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IMPACT100 PHILADELPHIA ANNOUNCES 2009 GRANT FINALISTS

FIVE PHILADELPHIA-AREA NONPROFITS IN THE RUNNING FOR \$111,000 GRANT

PHILADELPHIA, Pa – Impact100 Philadelphia, a group of 111 women donors, has selected the five finalists for its inaugural 2009 grant. Impact100 members have united to make a difference in the Greater Philadelphia community by creating a grant of \$111,000 to donate to one of five finalists. On Monday, June 1, Impact100 members will come together to determine the recipient of the grant.

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. Impact100 Philadelphia considers proposals from local nonprofits in five focus areas including Arts & Culture, Education, Environment, Family and Health & Wellness. The group works to engage and educate women in philanthropy, and members' funds are pooled together to collectively support an important charitable initiative in one of these areas.

The finalists were chosen by focus area committees 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. Impact100 members will select the grant recipient from the five finalists at their annual meeting on June 1, 2009.

The finalists and projects chosen for 2009 are:

Arts & Culture: Musicopia, *Bridge to Music*

Education: Interim House, *Educational Readiness Program for Women in Recovery*

Environment: ERTHNXT, *Philadelphia No Child Left Inside*

Family: Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness, *Safe Home Program*

Health & Wellness: Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation, *Mobile Screening Program*

(A fact sheet containing information about each of the finalists and their proposed projects is provided at the end of this press release.)

“The enthusiasm and efforts of our focus area committees have been very impressive, and we are pleased that so many of our members have been involved in the grant review process,” said Mary Broach, co-president and founder of Impact100 Philadelphia. After careful review and consideration of all proposals, Broach said it was

clear that each of the five finalists and their proposed projects were worthy of receiving the \$111,000 grant.

Beth Margel Dahle, co-president and founder of Impact100 Philadelphia said, "We look forward to seeing the ideas of the recipient come to life to benefit populations in great need."

Funding for Impact100 Philadelphia comes from individual women donors who pool their contributions to support a nonprofit which they collectively choose. 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 or send an email to info@impact100philly.org.

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Impact100 Philadelphia is a 501(c)(3) public charity that unites women in order to achieve as a group what individuals could not accomplish alone: Providing large-scale funding to local organizations which normally do not have access to grants of this magnitude.

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Arts and Culture

Musicopia brings music performance and education to students and communities throughout the Delaware Valley, with a particular focus on areas that lack adequate music programming or are cut off from the region's rich cultural life. The proposed Bridge to Music Project would partner with four North Philadelphia schools to start or revitalize their in-school music programs. It would offer intensive music, vocal and dance workshops through residencies led by Musicopia teaching artists. The program would support the schools' music teachers; furnish and repair musical instruments; arrange extensive performance opportunities; and support summer music programs and other enrichment activities.

Education

Interim House is the oldest residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment program for women in Philadelphia. It incorporates cutting edge treatment practices, including sensitivity to past trauma. Interim House assists women who have experienced violence and abuse, and provides vocational services and life skills to facilitate transition back to the community. Funding for the Educational Readiness Program for Women in Recovery would support building a computer center, and would provide for educational materials and the hiring of a coordinator/teacher to design the curriculum, teach GED and computer classes, and provide educational counseling.

Environment

ERTHNXT, founded in 2004, is committed to encouraging young people to be stewards of the environment. ERTHNXT programs are designed to be used by organizations serving children with the least access to the natural environment. The proposed Philadelphia No Child Left Inside program would partner ERTHNXT with Big Brothers/Big Sisters Southeast Pennsylvania to develop and implement one-on-one science education kits designed to fit the one adult-one child mentoring model. Children and mentors would learn about tree planting and environmental stewardship, and together, would plant 2,000 trees in the Philadelphia region.

Family

The Philadelphia Committee to End Homelessness (PCEH) was founded in 1982 to address the needs of people living in public spaces. Its leadership works hand-in-hand with homeless people and acts as an independent voice on their behalf by accepting only private funding and by seeking empirical evidence to achieve the elimination of homelessness. Through its Safe Home Program, and partnerships with Early Head Start and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PCEH proposes to find secure and affordable housing for homeless working families, to purchase beds and basic furniture, and to provide links to community services and ongoing support.

Health and Wellness

Linda Creed Breast Cancer Foundation's mission is to promote breast health, foster the healing process and establish a public agenda for prevention and cure. The organization provides free mammography screenings to the uninsured and underinsured, access to diagnostic testing, outreach education and advocacy. The Linda Creed Screening Program would serve homeless and uninsured women in North Philadelphia by bringing a mobile screening unit into communities where there is limited access to free or low-cost mammograms. Patients would have access to a continuum of care: clinical breast exam, mammogram and, as needed, follow-up diagnostic services.