

## Impact100 Louisville Announces 2024 Impact Grant Finalists

*Eight local nonprofit organizations to receive \$529,000; Collective giving organization will have donated over \$2.0 million to local nonprofit community in just five years*

Louisville, KY — On September 24, 2024, Impact100 Louisville hosted an open house at Kenneth Israel Congregation to announce the organization’s eight nonprofit 2024 Impact Grant finalists and allow its members to meet directly and learn more about the nonprofits’ proposed projects. In June, as part of its annual “BIG REVEAL” event, held virtually this year, Impact100 Louisville revealed its final 2024 membership count of 529 which in turn translates to the number of dollars available. In November 2024, the collective giving organization will award five \$100,000 Impact Grants and three \$9,667 Merit Grants for a total of \$529,000 to nonprofits in Jefferson County, Kentucky.

The Impact100 model of collective giving is simple and effective - 100 women (or more) each donate \$1,000 to create a \$100,000 Impact Grant for a nonprofit organization in their community. Each November, members vote to identify which nonprofit organization will receive a donation. Impact Grants are awarded in five focus areas: Arts and Culture; Education; Environment, Recreation, or Preservation; Family; and Health and Wellness.

As part of the open house, each nonprofit finalist hosted a table with information about their organization and project, as well as provided a summary page taken from their grant application.

This year the Grants team reviewed 142 letters of intent, studied 28 grant applications, and conducted 24 site visits. The eight 2024 Impact Grant finalists are:

### **CASA of the River Region (CASA)**

*Focus Area: Family*

**Advocacy Academy & Support Program:** Impact100 funds would provide staffing to recruit, train and support volunteers to ensure CASA can raise awareness of its mission and ensure the community’s most vulnerable children have access to the services they need to help them overcome trauma and improve their overall well-being.

### **Central Adult Learn-to-Swim**

*Focus Area: Health and Wellness*

**Meeting the Demand:** The program teaches Louisville-area adults to swim for free. With an Impact100 grant, they would be able to pay for more pool-rental time, lifeguarding, swim equipment, and Head Instructor time to graduate 700 swimmers per year, eliminating the waitlist in three years.

### **Granny’s Birth Initiative**

*Focus Area: Family*

**Granny’s Hub:** An Impact100 grant would fund Granny’s Hub where low-income families can participate in established programs as well as two new programs: the early childhood education initiative and the maternal mental health program. This new programming will follow the client from pregnancy, through birth and onto the end of the postpartum period as well as supporting the child from birth to kindergarten age.

## **Kentucky Harvest**

*Focus Area: Health and Wellness*

**Food Rescue Hero Staff Support:** With an Impact100 grant, Kentucky Harvest could hire a Volunteer Manager to fully execute the recently implemented and increasingly successful app, Food Rescue Hero. The Volunteer Manager would use the app to increase the number of volunteer drivers and younger supporters through phone use; better track food by type; provide improved customer service to nonprofit partners; and improve coordination of volunteer efforts, ensuring a reliable supply chain for food rescue operations.

## **Imagination Library of Louisville**

*Focus Area: Education*

**Program Support:** A grant from Impact100 would allow the Imagination Library to continue to serve children countywide and grow enrollment. The Impact100 grant would cover the cost of books and would be matched by state funds resulting in \$200,000 worth of books provided to Louisville kids. The project expects to serve 50% of Jefferson County children under five by the end of 2025.

## **Lincoln Foundation**

*Focus Area: Education*

**College Transition Enrichment Program:** Lincoln Foundation created the College Transition Enrichment Program (CTEP) in response to challenges caused by Covid - increased difficulty transitioning to college and failure to take advantage of student support services and resources on- and off-campus. An Impact100 grant would allow CTEP to hire an additional counselor and expand from serving 160 college students to more than 300 for the next three years.

## **Parks Alliance of Louisville**

*Focus Area: Environment, Recreation, or Preservation*

**Reimagining Ballard Park:** Ballard Park in Smoketown will be the first park transformed as an outcome of Parks For All action plan. An Impact100 grant would help rehabilitate the park and neighborhood by adding additional park features and lighting. This project would significantly impact residents' health and well-being and the environment, reduce crime, and create a more connected community.

## **West End School**

*Focus Area: Arts and Culture*

**Music Program:** West End School is a 100% free, scholarship-based private school for boys in Pre-K through 8th grade. An Impact100 grant would make it possible to hire a full-time teacher to provide individual lessons throughout the day; purchase more instruments and headphones; add textbooks; expand the program; and enroll more students, including girls starting in 2025.

The Louisville chapter of Impact100, founded by mother and daughter Dani Kannapell and Carey Goldstein, came to fruition in 2020 with the mission of creating *A Community of Women Transforming Lives Through Collective Giving*. Five Impact Grant recipients, as well as three Merit Grant recipients, will be announced at the Impact100 Louisville Annual Awards Event at The Olmsted on November 11 after an independent CPA firm collects and tallies the votes to determine the recipients. This year represents another incredible milestone for Impact100 Louisville as it surpasses the two million dollar mark for total grants awarded to date. In the five years since it started, Impact100 Louisville will have donated an incredible \$2,058,000 to the local nonprofit community.

Membership for 2025 is open and membership fees are tax deductible. For more information or to speak with a member of the Impact100 Louisville board, please contact [info@impact100louisville.org](mailto:info@impact100louisville.org) or visit [www.impact100louisville.org](http://www.impact100louisville.org)

## **About Impact100**

Impact100 Global is a collective force for good; uniting and empowering women to give together, creating transformational impact, locally and globally. With more than 60 chapters around the world, Impact100 celebrates 22 years of local impact, having given away more than \$123 million collectively.

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