,000 to Chicago-Area Nonprofits**  
*\$100,000 Impact Grant supports multi-ethnic, youth theater ensemble*

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, June 3, 2015 – The Suburban Chapter of *Impact 100 Chicago*, a philanthropic women’s organization, awarded a \$100,000 Impact Grant and four \$18,000 Merit Grants to Chicago-area nonprofits at their annual Grant Awards Celebration on June 2.

The \$100,000 Impact Grant, voted on by members after presentations from the five finalists was:

- **Albany Park Theater Project**, [www.waptpchicago.org](http://www.waptpchicago.org), a multi-ethnic, youth theater ensemble dedicated to art, youth and social justice.

Merit Grants of \$18,000 each were awarded to:

- **Beyond the Ball**, [www.beyondtheball.org](http://www.beyondtheball.org) an organization that uses the power of sport to change lives.
- **Demoiselle 2 Femme**, [www.demoiselle2femme.org](http://www.demoiselle2femme.org) an organization that provides community based programs for girls on the far south side of Chicago.
- **Inner-City Muslim Action Network**, [www.imacentral.org](http://www.imacentral.org), an organization that fosters health, wellness and healing in the Chicago Lawn neighborhood.
- **Youth Organizations Umbrella**, [www.youevanston.org](http://www.youevanston.org) an organization that provides services and leadership to the emerging needs of youth and families in their community.

“We are thrilled to be supporting these deserving nonprofits and helping them to fulfill their important missions.” said Suburban Chapter President Michele Polvere. The *Impact 100 Chicago* grants this year brings to **\$1.3 million** the total amount granted since 2010. Close to 200 people attended the annual Awards Celebration dinner held at Arlington Park in Arlington Heights.. The *City Chapter of Impact 100* held its Grant Awards Celebration on May 19, at Galleria Marchetti in Chicago when \$330,000 was awarded to Chicago nonprofits.

**About Impact 100 Chicago:** *Impact 100 Chicago* is a 501 (c)(3) womens’ philanthropic nonprofit with members from all over the Chicago area comprising two chapters, the City Chapter and the Suburban Chapter. To date, it has awarded over \$1.3 million in transformational grants to worthy Chicago nonprofits. 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 thoroughly reviewed by members and the finalists are selected.

**[www.impact100chicago.org](http://www.impact100chicago.org)**

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