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## IMPACT 100 NYC BESTOWS \$214,000 IN HIGH-IMPACT GRANTS TO NEW YORK CITY NONPROFITS FOR NEW PROGRAMS

### Annual Innovation Grants go to Futures and Options and You Gotta Believe! to Propel Transformational Change

**NEW YORK, NY – May 25, 2022** – In its mission to make a significant social impact through the power of collective giving and collaborative action, Impact100 NYC selected [Futures and Options](#) and [You Gotta Believe!](#) as recipients of its annual Innovation Grants. The all-women, all-volunteer philanthropic giving circle bestowed each of these organizations \$107,000 for transformational programs to overcome adversity and inequities.

Impact 100 NYC annually aggregates individual \$1,000 donations from its members into high-impact grants. This year, Impact 100 NYC granted \$214,000 from 214 members, selecting two of four finalists, which also included NY Sun Works and Trail Blazers. With the two grants, Impact 100 NYC doubled the number made in 2021, the organization's inaugural year, and increased membership by 46%.

“Our membership is made up of passionate New Yorkers who share a core belief: to give where we live,” said Emily Ades, Co-President and Co-Founder of Impact 100 NYC. “Through collective giving, we amplify each woman’s contribution and provide high-impact grants to organizations that are transforming lives in NYC by closing skill, knowledge, wellbeing and economic gaps.”

“In granting \$361,000 to six outstanding nonprofits in just two years, we have been inspired by both the commitment of our members and by the steadfast dedication of the nonprofits applying for our grants,” added Mindy Wigutow, Co-President and Co-Founder of Impact 100 NYC. “Especially during a global pandemic, they have been remarkably resilient in helping the people and communities of New York City overcome adversity and inequity.”

Futures and Options will apply its grant to launch Get Ahead in Healthcare, a multi-faceted program for high schoolers comprised of learning activities, paid internship opportunities, and college guidance, opening up pathways for students to explore and pursue post-HS education and careers in healthcare.

You Gotta Believe! connects youth in foster care to permanent and adoptive families. With the funds, YGB will institute an Adoption Competent Counseling Program, providing specialized mental health therapy to address the trauma and challenges affecting those adopted out of foster care and their families.

With its \$102,000, Innovation Grant, 2021 recipient Fiver Children' Foundation built the SERVE Cabin on the grounds of its upstate New York summer camp – and dedicated it to the women of Impact 100 NYC. The 1200 sq. ft. cabin is exclusively for high school juniors and seniors to prepare for their post-high school education and careers. This summer, 60 high school juniors and seniors will be the first to take college and career classes in the cabin for the first time, totaling 2200 curriculum hours.

### **nextgen AWARDS INAUGURAL INNOVATION GRANT**

Additionally, Impact 100 NYC's newly-launched high school initiative, [nextgen](#), which gives teens hands-on social impact experience, also conducted a grant review and selected its inaugural grant recipient. Nextgen bestowed \$7,000 to [Day One](#), whose mission is to partner with young people to end dating abuse and domestic violence through community education, support services, legal advocacy and leadership development.

Modeled on Impact 100 NYC's collective approach to philanthropy, nextgen teen members are learning and practicing grant-making, fund-raising, taking part in community service, and meeting like-minded do-gooders from across the city.

"We are proud to have 70 members in our first year, and of their hard work and dedication throughout the grant review and selection process," said nextgen Co-Founder Jesse Cavaliero, a high school junior.

"We've loved working together with other kids wanting to do good in the City and getting to know the various organizations making a difference," added high school senior, Co-Founder Rae Ades. "We can't wait to see what other charities we will donate to in the future."

[Membership](#) is now open for the 2022-2023 giving year. [Applications for 2023 grants](#) will open in Fall 2022. More information at [impact100nyc.org](http://impact100nyc.org)

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### **About Impact 100 NYC**

By harnessing the power of collective giving and collaborative action, Impact 100 NYC unites women across the five boroughs to fund transformative change that helps the people and communities of NYC overcome adversity and thrive. An all-volunteer organization, Impact 100 NYC empowers diverse women to be change-makers by working and giving together to transform NYC communities through lasting impact. By aggregating individual giving into high impact grants, we connect members to each other, to NYC nonprofits and the communities they serve. Together, through collaborative giving, decision-making and volunteering, we each become transformational forces in our own communities and in our own lives.

Founded in 2019, IMPACT 100 NYC is a 501(C)(3) charitable women's giving circle dedicated to awarding high-impact grants totaling \$100,000 or more to at least one nonprofit in the five boroughs of New York City. Impact 100 NYC is a chapter of Impact100, a global organization with 60 chapters in more than 60 cities and four countries. By the end of 2021, Impact100 will have collectively granted more than \$100 million dollars during its first 20 years.

In its inaugural year, Impact 100 NYC, announced \$147,000 in grants in May 2021 to four New York City nonprofit organizations, awarding its first-ever Innovation Grant of \$102,000 to Fiver Children's Foundation, a comprehensive youth development organization that makes a 10-year commitment to children from underserved communities throughout New York City and central New York. Additionally, Impact 100 NYC recognized three finalists, George Jackson Academy, Reaching Out Community Services, and Youth Represent, for meeting critical needs and providing vital services, and each awarded a \$15,000 general operating grant to support their missions.



Co-Founders Mindy Wigutow and Emily Ades (second and third from left), along with Hope Buerkle, Grants Chair (third from right), present ceremonial checks to 2022 Innovation Grant recipients You Gotta Believe! and Futures and Options.



Leaders from Impact 100 NYC commemorate the opening of Fiver Children Foundation's SERVE cabin, built on the grounds of its summer camp with its \$102,00 Innovation Grant, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.



Members of nextgen, Impact 100 NYC's philanthropic giving circle for high schoolers, select Day One to receive its inaugural grant of \$7,000.