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**IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA AWARDS \$284,000 IN NEW
FUNDING TO FIVE AREA NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**
*Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia and Urban Tree Connection both
awarded \$100,000 project grants*

Last night, Impact100 Philadelphia members gathered for their fifth annual meeting to award \$284,000, including two \$100,000 project grants. Gathered at the Pyramid Club for the June 3 meeting, Impact100 members heard presentations from the five grant finalists and cast votes to determine the recipients of the funding. Representing the combined giving of 284 women donors, the grant funding for 2013 is the largest ever awarded by Impact100. With these grants, Impact100 Philadelphia has awarded a total of \$940,000 to Philadelphia-area nonprofits since 2009.

The 2012 grants were awarded as follows:

\$100,000 Project Grant Recipients

***Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia (AVP)**, Violence Intervention/Prevention Project (Health & Wellness)

***Urban Tree Connection**, Neighborhood Foods - Farming Underutilized Land in Philadelphia (Environment)

Both AVP and Urban Tree Connection will also receive \$4,500 in unrestricted support.

\$25,000 Unrestricted Grant Recipients

***Community Learning Center** (Education)

***Commonwealth Youthchoirs** (Arts & Culture)

***Rebuilding Together Philadelphia** (Family)

The two project grant recipients will implement large-scale projects in 2013 and 2014.

The Anti-Violence Partnership of Philadelphia was selected to receive a \$100,000 project grant to expand an innovative pilot program, Violence Intervention/Prevention (VIP), combining classroom skill-building sessions with specialized trauma therapy for children affected by violent crime. With Impact100 funding, AVP will bring a team of trauma therapists and prevention counselors to seven schools in Eastern North Philadelphia. The VIP project will enhance individual children's chances for successful mental, academic, and social development while creating a more peaceful school and community environment conducive to students' achievement. More information is available at www.avpphila.org.

Urban Tree Connection was selected to receive a \$100,000 project grant to support Neighborhood Foods, a unique collaboration creating a scattered site farming system

capable of producing 96,000 pounds of food and providing health and nutrition education for residents of our city's food deserts.. With Impact100 funding, Urban Tree Connection will convert eight acres of underutilized land into urban farms serving 1,700 South and West Philadelphia low-income residents. Revenue generation will occur through CSA shares, farmers' markets and restaurant sales creating employment for 15 community residents. This unique production, distribution and education model will create a sustainable economic engine in a welfare community. More information is available at www.urbantreeconnection.org.

Impact100 Philadelphia galvanizes individual women donors who pool their \$1,000 contributions to provide high-impact grants to lesser known local organizations that ordinarily do not have access to funding on a large scale. This year, an initial pool of 127 nonprofit applicants submitted letters of inquiry; upon invitation, 40 of these submitted full project proposals. Following a detailed review of the proposals, including site visits to 23 organizations, committee volunteers selected a finalist for each focus area to vie for the \$100,000 project grants. "This year's \$284,000 in grant awards is the culmination of a five-month intensive review process conducted by more than 130 volunteers," said Co-President Ellan Bernstein. "The quality of the proposed projects was very high. We are pleased that in our fifth year we can provide all five finalists with significant grants, ranging from \$25,000 to \$104,500." In addition to collectively funding grants to charitable initiatives in the Philadelphia region, Impact100 aims to both educate and engage women in grassroots philanthropy. According to Co-President Jacquie Stern, "The proposal review process introduces our members to a wide range of inspiring nonprofit organizations and proposals created to address needs in our region. Many of our members go on to become involved personally with these organizations by donating funds or donating their time as volunteers."

Non-profit organizations interested in applying for an Impact100 grant are encouraged to visit the Grant Applicants section of Impact100's website at www.impact100philly.org, to review eligibility requirements. The 2014 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 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.