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## **Record Number of Contributions Yields \$525,000 in Grants from Ninety-Nine Girlfriends**

### **Portland, Oregon – December 03, 2020 – Record Number of Contributions Yields \$525,000 in Grants from Ninety-Nine Girlfriends**

Ninety-nine girlfriends, a women's collective giving circle recently celebrated the local nonprofits who received grants from the organization in 2020. Despite the COVID pandemic 505 women elected to pool their resources together to benefit our community. This is the largest number of women to participate in this 5-year experiment in collective action.

"Members spoke up to shape the 2020 grantmaking differently than in prior years. In 2020, the priority was to provide unrestricted grants, not project grants, and to get the funds out three months earlier than in the past." shared Holly Cook, Grants Steering Committee Co-Chair. She continued, "Applications across five focus areas (arts, health, family, environment, and education) were reviewed by member teams during the summer. Instead of making five \$100,000 grants, 10 nonprofits received \$50,000 grants and finalist groups each received \$5,000."

Tammy Wilhoite, her Co-Chair, explained, "Our goal for this year was to support nonprofits as they respond to the challenges created or exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis, with special emphasis on efforts to benefit people affected by inequity due to discrimination or exclusion. Like other collective giving circles around the world, we continue to evolve the ways in which we connect with and support the diverse nonprofit community that does so much for our region.

Our 10 Impact Award winners - \$50,000 unrestricted grants:

- [Adelante Mujeres](#)
- [Bienestar](#)
- [Black Parent Initiative](#)
- [Black United Fund of Oregon](#)
- [Community Energy Project](#)

# ninety-nine girlfriends

COLLECTIVE GIVING FOR IMPACT: PORTLAND & SW WASHINGTON

- [Free Clinic of Southwest Washington](#)
- [North by Northeast Community Health Center](#)
- [Raphael House of Portland](#)
- [Street Roots](#)
- [Write Around Portland](#)

Our five Finalist Award winners - \$5,000 unrestricted grants:

- [Asian Health and Service Center](#) - *Health & Wellness*
- [Climate Solutions](#) - *Environment & Sustainability*
- [Independent Publishing Resource Center](#) - *Arts & Culture*
- [PassinArt, A Theater Company](#) - *Arts & Culture*
- [Soul River](#) - *Environment & Sustainability*

[Ninety-nine girlfriends](#) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) committed to collective learning, giving and action - leveraging the power of women to make a difference locally. The organization is a member of [Philanos](#), a network of 70+ independent women's giving circles worldwide.

Membership for the 2021 cycle begins December 6, 2020. Visit [ninety-ninegirlfriends.com](https://ninety-ninegirlfriends.com) to learn about membership. #30