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## Imagine Our Impact

Newsletter ~ October 2019



***Press Release:* Impact 100 SRQ  
announces 5 High-Impact Grant Finalists Group  
to award Two \$114,000 Grants in November**

After a few months of evaluating applications, visiting sites and discussing the Impact, our Focus Area Committees voted for our 5 finalists that will compete for two \$114,000 Impact 100 SRQ Annual Meeting and Awards Celebration on Nov. 3 at Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club.

More than 115 Impact 100 SRQ Founding Members, friends, corporate supporters, non-profits and community leaders gathered on Tues., Oct. 15 to meet the five local non-profits that will receive a total of \$228,000 in grants for community changing projects.



**The 2019 finalists are:**

**Arts & Culture: The Venice Institute for Performing Arts / VIP Arts Academy Phase III**

**Education: The Haven / Selby Preschool Expansion to Accommodate More Children**

**Environment & Recreation: Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast / Next Gen Conservation**

**Family: Mothers Helping Mothers, Inc. / Mothers Helping Mothers is Expecting!**

**Health & Wellness: Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc. / Therapeutic Privacy Landscaping / SPARCC S**

The final vote to select the two high-impact grant recipients will take place at the annual meeting and grant awards celebration Sunday, Nov. 3. Each finalist will deliver a ten-minute presentation to the Impact 100 SRQ membership. Following the presentations, members will cast their live vote and the two \$114,000 grant recipient will be announced immediately.

“It’s incredible that 228 women have come together in our first year to collectively fund not just one, but two \$114,000 grants supporting new, life-changing initiatives in our community,” Watt, Impact 100 SRQ chapter president. “Impact 100 SRQ women give individually so we can collectively impact our community.”

“Through this collective giving,” Watt continues, “Impact 100 SRQ members demonstrate leadership and comradery as we cultivate community transformation together. To make this better is for more women to join this powerful new way of giving as one in 2020, allowing us to support more non-profits doing amazing work in our community.”

Please click below to read the executive summaries of each finalist:

**Our Finalists**

Some highlights from our recent Oct. 15th Meet the Finalists event from 2 local media favorites.

Thank you to **Whitney Elfstrom of The Observer** and **Jenna Brew of SNN, The Suncoast News Network** for sharing the Impact 100 SRQ Grant Finalists a Read and Watch Now!

**The Observer**

**The Suncoast News Network**

The 2019 Grant Review Process is complete!

Our Focus Area Committee Members have completed their grant reviews and have chosen finalists.

We are amazed and grateful for the dedication and involvement of all our FAC Members.

**THANK YOU**

to all these extraordinary women, who have donated their time to review all grant applications.

We also want to recognize the amazing work and commitment of our Focus Area Committee Chairs, that gave their time and obligation to organize the weekly meetings and guided all committee Members through the process:

**Focus Area Committee Chairs:**

- Arts and Culture - Lael Hazan & Jean Henry**
- Education - Nancy Bobbitt & Leslie Turner**
- Environment and Recreation - Marie Baumann & Kristin Holm**
- Family - Kelly Liebel & Birgit Sroka**
- Health and Wellness - Michelle O'Hara & Rebecca Keiver**

**!!!!!!! THANK YOU !!!!!!!**

If you would like to be part of our Focus Area Committees for 2020, just let us know ;-) -FocusArea@impact100SRQ.org

## Upcoming Events

[November 3rd](#)

Annual Meeting and Grant Awards Celebration

*(Members, please login to our website to complete your RSVP before October 27th)*

[November 20th](#)

2020 New Member Drive Kick Off

## Timeline for our 2019 Giving Cycle



## Impact 100 SRQ SOCIAL



Impact 100 SRQ Members, Friends & Guests joined us in September at Umbrellas 1296, a fashionable downtown Sarasota eatery, for Lite Bites, Cash Bar & Conversation! Amazing that 228 women have come together this year to fund two \$114,000 grants supporting new, life-changing initiatives in our comm



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## 2020 Membership Renewal

**Let's not lose any momentum, budget now for 2020 membership!**

Now is the time to start planning for next year's 2019/2020 membership. We have a payment plan option available, split your membership fees into monthly ins  
To set up your payment plan for 2019/2020 Impact 100 SRQ membership, contact Andrea McHenry by email at [Treasurer@impact100SRQ.org](mailto:Treasurer@impact100SRQ.org) or by phone (941) 400-1155

**Stay connected and engaged!**

Remember, word-of-mouth is the best way to inform our community about Impact 100 SRQ.

If you have a friend or colleague who is interested in joining us, please contact us by email at [MembershipRecruiting@impact100SRQ.org](mailto:MembershipRecruiting@impact100SRQ.org).

**Join Now for 2020!**

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## Message from our President



We have announced our 2019 Founding Year Grant Finalists!

They are Venice Institute of Performing Arts, The Haven, The Conservations Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Mothers Helping Mothers and SPARCC.

Congratulations to them!

Thank you for the passionate women on the review committees who are eager to share their inspiring experiences from participating on a Focus Area Committee. We are stewarding your membership donation and take that responsibility very seriously. Our committees use careful consideration to ensure that the transformational grants su  
criteria for advancement.

There are hundreds of hours donated by our Members for this process, and it truly is what makes Impact 100 SRQ so powerful.

Your enthusiasm for our organization is rippling throughout the community as we look forward to our  
Inaugural Annual Celebration on November 3rd.

We are changing how women approach philanthropy in Sarasota/Manatee counties and lifting up non-profits in the process!

Respectfully,

Jane

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## Member Spotlight



"Impact 100 SRQ has been an amazing experience. Having come to Sarasota not that long ago, it gave me the opportunity to be more involved in our community. As a result of my contribution form part of a transformational grant, I have met interesting and amazing women, and have also identified inspirational project

Want to make a difference? Join us!"

Gaby Palmer, Sarasota

Gaby, her husband Chris and their three children moved from London to Sarasota in July 2017. One of their daughters is a Junior at UC Berkeley and the other one is a Freshman at Fresno State College. Their son is a Freshman in Cardinal Mooney High School.



"I am grateful to our president Jane Watt who introduced the IMPACT 100 concept to Sarasota. This year was a large success with 228 founding members honored to be among them. During these last 8 months I have met extraordinary women, learned about the wonderful communities of Sarasota and I have been exposed to a number of non-profits that would otherwise be unknown to me. Our mission is one of a kind and I look forward to supporting IMPACT 100 next year."

Aleksandra Hoddinott, Sarasota

Aleksandra and her husband Jim moved with their 6 children from Canada to Sarasota in August 2017. Five of their children are at St. Martha Catholic School (kindergarten to grade 7) and their youngest is still at home.

## How to Give

Each non-profit that applied for a grant has been given the opportunity to submit a wish list of items that would help their organization.

Requests range from volunteering to both small and large items.

Please consider donating time or items on their wish list.

Wishlist

## Impact Cares

IMPACT CARES is the vision of our engaged and engaging president, Jane Watt. As an arm of Membership Engagement we hope to provide a totally Member focused resource network. Ideally we would like to reach Members who may need an extra measure of support during difficult times. These universal life experiences - loss, illness, surgery – making it difficult to share them. This is especially true in our community where so many Members are far away from family and old friends. It's important to know that people here do care and want to be there to celebrate you and your successes! Are you getting married? Are you planning your daughter's wedding (you'll definitely need at least an "at home" party)? Did you get a promotion? Is your new business experiencing great success? I'm not sure we know what the limits of this initiative will be or where it will take us – but I'm very excited to see where it goes!

As a retired State Farm agent, I really missed helping my clients. There is no better feeling! IMPACT CARES came along at just the right time.

So please let us hear from you! Check in with us at [ImpactCares@impact100SRQ.org](mailto:ImpactCares@impact100SRQ.org)

Rose Dalsandro

## Become a Corporate Supporter or 'Friend of IMPACT'

Your HELP is needed...With 100% of our Member's contributed funds going towards our grants, we are seeking engagement from our community to help contribute to our mission. Costs to be covered include insurance, website design, printing, our annual meeting, and special events. If you are a business owner or know any business owners that would be interested in supporting IMPACT 100, please send me the info and I will reach out to them! There are so many ways to support...underwriting a specific event or advertising opportunity, sharing your meeting space, or simply being a "Friend of IMPACT" who would help us in our mission!

Donations can be made online at [www.impact100SRQ.org](http://www.impact100SRQ.org), or you can mail a check to Impact 100 SRQ, P.O. Box 49887, Sarasota, FL 34230.

## IMPACT 100 Council



**The mission of Impact 100 Council is to encourage collaboration and sharing of best practices among Impact 100 chapters to allow for continued sustainability of Impact 100 around the world. We will create world-class, strategic philanthropy and transform communities with significant impact. We equip individuals to become effective philanthropists and guide them to amplify their success for positive change.**

***IMPACT 100 COUNCIL IS THE GLOBAL RESOURCE TO ALL IMPACT 100 CHAPTERS.  
STAY IN THE KNOW! SIGN UP FOR IMPACT 100 COUNCIL NEWSLETTER HERE:***

<http://impact100council.org/news/>

## IMPACT 100 Global Conference 2019



We have quite a few Members attending next week's conference! There is still time for all Members to register for the Impact 100 Global Conference in Pensacola, FL. For more information, visit <http://www.impact100global.org/the-2019-conference/>

*"The conference is an opportunity to meet and interact with women in IMPACT 100 organizations from all over the country and abroad – those that are well-established and those that are just getting started. We will explore all aspects of this unique philanthropy model."*

Wendy Steele, Founder

## How to Connect With Us

**impact 100** SRQ *Connecting Made Simple!*  
WOMEN GIVING TOGETHER

Learn more and/or reach out to us by visiting our website at [impact100SRQ.org](http://impact100SRQ.org)

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**Our Mission**  
To empower women to collectively give transformational grants to non-profits in Sarasota & Manatee Counties.

**Impact 100 SRQ** has no paid employees or staff, so 100% of each member's annual contribution of \$1,000 is awarded to non-profit organizations in grants of \$100,000 or more. Operational costs are kept to a minimum and funded voluntarily by members and corporate supporters. Please consider giving at the 110% level.

## Attention Non-Profits!

### SAVE THE DATE!

On November 14th, we are hosting a **Non-Profit workshop** for our 2020 Grant Giving Year!

Please mark your calendar for:

**Thursday, November 14th, 12 - 1 PM**

Selby Library, Downtown SRQ

*Email Invitation with RSVP to follow*

First time hearing about Impact 100 SRQ? ADD your email by contacting [Nonprofit@impact100SRQ.org](mailto:Nonprofit@impact100SRQ.org)

## What Else is New?

VIST OUR WEBITE

**Are you on Facebook? Are you a Member of Impact 100 SRQ?** If you answered YES to both of these questions, please email: [Marketing@impact100SRQ.org](mailto:Marketing@impact100SRQ.org)

Facebook URL or name and request to be added to our Impact 100 SRQ Members Only Page!

Or click: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/impact100SRQ/>

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