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Starting Hearts Selected as Top 5 Finalist in the Alpha Phi Foundation's Heart to Heart National Grant Competition

Local nonprofit to compete for a \$100,000 grant

Avon, CO, 9 January 2017, 10:00am. Starting Hearts is pleased to announce it has been selected as a top 5 finalist in the Alpha Phi Foundation's \$100,000 Heart to Heart Grant.

In a release on its website on 21 December, 2017, the Foundation stated, "Each year, Alpha Phi Foundation awards a \$100,000 Heart to Heart Grant in support of research and programming benefiting the advancement of women's heart health. After thorough and careful review of many outstanding grant applications, we are proud to announce this year's Top 5 Heart to Heart Grant Finalists."

Starting Hearts will compete against these top finalists:

- Minneapolis Heart Institute Foundation
- Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology of the University of Iowa Health Care
- Division of Cardiology at the University of Louisville School of Medicine
- Yale School of Medicine

A phone interview will be conducted on Thursday, February 11th, between participants from Starting Hearts and key leaders of the Alpha Phi Foundation. A final decision and announcement of the grant winner will be made in February.

Alpha Phi's website states, "The sisterhood of Alpha Phi stretches from coast to coast through 170 collegiate campuses and more than 200,000 members. Sisters share a commitment to excellence and a strong desire to support one another and their communities. Alpha Phis are leaders, scholars, contributors and lifetime members of a sisterhood that values these traits."

Lynn Blake, Founder and Chairman of Starting Hearts and a sudden cardiac arrest survivor stated, "We are so honored to be chosen among such an illustrious group of applicants to compete for the top prize. Winning this competition would provide a wonderful opportunity for us to expand our leadership and lifesaving programs to many more communities."

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