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Social Venture Partners Cincinnati Reveals Twelve Fast Pitch 2020 Finalists

After listening to each nonprofit Semifinalist deliver their compelling pitches, Social Venture Partners Cincinnati announces the 12 finalists who will be moving on to compete for cash and prizes totaling over \$40,000 on March 31, 2020.

Cincinnati, OH – In an ongoing effort to showcase and accelerate nonprofits making a difference in the Cincinnati community, the partners of [Social Venture Partners \(SVP\)](#) listened attentively on January 30 as representatives from 26 local nonprofits made a “**Fast Pitch**” for their organization. While each pitch was unique, all fit into the three-minute format and was evaluated on SVP’s pitch criteria – clear, compelling, community impact and innovation.

The 26 nonprofits were selected from a pool of more than 40 applicants via a process that started in the fall. Fast Pitch is an eight-week long training program with professional fundraisers and storytellers. Selected nonprofits are matched with SVP coaches to practice, refine and hone their messages. After the full set of “Fast Pitches”, Partners voted for the Finalists.

“Selecting the 12 finalists was very difficult this year”, said Carrie Johnson, SVP Board Chair. “The Semifinalists were all well prepared and had clearly spent much time practicing their pitches”.

The twelve Fast Pitch 2020 Finalists are:

- Boys Hope Girls Hope of Greater Cincinnati
- Brewhaus Bakery
- Cincinnati Youth Collaborative
- Cindependent Film Festival
- Girls Health Period
- Lincoln Heights Outreach Inc.
- MedMentor of Greater Cincinnati
- Partnership for Innovation in Education
- Samaritan Car Care Clinic
- Social Circus Foundation Inc.
- Visually Impaired Preschool Services
- Your Store of the Queen City

SVP would like to thank all of the Semifinalists who participated. The SVP partners are incredibly proud of the 26 participants and 12 finalists who put in time crafting their stories and practicing their pitches. Congratulations to the 12 Finalists! We look forward to hearing their “FAST PITCHES” on March 31 at the Hard Rock Cincinnati Casino (fka Jack Casino).

Now in its seventh year, SVP's Fast Pitch 2020 connects social innovators with business and philanthropic leaders who help them tell their stories and amplify their impact. Through the program, selected nonprofits craft their stories through workshops and coaching. Fast Pitch is the original nonprofit pitch competition in Greater Cincinnati and SVP Partners have trained more than 120 Semifinalists on how to tell their stories.

"I am so excited about this year's Fast Pitch", Johnson said. "It is not only a fun 'social' event, with drinks and lite bites, but it is a fantastic opportunity to learn about all of the great work these nonprofits are doing for our community. The event provides broad exposure to many nonprofits and each participant walks away from the experience having been trained on telling his or her organization's story in a compelling and concise way."

The three-minute pitching competition culminates in a final event before an audience of over 600 and a panel of judges who determine which nonprofits win the awards.

If you are interested in attending FAST PITCH on March 31, 2020 at 5:30PM at Hard Rock Cincinnati Casino (fka Jack Casino), purchase tickets here: <https://fastpitch2020.eventbrite.com>

About Social Venture Partners Cincinnati

Social Venture Partners is Greater Cincinnati's home for engaged philanthropists. We are part of an international network of 3500 Partners who collectively invest time, talent and grant money in innovative ways to strengthen local nonprofits. Our purpose is simple: to enable our investees to make the Cincinnati region a stronger and more vibrant community.

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