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***IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA AWARDS \$164,000 IN NEW FUNDING TO  
FIVE AREA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS***

***WEST PHILADELPHIA ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN  
AWARDED \$100,000 PROJECT GRANT***

Philadelphia, PA -- Impact100 Philadelphia, a group of 164 women donors pooling their contributions, has **awarded \$164,000 to five Philadelphia-area charitable organizations**. Impact100 members gathered at the June 6, 2011 annual meeting to listen to project presentations from five grant finalists and to vote for a \$100,000 project grant recipient. The next two finalists are receiving \$20,000 operating grants; the last two finalists are receiving \$12,000 operating grants. Focus areas for grants include Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Family, and Health & Wellness.

West Philadelphia Alliance for Children (WePAC) was selected to receive a \$100,000 project grant for Open Books Open Minds. With Impact100 funding, WePAC plans to renovate and re-open public elementary school libraries and increase the hours of those recently opened, to serve close to 5,000 children over the next 15 months. WePAC was selected from a group of finalists which also included Community Arts Center, Concern for Health Options: Information, Care and Education (CHOICE), Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network, and Urban Tree Connection.

Northwest Philadelphia Interfaith Hospitality Network and Urban Tree Connection were selected to receive \$20,000 unrestricted operating grants, and Community Arts Center and CHOICE \$12,000 unrestricted operating grants.

**Representing the combined giving of 164 women, the total grant funding for 2011 is a \$25,000 (18 percent) increase over last year.**

Impact100 Philadelphia's concept centers on individual women donors who pool their \$1,000 contributions to provide high-impact grants to deserving but lesser-known local organizations that normally do not have access to large-scale funding. The goal also is to target unmet needs in the Philadelphia area. "Each finalist presented a compelling project worthy of our \$100,000 grant," said Co-President Beth Margel Dahle. "Even though we can't fund each project, we are excited to be able to provide significant operating grants to the other four organizations."

"In this challenging economy of budget cutting, grants for operating support are especially valuable," added Co-President Charlotte Schutzman. "More women than ever attended our annual meeting to learn about the needs in the community and organizations striving to meet those needs."

Remarking on Impact100 Philadelphia's third grant year, Grants Chair Anita Lockhart said, "We were thrilled and impressed with the work of our focus area committees which nominated five outstanding finalists. In addition to featuring the five finalists, we acknowledged 41 organizations invited to submit full proposals and the 24 organizations selected for site visits. Many of our members subsequently become involved on a personal level with these organizations as donors or volunteers."

"We encourage organizations to visit our website to review the focus area descriptions and eligibility requirements," said Lockhart. "Regional nonprofit organizations, in existence for at least 36 months, can find detailed information at [www.impact100philly.org](http://www.impact100philly.org) in the Grant Applicants section. The 2012 grant cycle will begin with a January deadline for initial Letters of Inquiry."

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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.*

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