

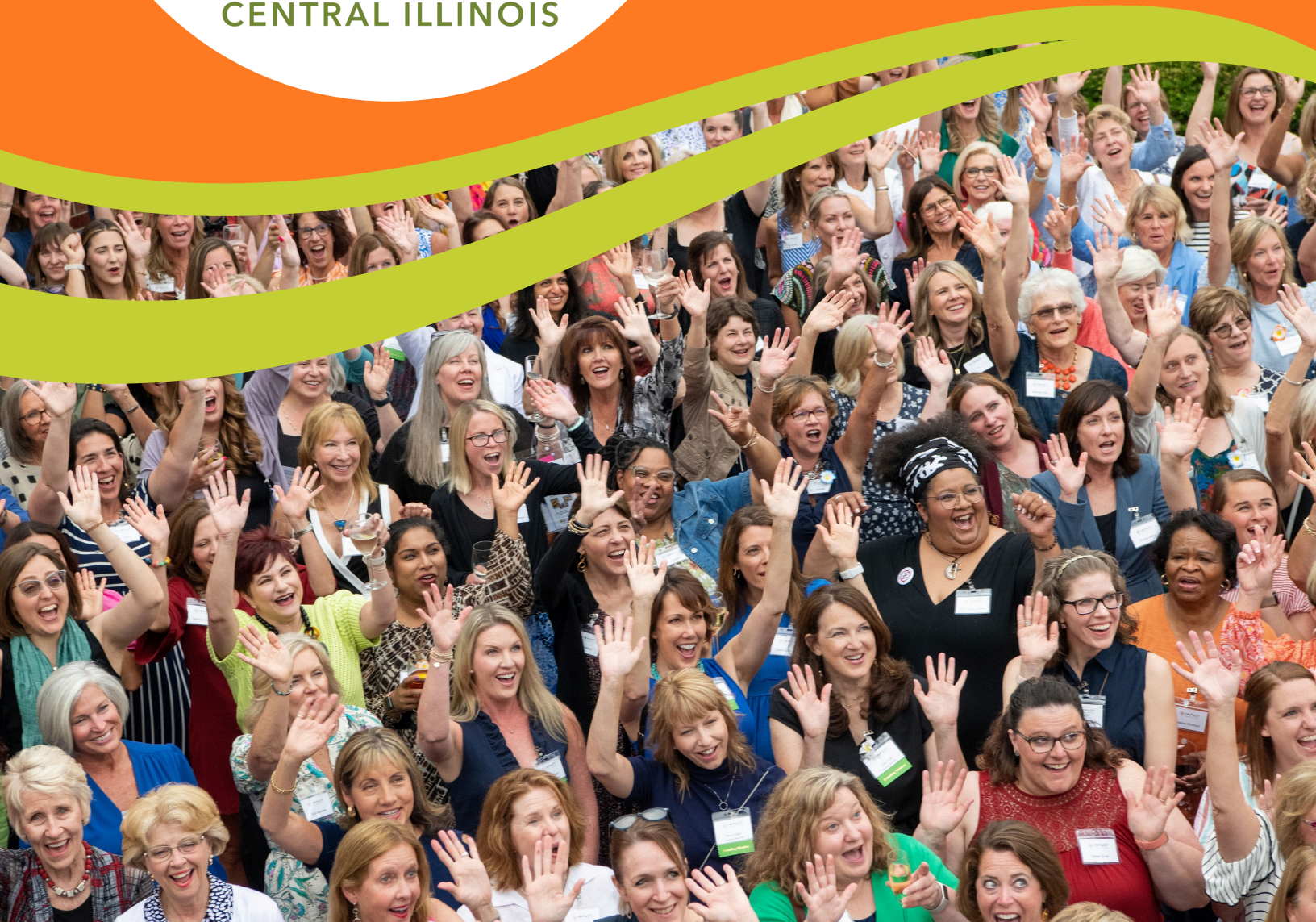


IMPACT
CENTRAL ILLINOIS

2023

2024

Grant Cycle 5



ANNUAL REPORT

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear members and friends of Impact Central Illinois:

Thank you for your support of and participation in helping us make transformational impact in our Central IL communities. Thank you for caring deeply about our tri-county area.

This past June the members of Impact Central IL celebrated our five-year anniversary! With your help we passed the 1 million dollar mark of giving! Collectively we have officially given \$1,263,000 to fund programs and projects of worthy nonprofit organizations in just 5 short years... amazing!

Cofounder Shelley Weaver and I continue to be blessed by the generous hearts of women in our central Illinois communities. We are touched by the generosity of the giving of their treasure as well as their time and incredible talent. What this group of dedicated women has accomplished in just five years is certainly something to celebrate!

This past June we were again able to award four grants... three large "Impact" grants of \$100,000 in each of our three focus areas: Health & Wellbeing, Education & Community Development and Social Service & Basic Needs. We were also able to award a smaller "Inspire" grant of \$25,000. You will find all our 2024 grant recipients listed within this report. In addition to these four grants, we were also able to give monetary contributions to the very worthy runner-up organizations. Women of Impact Central IL are aware of the significant work that all these nonprofits do in our community. We truly appreciate their dedication and participation in our application process.

Shelley, myself, and the ICI board of directors count it a privilege and an honor to serve our community in this way alongside so many of you. We are truly better together!

Gratefully,
Laurie Weaver
President & Cofounder

Thank you to the members of Impact Central Illinois who served the organization on the Board of Directors in FY 2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Laurie Weaver, President
Shelley Weaver, Vice President
Amy Stoller, Secretary
Vivian Standifird, Treasurer
Kristin Zika, Grants
Beth Clark, Marketing
Cathy William, Events
Jada Hoerr, Membership
Susie Kelly, Beyond Giving

GRANT CYCLE 5 OVERVIEW

Our 5th year of Giving

Impact Central Illinois's cumulative grant-making passed a million dollar milestone with the announcement of four new grants in June 2024. Three program grants called Impact Grants of \$100,000 each went to these new Community Partners: South Side Mission, Family House, and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children). The small nonprofit Inspire Grant of \$25,000 was awarded to Camp Big Sky.

Over \$1million

In 5 years, we have awarded \$1,263,000 to local nonprofit organizations.

Beyond Giving

We are committed to learning and growing as philanthropists. We learn about benefits of the arts, mental health issues, poverty and many other societal concerns. Beyond Giving events include seminars or book discussions as we grow in our understanding of effective philanthropy.

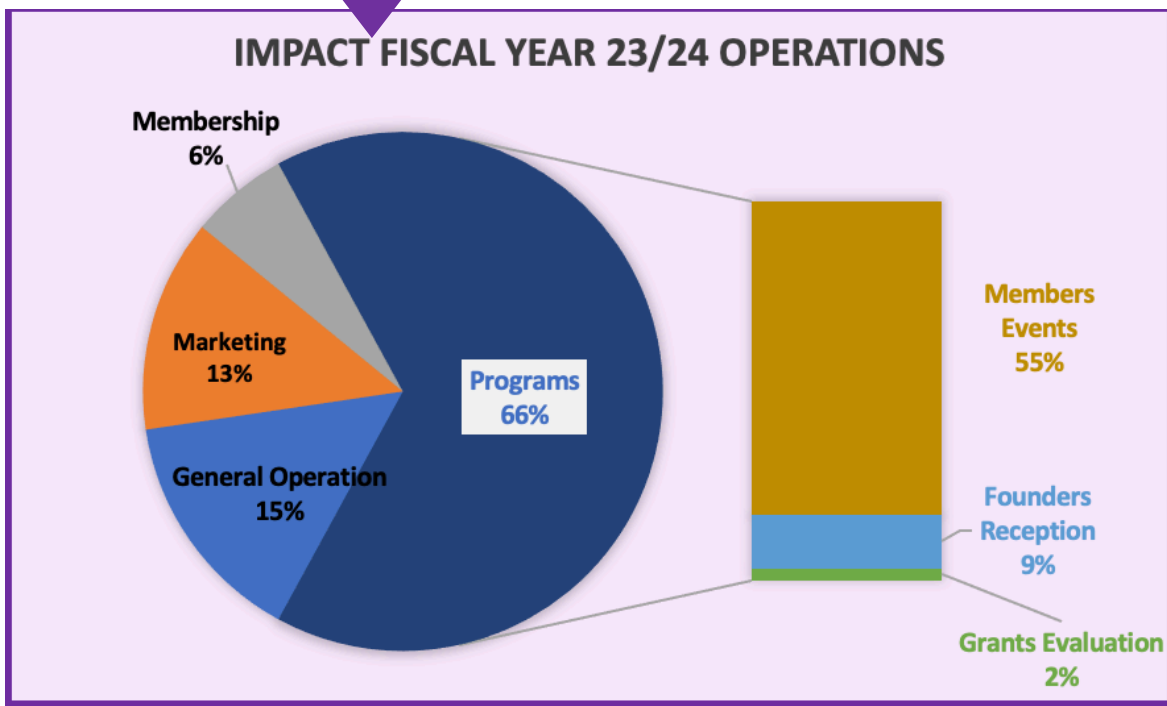
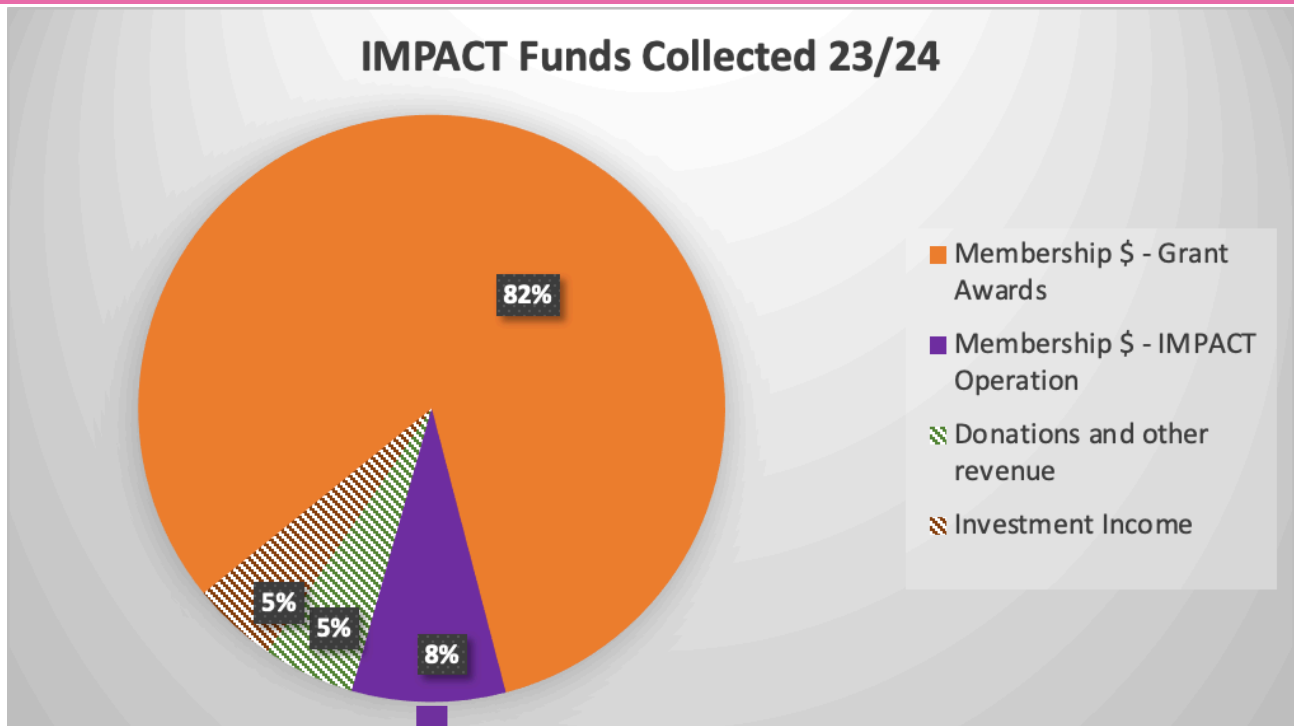
Special Events

Town hall meeting- this popular event allows members to learn about needs in the community and hear from our community partners about the impact of our grants on the people they serve. It was held at the Peoria Riverfront Museum in September.

Impactful Women Luncheon- this year we gathered for lunch at the Peoria Riverfront Museum. Guest speaker and Impact member Dr Sarah Zallek, who is a neurologist, told us about the incredible connection between philanthropy and our physical well-being.

Annual Meeting- The biggest event of the year was held at Five Points in Washington, IL. Members voted on eight finalists for three \$100,000 "Impact" grants and one \$25,000 "Inspire" grant.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW



In Fiscal Year 23/24, IMPACT spent approximately \$40,400 to operate the organization. Annual budget was set at \$49,600. Savings was mainly achieved by frugal spending and in-kind donations. The organization implemented a new Investment Strategy in 2024 and was able to generate an additional \$19,000. These funds will be directed by the Board towards the organization's mission. The four major categories of expenditures are General Operation, Marketing, Membership, and Programs. Program Expenses are direct expenses related to our mission activities, which includes Grants Evaluation, Special Events and Membership activities.

2023 COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Education and Community Development- South Side Mission

The grant money will go to the Greater Academic Progress (GAP) Youth Program which offers a comprehensive approach to the social and educational needs in the 61605 community. The grant will fund a variety of things for this program including fencing for an existing outdoor recreation area, adjustable basketball hoops and concrete for a basketball area, food, transportation and supplies for the GAP program. The GAP program provides daily meals, tutoring, access to STEM education, and social emotional learning that helps build up youth in a safe environment that meets physical, educational and social needs.



Social Services & Basic Needs- CASA

CASA stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. The mission of CASA of the Tenth Judicial Circuit is to ensure that every child who has experienced abuse or neglect is placed in a safe and permanent home, by utilizing specially trained community volunteers who advocate for their best interest, well-being, and potential. CASA served 464 children last year but 1,236 children faced court with no CASA voice to support them. The Impact Central Illinois Grant will help CASA launch a dynamic, strategic, and robust recruitment campaign with a goal of recruiting 100 new CASA Volunteers to serve 300+ new children.



Health & Community Wellbeing- Family House

Family House provides lodging and services for patients and families facing serious health needs who are patients at local hospitals. The women's service organization, The Junior League of Peoria, founded and staffed Family House in 1985 in a volunteer led effort. Family House provides an average of 15,500 individual overnight stays per year and up to 50% of guests are patients themselves. This number is rising with projects like the OSF Cancer Institute. The grant money will go to hospital-grade antimicrobial wall covering and flooring for the added safety of immunocompromised guests.



Inspire Grant- Camp Big Sky

Camp Big Sky's mission is to provide education, training and skills development to children and adults with disabilities through participation in accessible outdoor activities. The Camp hosts 2400 people with disabilities - and their families, friends and caregivers. Camp Big Sky is the only camp in the area where individuals and adults with disabilities can benefit from the following inclusive, barrier-free outdoor activities for no cost: pontoon boat rides, fishing, kayaking, hayrack rides, archery, nature study, arts and crafts and many more. The Inspire grant will go toward an elevator so both levels of the lodge can be accessed by participants in wheelchairs.



2024 BY THE NUMBERS



A dark green horizontal bar with colorful arrowheads pointing outwards on both sides. The text '\$339,000' is centered in white, with 'GRANTED' centered below it in white.

\$339,000
GRANTED

Education & Community Development
\$100,000

Social Services & Basic Needs
\$100,000

Health & Community Wellbeing
\$100,000

4 runners up **\$2,500** each

4 site visits **\$1,000** each



Inspire Grant (small nonprofit)
\$25,000



Our Cumulative Impact

Over \$1 million
granted so far

15 Grants
serving local
non profits



5 years granting
to organizations
in central Illinois

Our Commitment to Grow and Learn

Junior memberships of
\$500 for girls age 14
and up. All 4 of our
junior members served
on Grant Review
Committees



61 women attended
Beyond Giving events
to learn about poverty
and local needs

We continue to grow
our number of
sponsored members
allowing more women
to participate