



IMPACT100 WESTCHESTER AWARDS \$291,000 IN FUNDING TO SIX WESTCHESTER NON-PROFITS

Awarded \$85,000 in Project Grants:

[Community Based Services, Inc.](#)

[My Sister's Place](#)

[Yonkers Partners in Education](#)

Awarded \$12,000 in General Operating Grants:

[Girls Inc. Westchester](#)

[Neighbors Link](#)

[Teatown Lake Reservation](#)

Westchester, NY, June 6, 2017— At Hudson Loft in Irvington, NY with nearly 250 members and guests in attendance, **Impact100 Westchester** voted to award \$291,000 in Project and General Operating grants to six finalists. Impact100 members heard presentations from the six finalists and voted on those organizations receiving the grants. As Co-President Michelle Coleman stated in her opening remarks: *“Many women speak their minds, but everyone in this room is part of a collective movement to take action and help those in need in Westchester.”*

The project grant winners were:

Community Based Services, Inc. (CBS) provides services for children and adults with autism and intellectual and developmental disabilities in Westchester. Their mission is to provide every individual with the best possible quality of life through residential and community-based opportunities. The Impact100 grant will support their social enterprise, **Good Reasons**. A portion of the grant money will provide funds for marketing the Good Reasons brand of dog treats. Created in 2014, Good Reasons is a not-for-profit dog treat company with a mission to fully integrate people with autism and disabilities into their workforce. Good Reasons manufactures, packages, sells and distributes healthy dog treats to retailers throughout Westchester and beyond via its website. The integrated work environment strives for a 50% ratio of individuals with/without disabilities

My Sisters' Place [MSP] has been providing support to victims of intimate partner violence (IPV) throughout Westchester County since 1977. National statistics show that 1 in 3 women will be victims of IPV at some time. MSP client services include: a 24-hour hotline, emergency residential shelters, residential and non-residential counseling, legal services and educational programming. The Impact100 grant will support the launching of the **Challenging Abuse with**

Technology (“CAT”) Project. The project recognizes that our methods of communication have drastically changed in this digital age. To reach clients more effectively, mobile, digital and web technology will be utilized to increase the accessibility of MSP staff and increase the information options for clients and concerned stakeholders.

Yonkers Partners in Education’s (YPIE) mission is to increase the number of Yonkers Public School students who complete a post-secondary program that prepares them for a successful career. YPIE partners with the school district, business and philanthropic communities and higher education institutions. The Impact100 grant will provide classroom furnishings, equipment and additional staff for the new and larger **YPIE College Zone**. The College Zone currently serves over 200 students in after school and summer programs, preparing them academically and emotionally for college success. Since opening in 2016, its popularity has exploded and outgrown the current space. YPIE has identified a new space large enough to accommodate the Zone’s anticipated addition of at least 120 students in the next academic year and our grant will help outfit the new space.

Impact100 Westchester also announced that same evening that Susan Bloom will become Co-President with current Co-President, Michelle Coleman. Amelie Kraus, current Co-President, will be stepping down and joining the Advisory Council, led by past president, Anita Borkenstein. Joining the Executive Board is Samantha Schwam, as Non Profit Outreach.

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Impact100Westchester - As of June 2017, Impact100 Westchester has awarded \$839,000 to Westchester-based not-for-profits. Former grant recipients include Furniture Sharehouse, Family Ties, Groundwork Hudson Valley, Latino U, and Pace University’s Domestic Violence Center (operated by Pace Women’s Justice Center). This year **Impact100 Westchester** had 291 members with nearly 60% of our members participating on review committees. The next grant cycle for Impact100 Westchester will cap our fifth year at which point we expect to have awarded over \$1,000,000 in grant money. The grant cycle is now open and will culminate with the Annual Meeting in June 2018.

Impact100 Westchester is a 501c (3) non-profit, women’s collective giving organization whose mission is to engage women in philanthropy and collectively fund charitable initiatives in the Westchester region. For more information, please visit www.impact100westchester.org

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