Thank you, thank you, thank you to all of you who have become members of IMPACT 100 ST. LUCIE for the 2022-23 membership year! Because of your generosity, we will be able to offer a St. Lucie County non-profit a grant of at least $77,000 this year. The official announcement will be made on Wednesday, July 5th, and the number might be different if we receive any additional checks after today, as happened last year. Check out our website after July 5th for the final amount!

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SAVE THE DATE!

It’s official! October 28th is the date of our annual Award Celebration to be held at the Westside Boys and Girls Club facility from 10:00 AM to noon.

Please note it on your calendars now. We’re hoping that you all will be able to attend!

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**Save the Date!**

Join us on Saturday evening, July 29th, at Clover Field, the Mets stadium for fun, food, and fireworks to kick off Impact 100 St. Lucie’s membership drive for the 2023-24 membership year. Come and learn
about our new installment payment plan intended to make it easier for you to join us.

Watch for the invitation in your inbox this coming week!

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Our June 7th Social

Four young ladies from St. Lucie and Martin counties enthralled and awed the attendees at our June 7th luncheon with their work ethic, business acumen, and business success. Two of the young ladies, Milan, age 12, and Majesty, age 16, came from the entrepreneurship program at Canieria Gardner’s non-profit, Incubate Neighborhood Center. Keegan, age 12, and Jaimoni, age 18, sell their products at Martin County’s Market on Main on certain Sundays (www.stuart.macaronikid.com).
Below is a list of the young ladies, their products, and their websites, in case you would like more information.

Milan-age 12-lemonade-www.the littlelemons.life
Keegan-age 12-all natural artisan soaps-www.ksoapshop.com
Majesty-age 16-cookies and event planning- cookiecutiezllc@gmail.com
and on Facebook
Jaimoni-age 18-lipcare products-www.bombbalmllips.com

Check out our Facebook page for more pictures and information on the event.

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Seven hard-working women showed up at the Habitat for Humanity house in Port St. Lucie on Saturday, June 3rd, to help paint the interior of the house. Thank you, Marsha Jones, Joanne Stearns, Eve-Marie LaCroix, Kate Mann, Linda Hart and Ruth Stromak for your help on this project.

Our next Give Back Saturday will be on July 8th at Graceway Village in Fort Pierce. If you would like to help and haven’t yet signed up, please email Janet Maffucci at mrsjfooch@gmail.com.

Give Back Saturdays!
Lillian Torres-Martinez has had both a strongly focused and a varied life. Born in Chicago, she and her two brothers moved with their parents to Puerto Rico when she was 9 years old. Her favorite memory of her life in Puerto Rico is the freedom she had to live her life in the outdoors, biking and playing with
friends. Doors were always open and she enjoyed the spontaneity of drop-in visitors.

Lillian received her Bachelor’s degree in teaching in Puerto Rico and her Master’s as well through a satellite program sponsored by Fordham University of New York. At age 26, she decided to spread her wings and she moved to New York City to pursue her Ed.D. (doctorate in education) from Columbia University.

Lillian had a varied 36-year career in education. She was an elementary school teacher in Puerto Rico and a pre-school special education teacher and director in New York City schools as well as an educational diagnostician for special education students and an assistant principal. After moving to Florida in 2005, Lillian spent fourteen years in Indian River County schools, first as an elementary school principal and then as a director and then Executive Director of Student Services and Special Education. The focus of Lillian’s life and her primary passion has always been to work as an advocate for children and, in her post-pandemic life, Lillian is searching for volunteer opportunities to help her continue that advocacy.

Lillian has been married for thirty years to her husband Juan whom she met at work. He was the Dean of Students at the middle school in New York City where she served as educational diagnostician. They dated for five years before tying the knot in 1993. She describes him as a fabulous husband and a great son-in-law. Lillian’s mom moved from Puerto Rico to their home about a year ago and she and Juan have a wonderful and loving relationship.

Lillian loves to travel but that was curtailed by COVID. She and her family do go back to Puerto Rico at least twice a year, a promise she made to her mother when her mom moved here. She was very involved in a prayer group and Bible study with friends from her church pre-COVID and hopes to get back to that soon now that the severe COVID threat is on the decline. She also enjoys her pilates class and hopes to start dance class in the near future. Lillian treasures spending time with family and friends as well.

Lillian is an active member of Impact 100 St. Lucie. She serves on the Executive Committee, the grant review committee and the grant compliance committee. Impact 100 St. Lucie is so lucky that, in retirement, Lillian has chosen to focus on advocating for the underserved in our community. Thank you for your efforts, Lillian! We are a stronger organization because of you!
Be sure to visit our website (www.impact100SL.org) and our Facebook page.

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