



IMPACT 100 NYC LAUNCHES HIGH SCHOOL INITIATIVE TO FOSTER THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHANGE-MAKERS

*Women's philanthropic giving circle expands its efforts to harness
the power of collective giving and collaborative action*

NEW YORK, NY – November 2, 2021 -- Impact 100 NYC, an all-women all-volunteer membership organization dedicated to transforming New York City communities through lasting impact, announced **nextgen**, a program to give high schoolers hands-on social impact experience.

Open to all eighth through twelfth graders from any New York City high or home school, **nextgen** members will learn and practice grant-making and fund-raising, participate in community service, and meet like-minded do-gooders from across the city. Each **nextgen** member contributes time to grant committees and each step of the start-to-finish grant-making cycle – reviewing applications, selecting finalists, conducting site visits, and voting on the grant recipient – and has the option to join in community service projects. Areas the group are looking to impact include advocacy and social justice; pets and animals; arts and culture; children and family; civic engagement; climate change and environment; community building; education, equity and equality; girls and women; hunger and nutrition; LGBTQ+; social and human services.

Modeled on Impact 100 NYC's collective approach to philanthropy, which aggregates individual donations into high impact grants, the goal is to have 100 teen members each donate or raise \$100, which is then combined into a \$10,000 grant awarded to one NYC non-profit organization. Impact 100 NYC received a generous grant to provide scholarships and will also provide mentors and guides to raise funds.

The **nextgen** leadership team are themselves teens who were inspired by their mothers, founders and founding members of Impact 100 NYC. **nextgen**'s founders, Rae Ades of Queens, Jesse Cavaliero from Manhattan, and Diego Griffin and Leila Griffin, who are both from Brooklyn, kicked off the initiative with a street clean-up, the first of bimonthly acts of kindness the group plans to organize.

Amanda Cavaliero, a college senior from Manhattan who attends the University of North Carolina and Impact 100 NYC's youngest board member, will serve as **nextgen**'s mentor. "By joining **nextgen**, members work together to make an impact in our communities," said Cavaliero. "Our aim is that the **nextgen** members will become lifelong philanthropists."

"I'm excited to learn more about the organizations seeking grant funding and all the amazing work they are doing to improve lives in our city," said Rae Ades, a high school senior and **nextgen** founding member. "I know that being part of **nextgen** will be a fun and meaningful way to make a difference for people and our communities while getting to meet other teens looking to make the world a better place."

On a mission to harness the power of collective giving and collaborative action, Impact 100 NYC annually bestows an Innovation Grant of \$100,000 to at least one nonprofit operating within the five boroughs of NYC for the benefit of city residents and communities. In its inaugural year, Impact 100 NYC, bestowed \$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, three finalists, George Jackson Academy, Reaching Out Community Services, and Youth Represent, were recognized for meeting critical

needs and providing vital services, and each awarded a \$15,000 general operating grant to help further their missions.

To become a member of **nextgen**, visit impact100nyc.org/nextgen. The deadline to join is December 31, 2021. Details to apply for a \$100,000 Innovation Grant or a \$10,000 **nextgen** grant are available at impact100nyc.org/apply-for-a-grant.

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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 highimpact 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.