We are all familiar with the word impact. It is used as both a noun and a verb. As a noun, as it is used in Impact 100, it means a powerful effect that something, especially something new, has on a situation or person.

We are all aware of the needs of many of the residents of St. Lucie County. These great needs were the driving force in the creation of Impact 100 St. Lucie. Many of you realized the IMPACT that our organization could have in alleviating some of those needs and joined us in the first two years. Then COVID hit with a force and interrupted our lives and our mission. Many of you were unable to continue with us for a number of different reasons, resulting in our impact last year being less than in the first two.

Impact 100 St. Lucie is now in its fourth years and we have only two months left in this year's membership drive. I am asking all of you, last year's members who have not yet committed to rejoining this year, past members who did not renew last year but may be able to do so this year, and friends of Impact 100 St. Lucie who have shown an interest in our program but are not yet members, to ask yourselves if you want to, are able to, help us make a real impact again this year. The need in St. Lucie County is even greater now and we need as many of you, as are able to, join us to help us bring a new program to assist the underserved to St. Lucie County. Please consider becoming a member before June 30, 2022!

WE NEED YOU!
WILL YOU HELP US MAKE AN IMPACT THIS YEAR?
Go to our website to sign up! Thank you.

Give Back Saturday

On Saturday, April 9th, fifteen members and friends of Impact 100 St. Lucie descended upon the Treasure Coast Food Bank and, together with a handful of volunteers from a local bank, managed in two hours to pack over 1000 boxes of food for the Food Bank's clients. A huge thank you to all of you for giving your time to such a worthwhile cause! Please check out our Facebook page for photos.

May's Give Back Saturday has yet to be scheduled. An email will be sent out as soon as arrangements are finalized.

Mindi Fetterman of the Inner Truth Project is looking for a few volunteers to help on Saturday, May 7th, at PrideFest at the Mid-Florida Center in two-hour shifts.

If you can help, please contact Mindi directly at 772-200-4599.

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Member Highlight

Dr. Pamela Welmon-Coleman

Philadelphia is home to some of this country's most notable historians, residents, sports teams and great food, but did you know that this City of Brotherly Love or, in this case, Sisterly Love, is the hometown of our very own Dr. Pamela Welmon-Coleman?

Yes, Dr. Welmon, as she's regularly called, arrived from Philly five or so years ago. She was recently named Chief Operating Officer for the Boys and Girls Club. Prior to her new role, Dr. Welmon was Vice President of Indian River State College, a position that garnered recognition for her and the college, as she was the first African-American female vice president. She notes that her work history has always been in education, whether in the primary grades as a principal or higher up in the college and vocational setting.

Her migration south from Philly started a few years earlier when she and John, her husband of six years, purchased a home in St. Lucie County as a vacation home. Unbeknownst to them, Dr. Welmon's employer at the time, ITT Technical Institute, would soon close their doors permanently after forty years of business. This prompted the couple to seek and put down new roots in Florida. These roots included plugging into the community where Dr. Welmon is on the board of the Boys and Girls Club, Board Chair of the Incubate Neighborhood Center, and a member of Impact 100 St. Lucie to name a few. She claims, "I love the Lincoln Park community, being involved with the businesses, non-profits, higher education and people willing to come together to move things forward."

With regards to Impact 100, Dr. Welmon credits her involvement to Patricia Garcia-King who shared with her the benefits of Impact's networking opportunities and the power of collective giving, along with the idea of a sisterhood sharing in a common goal where mountains can be moved. "The bottom line is the strong impact and being even stronger together where your collective dollar speaks louder," stated Dr. Welmon.

When not working for the betterment of the community, Dr. Welmon and her husband love discovering varying parts of Florida and all that it has to offer. In addition, they enjoy their new Havanese puppy which occupies their free time and a good part of their hearts.

Dr. Welmon, you've given us a part of your heart as well, and you are a shining example of sisterly love. Thank you for that!

Be sure to visit our website (www.impact100SL.org) and our Facebook page.

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