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IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA MEMBERS TO AWARD \$139,000 IN NEW FUNDING

PHILANTHROPIC GROUP OF 139 WOMEN NOW INVITING GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM PHILADELPHIA AREA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Philadelphia, PA -- Impact100 Philadelphia will award \$139,000 to Philadelphia-area charitable organizations in June 2010, by pooling the contributions of its individual women members. This marks Impact100 Philadelphia's second grant year.

Representing the combined giving of 139 women, the total grant funding for 2010 is a 25% increase over last year. Women joined Impact100 Philadelphia in larger numbers in spite of difficult economic conditions and an expected decline nationwide in contributions to nonprofit organizations.

Impact100 Philadelphia's concept centers on individual women donors who pool their \$1,000 contributions to support a nonprofit which they collectively choose. "We are excited to see the ideas of the grant recipient come to life to benefit populations in great need. The goal is to provide high-impact grants to deserving but lesser-known local organizations that normally do not have access to large-scale funding, and to highlight unmet needs in the region," commented Co-President Beth Margel Dahle. "Members' generosity and involvement means we will be able to provide a \$100,000 project grant as well as two substantial operating grants in 2010."

Co-President Mary Broach added, "Members have learned about Impact100 through friends, colleagues at work, family members or forwarded emails. Many of our new members learned of the 2009 grant to the Philadelphia Committee to End

Homelessness, and wanted to join in this kind of high-impact funding. The big jump in membership reflects an increasing desire of many women to be a part of something larger than themselves.”

Focus areas for grants include Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Family, and Health & Wellness. “We encourage nonprofits to visit our website to review the focus area descriptions and eligibility requirements,” said Grants Chair Anita Lockhart. “We have a two-step grant process, with a **January 15, 2010 deadline** for the initial Letters of Inquiry.” Regional nonprofit organizations, in existence for at least 36 months and with annual operating budgets between \$400,000 and \$5 million, can find detailed information and application forms at www.impact100philly.org, in the Grant Applicants section.

In June 2009, following presentations from five focus area finalists, Impact100 members collectively voted to award the inaugural grant of \$111,000 to the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness (PCEH) to provide safe and stable housing for 25 homeless working families, including 60 children. The PCEH SafeHome Program partners with Early Head Start to provide important comprehensive supports and links to community-based social services that help build stability. To date, ten families have moved into their own homes using the grant funds. According to PCEH Executive Director Phyllis Ryan Jackson, “These homes are life changers. Housing is central to the well being of children, and to all of us.”

The other 2009 grant finalists were: Musicopia (Bridge to Music Project), Interim House (Educational Readiness Program for Women in Recovery), EARTHNEXT (Philadelphia No Child Left Inside), and Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation (Linda Creed Screening Program).

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Impact100 Philadelphia is a 501(c)(3) public charity made possible by women seeking to transform lives in the Philadelphia region through the power of giving as one.