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## IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCES 2009 GRANT RECIPIENT

### ***THE PHILADELPHIA COMMITTEE TO END HOMELESSNESS RECEIVES \$111,000***

Impact100 Philadelphia, a group of 111 women donors, has awarded its inaugural grant of \$111,000 to the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness for their *SafeHome Philadelphia* project. Members have united to make a difference by creating a grant to collectively donate to a Greater Philadelphia area nonprofit. Impact100 members gathered on Monday evening, June 1, to listen to presentations from each of five finalists and to vote for a grant recipient.

The Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness (PCEH) was selected from an exceptional group of finalists, which also included EARTHNEXT, Interim House, Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation, and Musicopia. Through their *SafeHome Philadelphia* project, PCEH will provide housing for 25 families; and by partnering with Early Head Start at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia they will provide weekly

visits to these families to empower them to become their child's first teacher.

Upon hearing that PCEH had been selected by the members to receive the \$111,000 grant, Executive Director Phyllis Ryan Jackson said, "This is the largest amount of money we've ever received. We loved from the beginning the boldness of the plan to make such an impact." The hope of PCEH is that they will change the way homelessness is addressed in Philadelphia.

"We are pleased to be able to provide the funding to the Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness' *SafeHome Philadelphia* project. This grant will directly impact an underserved population, and hopefully, our recognition of PCEH will lead to additional funding. Given the short supply of funding for nonprofits in today's economic climate, we hope the Impact100 grant raises awareness of the good work being done by many of our applicants," said Beth Margel Dahle, co-founder and president of Impact100 Philadelphia. After listening to the finalists' presentations at the Annual Meeting on June 1, Dahle said that members had a difficult choice to make when voting to award the grant.

The five finalists were chosen by Impact100 Philadelphia members through Focus Area Committees which included Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Family, and Health & Wellness. After careful reviews of detailed proposals from 36 applicants, narrowed from a pool of 121 who submitted initial letters of inquiry, each Focus Area Committee made site visits to several organizations before selecting a finalist for its area.

The goal of Impact100 Philadelphia is to provide high-impact grants that raise the profile of deserving but lesser-known organizations, and that highlight unmet needs in the Philadelphia region. "By educating and engaging our members, we will increase the awareness and connection they have with our applicant organizations, as well as highlight critical issues facing many people in the Greater Philadelphia community. We can make an impact on an organization in a way we could not as separate individuals," said Mary Broach, co-founder and president of Impact100 Philadelphia.

Impact100 Philadelphia hopes to increase its membership during 2009, enabling multiple grants to be awarded to nonprofit organizations in 2010. Women interested in joining Impact100 Philadelphia can visit [www.impact100philly.org](http://www.impact100philly.org) or send an email to [info@impact100philly.org](mailto:info@impact100philly.org).

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