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**Impact100 Martin Invites Community to
Impactful Conversations on the Environment**

Stuart, FL – The innovative work being done to protect our unique environment and expand recreational opportunities in Martin County is the topic of the February 13 “Impactful Conversations” event sponsored by Impact100 Martin.

Three local experts on environmental initiatives and outdoor recreational opportunities will discuss everything from the Explore Natural Martin program to artificial reef deployment and Guided Ecotourism programs during the program at the pavilion at Indian Riverside Park at noon on the 13th.

Panelists include Vincent Encomio, Florida Sea Grant Extension Agent with the University of Florida IFAS Extension; John Maehl, Environmental Resource Administrator for the Martin County Board of Commissioners; and Kevin Kirwin, Deputy Director for Martin County Parks and Recreation.

The public is invited to join the conversation at a cost of \$15 that includes a boxed lunch on the deck of the pavilion. Guests can register at www.impact100martin.org.

The 400+ members of Impact100 Martin are celebrating their eighth year of making \$100,000 Impact Grants to local nonprofits who propose bold solutions to the challenges facing Martin County. Grants are given in five focus areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Family, Health & Wellness, and Environment, Preservation & Recreation.

Impact100 Martin has awarded more than \$1.8 million in grants since its founding.

“Our members themselves make the decisions about which organizations will receive grants each year,” said Impact100 Martin President Maureen Cotter. “Our ‘Impactful Conversations’ series helps us all to dig deep into local needs and hear from experts in our focus areas so we feel assured that we are making wise decisions.”

The inaugural Impactful Conversations series in December focused on “The State of the Arts.” Cotter described the event as eye-opening. “We continue to learn more and more about our community and the impact that our philanthropy can have on the quality of life in Martin County.”

To learn more about Impact100 Martin, membership opportunities, and the impact that \$1.8 million in women’s philanthropy has had on Martin County, go to www.impact100martin.org.

ABOUT:

Impact100 Martin is a nonprofit organization with a mission of creating positive, lasting change in the community through collective giving. Founded in 2017, it is a chapter of the national Impact100 Movement founded by philanthropist Wendy Steele to transform communities through the power of women’s philanthropy. It is a member-driven organization that awards grants in \$100,000 increments each year to local nonprofits in the areas of Arts & Culture; Education; Family; Health & Wellness; and Environment, Preservation & Recreation. Detailed information about membership, grants, and community impact is available at the website www.impact100martin.org/events/ or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/Impact100MartinFL.

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Photo Caption:

Impact100 Martin members gathered at the Cultural Courthouse in Stuart last month to hear leaders from the arts community describe their innovative projects, challenges, and opportunities. Here Dana Kimberly, President and Founder of Danforth Development,

leads the discussion. An Impactful Conversation about environment issues and opportunities, open to the public, will be held on February 13.