



## MONTHLY NEWS

### January 2024



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#### CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Welcome to 2024, the 15th anniversary of Impact100 Sonoma! It's amazing that a small group of community-minded women came together in 2009 with a shared philanthropic vision, built our organization from the ground up, and awarded initial grants in 2010. We were, in fact, the first Impact100 chapter in California, and since then have tripled in size. We stand on the shoulders of our pioneering founders—and on the brink of a milestone year.

Our board leaders are off and running. Grant Review and Financial Review Committee members are receiving training, and our grant management software is receiving applications, which are due by January 12 from valley-serving nonprofits.

Planning is well underway for the Annual Meeting on Saturday morning, January 20, at the Sebastiani Theatre. **Please join us!** It's going to be an inspiring program. We'll welcome new, renewing, and returning members. To kick off our 15th anniversary celebration, we'll hear from founding members. And we'll recognize this year's class of NextGen members.

We can hardly wait to cheer the Big Reveal of our membership and grant-funding totals for 2024. We especially thank our Membership Team, led by **Stephanie Chakmak, Ann Arabian,** and **Sandee Crisp,** Administrator **Jennifer Taylor,** and Treasurer **Barbara Insel,** partnering with predecessor **Marney Malik.** They worked tirelessly throughout the holidays making calls, processing transactions, reconciling numbers, and updating records to ensure we have the best outcome in this special year.

As the celebration begins, we hope you, our member donors, and our grant recipients can say we are indeed fulfilling our mission of "empowering women of Sonoma Valley to invest in a more sustainable nonprofit community through collective giving and responsible stewardship."

Happy New Year! See you at the Annual Meeting!



**Claudia Sims** and **Debbe Noto,** Co-Presidents

## GRANTS UPDATE



### **Got Questions? We've Got Answers!**

For the fourth year in a row, Impact100 Sonoma will award multiple Impetus Grants of up to \$25,000 to nonprofits selected by our members. In honor of our 15th anniversary, we're also piloting a new multi-year Encore Grant, which will give one 2024 Impetus Grant recipient a second grant of the same amount in 2025.

That means some things will stay the same, while others will change. To help you understand what's new, read the Member FAQ for Grants 2024 [HERE](#).

Our Grant Review Committees (GRCs) and Financial Review Committee (FRC) are assigned and gearing up for this important year. Thank you to all who volunteered!

Key dates this month:

**Friday, January 12, by 8:00 PM**—Grant applications due

**Thursday, January 25, PM**—GRC training

OR

**Saturday, January 27, AM**—GRC training

Full details are available [HERE](#).

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



### **There's still time to join or renew!**

It's easy to pay via credit card [HERE](#). Or mail your check payable to Impact100 Sonoma, P.O. Box 1958, Sonoma, CA 95476. To qualify for Vote 2024 membership, online payments must be processed or checks must arrive in our P.O. box by **Wednesday, January 10, at 5:00 PM PST**. If you opt for payment by check and want to guarantee prompt processing, your Membership Co-Chairs are available to pick it up from your residence. Just contact **Ann Arabian** at [annarabian@yahoo.com](mailto:annarabian@yahoo.com) or **Stephanie Chakmak** at [thechakmaks@gmail.com](mailto:thechakmaks@gmail.com) for assistance. Payments received after the deadline will go toward Vote 2025.

## VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



### **Events Team Members**

Want to get more involved without ongoing commitments? The Events Team needs help with preparation details, setup, and breakdown for member parties and meetings. You'll receive only one email before each event that invites you to choose your assignment. So help out when you can and have fun doing it! For more information, contact **Karen Sherman** at [ks@axlecom.com](mailto:ks@axlecom.com).

#### **Impact100 Cares—About YOU!**

If you or a member you know is going through a difficult life transition such as a family loss or serious illness or is celebrating a milestone event, the Impact Cares team is standing by to offer encouragement or cheer.

To reach out, contact **Mary Jane Stolte** at 415-518-3389 or [mjstolte7@gmail.com](mailto:mjstolte7@gmail.com).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



**Saturday, January 20**

**9:30 AM Check-in, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations**

**2024 Annual Members' Meeting**

Let our 15th anniversary year begin! Join us at the historic Sebastiani Theatre for a program that will celebrate our founding and the nonprofit support we've provided—and launch an era of even greater aid and advocacy. Learn about our history and everything that lies ahead. Then cheer the Big Reveal of our 2024 membership and grant-funding totals! See your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this free, members-only event.

Thank you to our host and sponsor!



**Thursday, January 25, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

## Spotlight Series/The Future of Our Town



What will Sonoma look like in 2039? If you're curious, join us for a fun and interactive conversation with Sonoma City Manager, **David Guhin**. Learn how our council-member form of government works, how you can participate, and why your voice matters. Learn more about the City Manager's Office [HERE](#) and **David Guhin** [HERE](#). See your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this free event at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West. **Bring a prospective member!**



**To suggest topics for future Spotlight events, contact Sherry Preiss at [shpreiss@aol.com](mailto:shpreiss@aol.com).**

- **Expand** your knowledge about the needs and concerns of our community and the wider world.
- **Experience** new ideas, perspectives, and ways of thinking while interacting with local leaders engaged in unique, inspiring work that fuels and informs our philanthropic commitment.
- **Extend** your network while enriching your membership experience.

**15th ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTES**



"I've loved getting to know the nonprofits in the valley and learning to separate my affection for them from my considered judgment about where awards should be granted. Serving on Grant Review Committees was the high point of my membership experience."

*–Ann Reder, Founding Member*

"We are truly honored to have your support. Your commitment to Sonoma Valley, generosity, and kindness was felt throughout the (grantmaking) process. Thank you for making such an impact on our lives and for your partnership in this life-saving work!"

*–Kristy and Bob Brindley, Just1mike, 2023 Impetus Grant Recipient*

"We are very grateful to be a part of the Impact100 family. You have helped to uplift the Latinx voices in our community."

*–Food for All/Comida para Todas, 2023 Impetus Grant Recipient*