**WHO ARE WE:**

**Impact 100 St. Lucie** is a passionate group of philanthropic women who collectively work together to make a lasting and transformational impact in Saint Lucie County. This is accomplished by at least 100 women donating $1,100 to become a member for a designated year, providing each woman with one vote, and resulting in a $100,000 grant award to a local charity. **Impact 100 St. Lucie** has no paid employees or staff thus, one hundred percent of each member’s $1,000 donation is pooled together to fund $100,000 grants. The additional $100 is for operating costs through The Community Foundation Martin – St. Lucie (TCF). The full amount of membership is tax deductible. **Impact 100 St. Lucie** is open to all women regardless of residence.

**HOW DOES IMPACT 100 ST. LUCIE WORK:**

Members provide a donation of $1,100 which is pooled together to fund grants to local non-profits in the amount of $100,000. Members can be actively involved in any or all aspects of **Impact 100 St. Lucie** or simply just vote on vetted grant applications at the annual meeting. Members involved in the grant solicitation and review process will vet all grant applications and select finalists who will be invited to speak at the annual meeting prior to vote. All **Impact 100 St. Lucie** members will vote and grants will be awarded.

**WHAT TYPES OF GRANTS ARE AWARDED:**

Grants are awarded in $100,000 increments to fund significant projects that will provide transformational and sustainable impact within the community. The project may be for a new program, the expansion of an existing program or be a collaborative effort among multiple organizations.

**HOW DOES IMPACT 100 ST. LUCIE PAY FOR ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:**

**Impact 100 St. Lucie** is a total volunteer organization with no paid staff. Annual membership donation of $1,100 includes the $100 fee to cover administrative costs as the organization and infrastructure are further developed. The Community Foundation Martin – St. Lucie (TCF) has agreed to act as the fiscal agent and handle the administrative services and infrastructure required. Additional information regarding the agreement with TCF is available upon request. Sister chapters have developed alternative ways of handling administrative monies through: donations from ‘friends’ of Impact, including individuals and businesses; matching grants from employers of Impact members; interest earned on grant monies prior to disbursement of grants; among other creative partnerships. As **Impact 100 St. Lucie** matures strategies will be developed to offset administrative costs. Thus, sponsorships and donations from friends and colleagues, male or female, can help immediately. All donations are tax deductible.

**WHY THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION MARTIN – ST. LUCIE (TCF):**

The Community Foundation Martin – St. Lucie (TCF) is equipped to assist individuals who want to harness the power of collective philanthropy through giving circles like Impact 100 chapters. The
Foundation is able to offer a sound infrastructure, tools and expertise to assist the Impact Chapter with a variety of services including: processing gifts, issuing receipts, managing a grant application and selection process and distribution of grants. TCF is prepared to serve as a fiscal agent and take care of the paperwork and administrative details related to the Impact 100 St. Lucie Fund so the circle can focus on thoughtful, conscious and impactful giving!

**HOW ARE GRANTS AWARDED:**
At all times, Impact 100 St. Lucie’s goal is to keep the grant process fair and objective. Individual members are involved in the grant process through: Grant Review Panels; Review of applications; Selection of Finalists; and Vote at annual meeting. Specific process and flow chart under construction.

**MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES:**
Membership is open to all women with a contribution of $1,100 regardless of residence. Membership allows us collectively to provide a transformational and sustainable impact in our community in a much greater way than any one of us could do individually. Membership responsibility is to donate $1,100 member dues and cast your vote for the grant recipient(s) at the annual meeting or via absentee ballot. While we need members to participate in various committees, serving on a committee is optional.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON BECOMING AN IMPACT 100 ST. LUCIE MEMBER**
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Philanthropic women transform communities through the power of collective giving with Impact 100. The model is simple:

1. At least 100 women.
2. Each woman donates $1,100. $1,000 Granting / $100 Admin.
3. Grants are dispensed in increments of $100,000. $100,000
4. Committees review applications, perform site visits, choose finalists.
5. Finalists present projects, members vote.
6. $100,000 Impact 100 grant(s) awarded.
7. 100% of the women's donations are given directly to a local charity.