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## IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA TO PROVIDE FIRST ANNUAL GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$111,000

### ***NEW WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPIC GROUP NOW SOLICITING GRANT PROPOSALS FROM PHILADELPHIA REGION NONPROFITS***

PHILADELPHIA, Pa – Impact100 Philadelphia, an exciting new women's philanthropic group, will grant \$111,000 to a Philadelphia-area charitable initiative in June 2009. At a time when local nonprofits have been struggling to find funds, the women of Impact100 Philadelphia are coming together to make a difference in the Greater Philadelphia community. Co-Presidents Mary Broach and Beth Margel Dahle recently outlined the group's mission of engaging women in philanthropy and collectively funding grants to charitable initiatives.

Impact100 Philadelphia's concept centers around creating a group of at least 100 women who will pool their contributions, in order to make a single but very large donation to a nonprofit group that they collectively choose. "The goal of Impact100 Philadelphia is to provide high-impact grants that raise the profile of deserving but lesser-known

organizations, and highlight unmet needs in the region,” said Beth Margel Dahle. Mary Broach added, “Members have learned about Impact100 through friends, colleagues at work, or emails forwarded by a series of senders. The ripple effect of this concept and the speed with which we have surpassed our goal of 100 members in 2008 reflects an increasing desire of many women to be a part of something larger than themselves, with a commitment to helping others in our community. It gives us great hope that we will be able to provide two or more \$100,000 grants in future years.”

The \$111,000 grant in June 2009 will be the first grant in what will become an annual process, through which members’ funds will be pooled to support important charitable initiatives in the Philadelphia region. Focus areas for the grant will include Arts & Culture, Environment, Education, Health & Wellness, and Family. The grant recipient will be selected by a majority vote of every member, after a detailed process of reviewing the grant proposals that are received. “It is our hope that the grantees will benefit not only from the money provided by the grants, but also from the publicity surrounding the grant process. We hope that our members and others in the community will become interested and invested volunteers in these organizations,” said Anita Lockhart, Grants Chair.

Impact100 Philadelphia plans to work with local charitable organizations to help turn feasible, high-impact grant proposals into reality. The 2009 Impact100 Philadelphia grant cycle will begin on February 2, 2009 with the receipt of Letters of Inquiry from prospective applicants. Impact100 Philadelphia's website can be found at [www.impact100philly.org](http://www.impact100philly.org). Interested grant applicants are encouraged to visit the website to review eligibility requirements and application guidelines, learn about additional important dates and download application materials.

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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.