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***IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA TO AWARD \$164,000
IN GRANTS TO REGIONAL NONPROFITS***

***WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPIC GROUP NOW INVITING GRANT
APPLICATIONS FROM PHILADELPHIA AREA ORGANIZATIONS***

Wynnewood, PA -- Impact100 Philadelphia will award **\$164,000 to Philadelphia-area charitable organizations in June 2011**, by pooling the contributions of its individual women members. This will mark Impact100 Philadelphia's third year of providing high-impact grants that reach under-served populations and highlight unmet needs in the region.

Representing the combined giving of 164 women, the grant funding for 2011 is an 18% increase over last year. "Members are continuing to show their endorsement of the collective giving concept and their confidence in Impact100 Philadelphia's mission," said co-president Charlotte Schutzman. "Together, these women are making a significant impact on some of the critical needs facing people in the region."

Impact100 Philadelphia's concept centers on individual women donors who pool their \$1,000 contributions to support a nonprofit that they collectively choose. "This year's generous level of member contributions enables Impact100 to award a \$100,000 project grant as well as four substantial operating grants next June," commented co-president Beth Margel Dahle.

“Impact100 has a two-step grant process, with a **January 10, 2011 deadline for initial Letters of Inquiry**,” explained Grants Chair Anita Lockhart. “Applicants can choose to apply in one of five focus areas for project grants: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Family, and Health & Wellness. Area 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, in existence for at least 36 months, can visit the grant applicants section on our website <http://impact100philly.org/grant-applicants/focus-areas/> to review the focus area definitions, eligibility requirements and download application materials.”

Since its founding in 2008, Impact100 Philadelphia has already awarded a total of \$250,000 in grants to local nonprofits. In June 2010, Impact100 Philadelphia members selected three area nonprofits to receive \$139,000 in funding: a \$100,000 project grant to the New Jersey Tree Foundation for its Camden Urban Airshed Reforestation Program, and two general operating grants to the Federation of Neighborhood Centers and the SeniorLAW Center.

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Impact100 Philadelphia is a 501(c)(3) public charity made possible by women seeking to transform lives through the power of giving as one. Impact100 Philadelphia’s mission is to engage and educate women in philanthropy and collectively fund grants to charitable initiatives in the Philadelphia region. For more information, please visit www.impact100philly.org or email the organization at info@impact100philly.org.