



WOMEN'S PHILANTHROPIC GIVING CIRCLE, IMPACT 100 NYC, GRANTS \$147,000 TO FOUR NYC NONPROFITS IN ITS FIRST YEAR

*Defies Pandemic to Coalesce 147 Founding Members and Deliver Much-Needed Funds;
Inaugural \$102,000 Grant Awarded to Fiver Children's Foundation*

NEW YORK, NY – June 21, 2021 – In its inaugural year, Impact 100 NYC, a newly-formed all-women philanthropic giving circle, announced \$147,000 in grants to four New York City nonprofit organizations working to help NYC's people and communities overcome adversity and thrive. The grants are made possible by annually aggregating members' individual contributions into \$100,000 donations intended to generate transformational change and lasting impact.

IMPACT 100 NYC awarded 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, three finalists, George Jackson Academy, Reaching Out Community Service, and Youth Represent, recognized for meeting critical needs and providing vital services, were each awarded \$15,000 general operating grants to help further their missions.

"IMPACT 100 NYC is an all-volunteer grant-making organization of New York City women who redefine what is philanthropically possible," said Emily Ades, Founding Co-President. "We are a diverse community of incredible women who heard a call to help their communities and rose to the challenge. In just one year, we've already made a meaningful impact on four NYC nonprofits – and our beloved New York City."

"In what has been one of the most challenging times imaginable, we are in awe of the 147 founding members who came together to form this powerhouse organization of change-makers and by what we accomplished year one," added Founding Co-President Mindy Wigutow. "We were floored by the number of nonprofits who applied for grants and are inspired by their work."

Fiver Children's Foundation will use the grant to fund a capital project to build a cabin on the grounds of its Upstate New York summer camp dedicated to college and career readiness as a culmination of each student's ten-year-long FIVER academic and personal development program.

"This grant will make possible a capital improvement to our camp that would have remained a dream if not for the women of Impact 100 NYC," said Christie Ko, Executive Director, Fiver Children's Foundation. "We are thrilled to be able to build this space dedicated to our youth's success and know that it will continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of our young people for years to come."

Fiver's selection was a result of a rigorous proposal process; a thorough vetting by member-run grant review committees, including virtual site visits; and voting by the membership with each member receiving one vote. The grant cycle opens again in October 2021. IMPACT 100 NYC aims to double its membership – and the number of \$100,000 grants in year two. Membership and grant application

information is available at <https://impact100nyc.org/>

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.

About the 2021 Grantees

FIVER CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION – is a comprehensive youth development organization that makes a 10-year commitment to children from underserved communities through character-building summer and year-round out-of-school time programs. Fiver empowers children to make ethical and healthy decisions, to become engaged citizens, and to succeed in school, careers, and life.

GEORGE JACKSON ACADEMY – George Jackson Academy transforms the lives of bright NYC middle school boys with its challenging academics and supportive community, launching them toward bright futures. Founded in 2003 and serving 100 boys in grades six through eight, GJA educates academically talented boys from underserved neighborhoods and counters ongoing forces that too often lead promising young men to disengage from school.

REACHING-OUT COMMUNITY SERVICES – Reaching-Out Community Services leads the effort to eliminate hunger in its community and provide social services and programs that inspire self-reliance and community empowerment in a dignified manner.

YOUTH REPRESENT – Youth Represents' mission is to ensure that young people affected by the criminal justice system are afforded every opportunity to reclaim lives of dignity, self-fulfillment, and engagement in their communities.

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IMPACT 100 NYC presents a ceremonial check to mark awarding Fiver Children's Foundation with its inaugural Innovation Grant of \$102,000.

Top row, from left to right, IMPACT 100 NYC Members: Robin Judson, Mindy Wigutow, Lauren Albert, Hope Buerkle, Sylvia Montan, Amanda Cavaliero, Karen Ryan-Handler. Bottom row, from left to right, Fiver Children's Foundation: Melissa Benjamin, Michèle Brazil, Christie Ko, Tom Tucker, and Kenya Reeves.

Editor's Note: Additional photos available upon request.