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## Impact100 Martin Prepares to Award \$100,000 Grants to Local Nonprofits in April

**Stuart, FL** – Impact100 Martin, a dynamic group of generous women philanthropists, is preparing to award its \$100,000 Impact Grants for 2025 to local nonprofits at a Grants Award Celebration on April 9<sup>th</sup>.

"We're excited to be in our eighth season of awarding Impact Grants," said Impact100 Martin President Maureen Cotter. "By the conclusion of the 2025 grant cycle, we will have invested more than \$2.2 million and helped to change the quality of life and philanthropic landscape in Martin County."

Impact100 is built on a simple structure strongly based on membership involvement. Each member donates \$1,000 in one year. The funds are pooled to create grants in the impactful amount of \$100,000 each. The number of grants awarded each year is dependent on membership numbers. Local nonprofits propose significant projects or programs, which are then vetted by the Grants Committee, and the members themselves determine which proposals best address identified needs within the community.

Impact grants are awarded within five categories: Arts & Culture, Education, Family, Health & Wellness, and Environment, Preservation & Recreation.

For 2025, Impact100 Martin received 31 Letters of Intent and advanced nine of the projects from Martin County nonprofits to the semifinalist stage. They are Banner Lake Club, Project LIFT, Friends of the Everglades, Kiwanis Club of Stuart, Florida Foundation, Boys & Girls Club of Martin County, The Arts Council dba MartinArts, House of Hope, Safespace, and NAMI Treasure Coast.

At the Grants Awards Celebration in April, the finalists from this group will present their project to the entire Impact100 Martin membership for a vote.

"As we grow to 500 members, our impact in the community continues to grow," Cotter said. "Our members care deeply about their community and the impact we have had over the past seven years. They are prepared to make Season 8 our most impactful ever!"

Tickets are still available to the Grants Award Celebration beginning at 4 p.m. on April 9 at Temple Beit HaYam in Stuart. The public is welcome to attend, although only members of Impact100 Martin are eligible to vote. Member tickets are \$30; guests, \$35. To register for the event, go to the Impact100 Martin website <a href="https://www.impact100martin.org">www.impact100martin.org</a>.

To learn more about Impact100 Martin, membership opportunities, and the impact that \$1.8 million in women's philanthropy has already had on Martin County, go to <a href="https://www.impact100martin.org">www.impact100martin.org</a>.

## **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 <a href="www.impact100martin.org">www.impact100martin.org</a>/ or on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/Impact100MartinFL">www.facebook.com/Impact100MartinFL</a>

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## **Photo Caption:**

Impact100 Martin members gathered in the spring of 2024 to award four Impact Grants to local nonprofits. Led by President Maureen Cotter, the organization continues to grow its membership and is on track to award five \$100,000 Impact Grants this April at its Grants Awards Celebration.