



September/October 2021 Newsletter

Impact 100 St. Lucie's 2021 Award Celebration
and 2022 Kickoff

Saturday, October 30th
10:00 AM to 12 Noon

Westside Boys and Girls Club

Invitations have been sent out to all present and former Impact 100 St. Lucie members! We hope that you have received your invite and are planning to attend. Please invite a friend and show her what Impact 100 St. Lucie is all about.

If you haven't received your invite, please contact Janet Maffucci at mrsjfooch@gmail.com or 914-4246728



GIVE BACK SATURDAYS

Our first Give Back Saturday took place on Saturday, September 11th, at the Multicultural Resource Center in Fort Pierce. Our small group of volunteers was asked to plant a butterfly garden for the enjoyment of the young clients of the center. This was a wonderful opportunity for us to familiarize ourselves with the wonderful work that this nonprofit is doing with and for its young clients and to spend time with Marcus Dixon, the center's director. Thanks to Cris Adams, Gwen Cunningham, Debbie Ebner, Janet Maffucci and Judy Salmon for their hard work that day.

WE NEED YOU!

Our next Give Back Saturday will take place at the Treasure Coast Food Bank facility for non-food items on Kings Highway in Fort Pierce on Saturday, October 9th, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. We could use some additional volunteers. Masks will be required and social distancing will be in effect. If you can help us, please contact Janet Maffucci at mrsjfooch@gmail.com or at 914-424-6728. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know up close one of the nonprofits that services St. Lucie County. We hope to see you there.

Why did you join Impact 100 St. Lucie?

I joined really because of Cris Adams. I volunteer at Heathcote Botanical Gardens (with her). Actually, a few years ago, I had heard about it and kind of kept it in the back of my head and this year I thought it was time to do something...and here I am!

Judy Salmon

Note: Last month's comments came from Lana McClain.

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Alissa Scott

by Vicki Hoyos



Alissa Scott is the owner of Laser Center of South Florida in Port St. Lucie and is a certified medical electrologist helping men and women clients with laser hair removal to improve their appearance and self-esteem. As a Treasure Coast native, originally from Jensen Beach, Alissa now lives in western Fort Pierce with her husband, David, of 16 years who is a third-generation citrus grower. Together, they have 3 children: Clayton, Ashland and Graham, several dogs and 20 plus chickens. The children attend St. Anastasia where David's grandparents, parents, and he himself went to school. The Scotts are

very familiar with engaging with local charities and serving the community. As a family, they enjoy undertaking family service projects like serving in soup kitchens. Alissa herself has volunteered for the past 5 years with the Inner Truth Project. Initially she undertook the role of Volunteer Coordinator and more recently, the past 3 years, served as Board President. The mission of the Inner Truth Project struck a chord with Alissa who was a former college health educator working with students who had experienced being drugged and/or date raped. She recognized the value of having a nonprofit in the community to help bring healing to women who faced similar experiences. This endeavor brought her to Impact 100. She was introduced to this women's group through friend and neighbor, Lisa Floyd, two years ago. Alissa came away from that initial gathering with a sense that the mission of this group of women when pooled together would allow for a profound and life-changing impact on charities and the community as a whole. When asked, she said, "Women have to feel inspired and find the best fit for them when giving back to the community."

Thank you, Alissa, for feeling inspired by the works of both the Inner Truth Project and Impact 100 St. Lucie. You've inspired us as well.

Changes to the Executive Committee

Last month we announced that Delores Johnson would be joining our Executive Committee. Unfortunately, Delores realized that her present extensive community service commitments would prevent her from being fully available to work with us this year and she has resigned. Also, Debbie Butler, the driving force behind the creation of Impact 100 St. Lucie, has found that her work on creating a Child Advocacy Center in St. Lucie County is preventing her from continuing her work with us. Both of these women are outstanding examples of the philanthropic and volunteering efforts that Impact 100 St. Lucie holds so dear. We thank them both for their dedication and service.

On the plus side, we are thrilled to announce the addition of Kavitha Rao and Dr. Lillian Torres-Martinez to our Executive Committee. They will bring a vitality and wealth of experience to our organization and we are all looking forward to working with them.

Impact 100 St. Lucie Executive Committee Members

Cris Adams Kavitha Rao
Gwen Cunningham Ruth Stromak
Lisa Floyd Dr. Lillian Torres-Martinez
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