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Impact 100 Chicago Awards \$421,000 in Transformational Grants to Chicago Area Nonprofits

Chicago, May 26, 2016 – The City Chapter of **Impact 100 Chicago**, a philanthropic women’s organization, awarded FOUR transformational \$100,000 Impact Grants and three \$7,000 Merit Grants to Chicago-area nonprofits at their annual Grant Awards Celebration on Tuesday, May 24 at the Holiday Inn Merchandise Mart.

“The power of Impact 100 Chicago is connecting women who want to make a difference to amazing non-profits to help them fund their missions” Georgy Ann Peluchowski, President, City Chapter

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

Chicago Women in Trades – www.chicagowomenintrades2.org

Family Rescue – www.familyrescueinc.org

Refugee One - www.refugeeone.org

Tutoring Chicago – www.tutoringchicago.org

Merit Grants were awarded to:

Accion – www.accionchicago.org

Chicago Debate Commission – www.chicagodebatecommission.org

One Million Degrees – www.onemilliondegrees.org

The Suburban Chapter of **Impact 100 Chicago** will be awarding TWO \$100,000 grants on Tuesday, June 7 at Arlington Park in Arlington Heights.

About Impact 100 Chicago: **Impact 100 Chicago** 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. Women join by making a \$1,000 contribution which is pooled to create \$100,000 grants. Nonprofits apply through the website. The proposals are rigorously reviewed by members and finalists are chosen to present at the Grant Awards Celebration in the spring. The membership votes for the winners. Over 200 nonprofits applied to **Impact 100 Chicago** for this cycle.

www.impact100chicago.org

