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IMPACT 100 CHICAGO AWARDS \$218,000 TO CHICAGO AREA NONPROFITS

*Local Women's Philanthropic Organization Has Awarded Nearly \$3 Million to
Chicago Area Nonprofits Since Its Inception*

Palatine, Ill., June 14, 2018 – [Impact 100 Chicago](#), a women's philanthropic organization, awarded \$218,000 to five Chicago area nonprofits, including two individual \$100,000 Impact grants and three merit awards. The awards were presented at Impact 100 Chicago's annual Grant Award Celebration in Lincolnshire June 5.

More than 100 area nonprofits applied for an Impact 100 Chicago grant during the 2017-2018 grant cycle. Impact 100 Chicago members—women from across the city and suburbs—pool their \$1,000 membership donations and vote to select the \$100,000 Impact grant winners. Since its inception in 2010, Impact 100 Chicago has awarded more than \$2.8 million in high impact grants that have a transformative effect on the receiving organizations and those they serve.

The two \$100,000 Impact grants were awarded to:

[Shelter, Inc.](#)

Shelter, Inc. helps and protects children who are abused, neglected, dependent or in need of supervision. The organization serves children from birth through age 21 in the northwest suburbs of Cook County, as well as Lake, DuPage, Kane, and McHenry counties. Shelter, Inc.'s programs include: foster care programs; group homes in Schaumburg and Palatine; a transitional living program for 17-21-year-old males in Arlington Heights; the Healthy Families Program to prevent child abuse by targeting first-time parents identified as at-risk for child maltreatment in the northwest suburbs; and the Community Education Program to raise awareness about child maltreatment.

[St. Leonard's Ministries](#)

Based on Chicago's west side, St. Leonard's Ministries empowers formerly incarcerated men and women to live whole and productive lives. With the support of holistic services including emergency and permanent supportive housing, cognitive behavioral therapy, physical healthcare, substance abuse treatment, education, employment training, and transitional jobs, St. Leonard's Ministries assist residents as they make the transition to successful, independent living.

Merit awards were presented to [Curt's Café](#), [Open Books](#) and [Sit Stay Read](#).

“To say we are impressed by the work these nonprofits are doing to better the lives of disadvantaged individuals in our Chicagoland communities is an understatement,” said Kathy Loria, president, Impact 100 Chicago. “We congratulate all of the Impact grant and merit award winners and look forward to partnering with them to turn their projects into reality.”

Women interested in learning more about Impact 100 Chicago should visit www.impact100chicago.org or contact info@impact100chicago.org. Nonprofits interested in applying for an Impact grant during the 2018-2019 cycle can view more about our process at <http://www.impact100chicago.org/apply-for-a-grant/about-our-grant/>. Nonprofit letters of inquiry will be accepted in fall 2018.

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. For more information visit www.impact100chicago.org.

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