



2022 Finalists!

Advocates of Ozaukee County

www.advocatesofozaukee.com

Advocates of Ozaukee is a domestic abuse shelter providing a 24-hour crisis line, emergency transport to the shelter, temporary safe housing, meals, advocacy, counseling, education support for children, and follow-up services. The shelter is at full capacity 87% of the time with most clients and families coming from Ozaukee County. 76% of those who receive care and counseling at Advocates do not go back to their violent relationship. Funding from Impact100 grant would support the remaining part of a renovation and expansion project, including demolition and construction of a new playground, creation and furnishings for a children's computer center; a lower-level exercise room and dog kennel, upgraded security, and temporary housing for clients during the construction. In the last year, 780 people spent 2,250 nights at Advocates of Ozaukee's shelter. The average stay at the farmhouse is 92 days.

Benedict Center

www.benedictcenter.org

Since 1974, The Benedict Center has provided services and advocacy for women in the criminal justice system so they can live safer, healthier lives for themselves, their children, and the community. Services include community-based counseling for substance use disorders and mental health treatment; reentry support; neighborhood drop-in centers; and street outreach. An Impact100 grant would fund Certified Peer Specialists to assist women in their reentry into the community. These certified peer specialists would be people who themselves have successfully transitioned back to the community after incarceration. They are specially trained and act as coaches and accelerators who will provide support as women seek to complete treatment and aim to achieve higher levels of independence through education, employment, and stable housing.

Hope Street

www.hopestreetministry.org

For more than 20 years, Hope Street has provided housing and healing to people whose lives have been profoundly affected by trauma and tragic experiences, like addiction or abuse. Today about 50 men, women and children live at Hope Street where each have an opportunity to experience spiritual growth, job and life skills training, counseling and more. An Impact100 grant to Hope Street would contribute toward construction costs and fund the materials, furnishings, equipment and supplies for two classrooms and a resource center within the new Shechem at Hope Street community center. Adjacent to Hope Street's apartment building, the center will provide after-school programming for students grades 1-12 from the 10 schools located within one mile of Hope Street. Additionally, the spaces will be used in off-hours for adult classes and workshops and be open to organizations in the nearby neighborhood.

Radio Milwaukee

www.radiomilwaukee.org

88Nine Radio Milwaukee, is a station with a mission of creating a better, more inclusive and engaged Milwaukee through music and stories. Now it's creating HYFIN, an Urban Alternative channel with a completely new format. This channel will go beyond a traditional music channel to highlight the breadth of Milwaukee's own Black community by featuring local artists, particularly Black women, informing and educating around local issues, building collaborative relationships within the community and amplifying other Black businesses in the city. HYFIN aims to strengthen the sense of community in Milwaukee's segregated city by providing the setting for dialog and conversation across divides and driving the positive change that needs to take place in Milwaukee. Funding from Impact100 would support on-air talent acquisition and contribute to the marketing campaign for HYFIN.

Victory Garden Initiative

www.victorygardeninitiative.org

Victory Garden Initiative (VGI), was founded in 2009 in Milwaukee's Harambee neighborhood which is home to 15,000 residents and is a food desert. VGI runs a 1.5 acre solar-powered, rainwater-fed urban farm as well as a farmstand, other youth-education programs, community classes, and it spearheads an annual community-wide blitz to provide raised-bed gardens for residents throughout the city. VGI's urban farm is a hub of inspiring activity and ADA-compliant upgrades would give even more people access, while qualifying VGI's farm for additional grants and city services like lighting and plowing. The goal of their project, The Homestead, is to make their farm a gathering ground accessible to all and to support the Urban Farm campus by installing a more robust rainwater system. Impact100 grant dollars would fund two years of stipends for interns, the materials and equipment to upgrade VGI's sustainable systems with a solar pump, cisterns, and a catchment system; installing ADA-compliant access, and contracting the professionals needed to make this happen.