



Claude McNeal Productions Selected as One of Five Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis 2020 Change-Maker Finalists During Virtual “Big Reveal”

In its 15th year of grant making, charitable women’s giving circle names five nonprofits who will vie virtually for a \$100,000 grant in July 2020

INDIANAPOLIS - [Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis](#), a charitable women’s giving circle, announced on June 16th during their “Big Reveal” virtual event that **Claude McNeal Productions** is one of five Change-Maker finalists. In addition to Nine 13 Sports, Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside (FIDO), Family Promise of Hendricks County and Paws & Think, **Claude McNeal Productions** will compete for a \$100,000 high-impact grant during the 15th Annual (1st virtual) Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Awards Celebration on July 14, 2020. Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis will preserve one of the essential features of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis by enabling current members to cast their votes electronically following seven-minute video presentations from each of the finalists. In order to broaden the impact of contributions from members and supporters to the \$206,000 grant pool, one nonprofit will be awarded the 2020 Impact 100 Change-Maker \$100,000 high-impact grant with the other four finalists receiving residual grants of \$26,500 each. Following the virtual celebration, the women of Impact 100 will have surpassed \$2.6 million in

2020 Change-Maker finalists in the five focus areas:

- **Arts, Culture & Preservation:** [Claude McNeal Productions](#)
- **Education:** [Nine13 Sports](#)
- **Environment & Animal Welfare:** [Friends of Indianapolis Dogs Outside \(FIDO\)](#)
- **Family:** [Family Promise](#) of Hendricks County
- **Health and Wellness:** [Paws & Think](#)

“For the past 15 years, Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis has given women a voice in improving our community,” said Karen Holly, president of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis. “While our events and process have been altered this year, our focus on positively impacting our community and helping central Indiana nonprofits receive the critical funding they need has not. We hope members of the community will join us for our virtual celebration to learn how a giving circle works and to share in the celebration of awarding transformative grants to organizations with innovative ideas for solving social problems.”.

- Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Change-Maker Finalists are situated in one of the following counties in greater Indianapolis: Marion, Hamilton, Hancock, Shelby, Johnson, Morgan, Hendricks and Boone counties.
- Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis is committed to helping Change-Maker finalists fund critical needs, new ventures, and innovative ways to solve social problems and to create a more civil and respectful climate in our community.
- **Claude McNeal Productions' proposal is focusing on expanding the reach of our award-winning social-issue theatre program, *ACT Out!* A Change-Maker grant from IMPACT 100 would greatly impact our organization by helping to expand our youth prevention programming into 15 Indianapolis-area schools, serving 2,600 students. A sampling of topics covered by this program would include: "dealing with stress and anxiety in times of crisis", "the importance of social-distancing", "dealing with feelings of isolation and depression", "cyber-bullying", and (more important than ever before), "diversity and inclusion!"**
- Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis Change-Maker finalists take part in a four-step grant application process led by volunteer members in which they go from dozens of applicants to five Change-Maker finalists which were announced during a “Big Reveal” on June 16.

100 Greater Indianapolis' collective giving.

- 100% of Impact 100 Greater Indianapolis member donations are returned to the community in the form of grants during the annual awards celebration

Only current Impact 100 members are eligible to vote for the selection of the 2020 Change-Makers, but we invite you to participate in the virtual celebration during a special video presentation on July 14, 2020 at 7 p.m.

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