



*"Women are stronger together!"*

**August 2022 Newsletter**

## *How Our Finalists Are Selected!*

Have you ever wondered how Impact 100 St. Lucie identifies its finalists? There is an extensive 3-month process that goes on behind the scenes to insure that the most impactful new programs among the applicants are the ones brought before the full membership for a vote.

Our grant review committee is focused on this process which is at the crux of what we do. Our committee is composed of at least 10% of our membership, and we currently have 9 members, a little over that percentage. These are the steps in the grant review process:

- Letters of Intent (short applications) are solicited from the non-profits. These are individually evaluated by the committee members who then meet as a group to decide which applicants meet all the eligibility requirements and will be asked to submit a more extensive application.
- The completed applications are again individually evaluated and the committee meets to decide which applicants will become our semi-finalists.
- The committee visits the sites of each of the semi-finalists to hear an oral presentation and ask follow-up questions and then meets to decide which three applicants will move on to finalist status.
- At our award celebration on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, each finalist will be given 7 minutes to present their program to the full membership and the members vote on the spot. Those members who cannot attend are given access to the finalists' information a few days before the event and can vote online.

It is always an exciting moment when the grant winner is announced. We hope that you have set aside October 22<sup>nd</sup> on your calendars so that you can be part of the culminating moment of Impact 100 St. Lucie this year!

## Give Back Saturdays!



On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, twelve eager volunteers showed up at CareBag, Inc. to help sort toiletries and socks for CareBag's homeless clients. Roxy Brown, the founder of CareBag Inc., is an amazing woman and does wonderful things for her clients. It is an honor and privilege to be able to help her.

Our Give Back Saturday program is undergoing a slight change starting this month. We are now focusing our volunteerism on four St. Lucie County non-profits: Treasure Coast Food Bank, Graceway Village, Habitat for Humanity, and CareBag Inc. we will cycle through these agencies and work at each of them every four months. We hope that you will join us at some of these events.

## Member Highlights



Patricia Garcia King

by  
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Patricia Garcia King is a transplant from New York. She came to Florida in 1999 with her husband and daughter. At the time, she considered herself retired and immediately took to the Florida life by learning to golf and play tennis.

After her daughter graduated, Patricia found herself longing to do more and decided to go back into real estate where she still is today with Keller Williams Realty, selling residential real estate and investments. She is also on the board for Habitat for Humanity of St. Lucie, tutored previously at Big Brothers Big Sisters, and volunteers at her church parish, St. Bernadette's. Her philosophy: "I like to help as much as I can."

Patricia became involved with Impact 100 through Bunny Webb, one of the founding members. To her, the concept was thrilling, and she solicited the support of her daughter, neighbors and friends to help create the first group of 100 women.

When not volunteering or recruiting women to Impact 100, Patricia enjoys traveling. She has several groups of friends that she can call when the travel bug hits or when she longs to see her daughter who is now in the Foreign Service as a diplomat. When asked which place she'd like to return to, she mentioned India. She was captivated most by the food, the clothing and the vastness and would enjoy spending more time to explore and experience all it has to offer.

Patricia, we are captivated by your spirit to grow not only the community but Impact 100 as well. We couldn't ask for a better founding member and role model. Thank you!

## Our Executive Committee Is Growing!

The Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Marsha Jones has agreed to join us on the Executive Committee. Marsha moved to St. Lucie County several months ago. Looking for a way to contribute to the county she now calls home, she contacted Impact 100 St. Lucie after reading an article about us. She worked for several years for PNC Bank and has a wealth of banking and business knowledge and ideas that will help us improve our presence and become better known in St. Lucie County and, hopefully, increase our membership. Welcome, Marsha! We are delighted that you have joined us!

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