

2021/2022 Impact Report



connecting women for collective impact

our mission and values

Impact Grants Chicago connects, engages and inspires women to improve our community by collectively funding \$100,000 grants to Chicago nonprofits dedicated to addressing the challenges facing our city.



we value...

- connecting women for collective impact.
- offering our members an efficient and trusted philanthropic process.
- every woman having an equal voice in choosing our grantees.
- the integrity, commitment and collective knowledge of our members.
- providing our members the opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of Chicago nonprofits.
- our role in raising the profiles of Chicago nonprofits.
- being an anti-racist organization that promotes a diversity of perspectives in our membership and in our support of the nonprofit community.

our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion

Our members join Impact Grants Chicago because they want to make a difference. We are proud of our process and the projects we have funded over the past four years, work that has brought our members face to face with the racial and economic inequity that exists in our city.

We will continue to view the work we do through the lens of diversity, equity, and inclusion and our ongoing DEI Task Force will continue to lead this effort. We continue to work to diversify our membership, which broadens our perspectives and conversations and enables us to be more informed grant-makers, and we will continue to ask our nonprofit applicants about the ways in which diversity, equity, and inclusion inform their work.

We are still deeply committed to embracing diversity and working towards racial equity. We recognize this work is ongoing, and we will continue to hold ourselves accountable to our members and our nonprofit partners.

letter from our president



Dear Impact Grants Chicago Community,

June 1st, 2022 marked a joyous moment for us. Following two years of virtual Grant Award Celebrations, we finally had the opportunity to come together in person, celebrating eight truly inspirational Chicago nonprofits and bestowing grants totalling \$480,000. Our heartiest congratulations to our four \$100,000 Impact Grantees: CASA Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children, Common Pantry, Chicago Furniture Bank, and Margaret's Village. Equally deserving are our four \$20,000 Merit Grantees: NAMI Chicago, The Network - Advocating Against Domestic Violence, Old

Irving Park Community Clinic, and Vocel. As a community deeply committed to bolstering the valiant efforts of Chicago nonprofits, we take immense pride in providing crucial funds to these dedicated organizations effecting positive change in our city.

Over the span of five years, Impact Grants Chicago has been privileged to award almost \$2.5 million to nonprofits in Chicago. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the unwavering support of our members. Every dollar of your membership donation is channeled directly to fund our grants. We extend our sincerest gratitude to those who joined at our Membership Plus level and above, offering further support for our operational expenses, such as grant processing, communication, and membership software.

As an all-volunteer organization, our efforts hinge entirely on the dedication and timelessness of our leadership team and members. I am profoundly grateful to our steadfast Board of Directors, our diligent Grant Review Committee Co-chairs, and Financial Review Committee Co-chairs. During the 2021-22 period, 255 members served on committees, taking an active role in the grant and financial review process. However, it is the generosity of all our members and sponsors that made it possible for us to provide \$480,000 in grant money this year!

To our Impact Community, I reiterate our deep thanks for your belief in our mission and for your continued contribution towards making a significant impact in Chicago. As we embark on our 6th year, let us look back with pride at what we have achieved together and look forward with confidence to the difference we will continue to make in the years to come.

Warmly,

Caryn Gallop

President, Impact Grants Chicago

2021/2022 by the numbers

466 members

131 nonprofit applicants

226 grant review committee members

35 financial review committee members

3 social events

9 educational/grantee-involved events

4 \$100,000 impact grants

4 \$20,000 merit grants

\$2.5M in grants awarded to date!

our grant recipients

Our Four \$100,000 Impact Grant Recipients

The mission of CASA of Cook County is to "advance foster care child advocacy for children by ensuring that their needs are met and rights are protected."



CHICAGO
FURNITURE
BANK

The mission of the Chicago Furniture Bank is to "provide dignity, stability and comfort to Chicagoans that face poverty by allowing clients to handpick an entire home's worth of furnishings for free."



The mission of Common Pantry is to "meet the emergency needs of our local community by providing healthy food, kinship and support to help overcome poverty-related challenges."

Margaret's Village mission is to "provide transitional housing for homeless women, children and families, offering supporting services that empower our residents and lift them out of poverty so they can reach their highest potential."



Margaret's Village
Strengthening Families. Building Communities. Opening Doors.

Our Four \$20,000 Merit Grant Recipients



our leadership

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THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR GENEROUS MEMBERS!

We also want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our generous members who made gifts this year over and above their \$1,000 membership donation. A majority of our members (278) joined at the Membership Plus level, which provides \$100 to cover operating expenses, while 32 members joined at even higher levels to provide additional funding for operations. In addition, members sponsored the memberships of 21 women this year. Your support truly has allowed us to achieve our annual goals – we could not do it without you!