

## Dear Members,

I am very pleased and honored to have been asked to take over the presidency of Impact 100 St. Lucie. I know that I have very big shoes to fill and feel that I have the time and energy to devote to increasing the membership of Impact 100 and taking us to the next level. I am delighted to be working with the other outstanding members of the Executive Committee. I strongly believe in the initiative that Impact 100 St. Lucie represents: empowering women to better their community by joining together to award a \$100,000 grant for a transformational program to be implemented in St. Lucie County.

In April 2019, we awarded our first grant to Tykes and Teens to bring their mental health services for youth to St. Lucie County.

In March 2020, after our semi-finalists informed us that, due to the pandemic, they would be unable to initiate the programs for which they had applied, the Executive Committee asked the membership for permission to join a consortium that was being formed to address the urgent needs of the community. The membership agreed and the following grants were issued:

Boys and Girls Clubs of St. Lucie County	\$14,318.00
The Inner Truth Project	\$ 4,430.00
New Horizons of the Treasure Coast	\$15,000.00
Suncoast Mental Health Center Inc.	\$ 6,247.35
United Against Poverty Inc.	\$ 1,199.44
PACE Center for Girls-Treasure Coast	\$17,395.00
Exceptional Academy for Differently-Abled Learners	\$ 9,000.00
Roundtable of St. Lucie County Inc.	\$ 5,000.00
HANDS of St. Lucie County	\$ 6,000.00
COVID 19 Rapid Response Fund	\$ 2,000.00
Family Meals Inc.	\$ 5,000.00
Healthy Start Coalition of St. Lucie County	\$21,000.00
SafeSpace Inc.	\$10,000.00

All of these grants, totaling \$116,589.79, were awarded to help these agencies alleviate the added financial burdens they faced due to COVID-19. Rest assured that your donation made a huge impact last year in our community.

I would like to offer a big thank you to all of you who have already renewed your membership for 2021. Everyone on the Executive Committee appreciates your ongoing commitment to the vital work that we are doing. We want more of you to feel that sense of vitality and will be offering you opportunities to do just that. Stay tuned!



The pandemic has also affected Impact 100 St. Lucie negatively. Many of our members have been faced with financial constraints and our membership numbers are down. My immediate focus is to increase

our membership so that we will be able to award a grant this fall. The Executive Committee has been discussing ways to do just that, while also addressing the financial aspect of your donation. As soon as we have finalized a plan, I will be letting you all know what that plan is.

My focus in the next month will be to individually contact all of you who have not renewed your membership. If the reason is financial, we certainly understand and I will let you know how we are hoping to ease that burden. However, if your reason is other than financial, I hope that you will share that reason with me so that we can make the necessary improvements to our program. Your input, even if you have decided not to rejoin us, will be invaluable to me and the members of the Executive Committee and much appreciated as we work to expand our membership. I thank you in advance for giving me a few minutes of your time when I call. I promise that this call will only be informationgathering on my part. If you have already been planning to renew your membership, please send your check in the amount of \$1100 to Impact 100 St. Lucie c/o The Community Foundation at the address below.

I plan to send out a newsletter after each monthly Executive Committee meeting to keep you all abreast of our plans. Thank you all for your past and present commitment to Impact 100 St. Lucie. There aren't too many other places where your investment has a 100% return. Let's all work to make our community a better place for everyone!

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