



MONTHLY NEWS

May 2023

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2023 GRANT RECIPIENTS!



On Saturday morning, April 29, we gathered at Hanna Center to honor our 2023 Impetus Grant recipients and salute their ongoing work toward a more just and thriving Sonoma Valley.

“Sweet **16**” grants awarded (record **14** full Impetus Grants + **2** partial grants)
6 first-time full grant recipients, including **5** first-time applicants
\$337,400 grants total—our largest annual amount ever!
\$3,661,900 cumulative grants total since 2010
60 member volunteers working on grant review

2023 Impetus Grant Recipients

- **10,000 Degrees:** \$25,000
- **Cancer Support Sonoma:** \$25,000
- **Farm to Pantry:** \$9,850*
- **Food for All (Comida para Todos):** \$25,000*
- **Friends in Sonoma Helping (FISH):** \$25,000
- **Homeless Action Sonoma (HAS):** \$23,972*
- **Just1mike:** \$20,000*
- **LifeWorks of Sonoma County:** \$20,000*
- **Redwood Empire Food Bank:** \$25,000
- **Sebastiani Theatre Foundation:** \$25,000
- **Sonoma Community Center:** \$25,000
- **Sonoma Overlook Trail Stewards:** \$25,000
- **Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance:** \$25,000
- **Square Peg Foundation:** \$19,200*

Two proposals tied for the next-highest number of votes and received unrestricted partial grants:

- **Becoming Independent:** \$9,689
- **Sonoma Ecology Center:** \$9,689

* First-time full grant recipient



Grants Team leaders (from left) **Dian Duvall, Marcia Carruthers, Dana Simpson-Stokes, Jennifer Ramsey, Kathy Bloch, and Cheryl Hannon** presented the honorees.

For more details, visit [HERE](#) or read the press release: [Impact100Sonoma Press Release 1MAY23.pdf](#)

Scroll down for more coverage of the 14th Annual Grant Awards Celebration.



CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER

Last Saturday, on the Hanna Center patio, under bright sunshine and fragrant wisteria, we celebrated our purpose—empowering women through collective giving to support a just and thriving Sonoma Valley.

Coming together on a glorious spring morning to applaud our 2023 grant recipients, honor their dedication, and enjoy one another's company was the culmination of months of devoted work by our members. This year's grant committees have been immersed in the process since December. First they received training that included learning our new grant management software. They reviewed applications and financials, discussed proposals, and made difficult decisions. Then they went on site visits, discussed their findings, and made more difficult decisions. Last month, they brought the full membership together to meet the finalists and prepare us to vote.

We thank all of you who participated in the grants process as donors, committee volunteers, and voters. We also thank our nonprofit partners—those who received grants this year, those who applied, those who have received grants in the past, and those who might in the future—for their many contributions to our community. Impact100 Sonoma's efforts to support and encourage them are ongoing.

Last but not least, we thank Events Chair **Karen Sherman** and her committee, our volunteer bartenders, **Hanna Center**, and sponsors **Passaggio Wines**, **Humboldt Distillery**, and **MFUG Union Bank** for making the event a success. We have never been prouder of our organization and hope you feel the same.



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

VOLUNTEER OPENINGS



Communications Team Members

The Communications Committee seeks volunteers who like to write, coordinate newsletter and invitation projects, post to social media, and help develop creative ways to get the word out. To learn more, contact **Molly**

Detwiler at msdetwiler@aol.com.

Membership Team Members

The Membership Team has a one-time project and ongoing committees in need of assistance. To learn more, contact **Sandee**

Crisp at sandeeandrod@gmail.com.

Impact100 Cares—About YOU!

Impact100 is about caring for our community—and for one another! 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. Member Engagement Committee members **Mary Jane Stolte**, **Hope Nisson**, and **Kay Heigel** want to hear from you.

To reach out, contact **Mary Jane** at 415-518-3389 or mjstolte7@gmail.com.



Share Your Aloha Spirit with New Members

Watch for the women wearing colorful leis at events and make a special effort to welcome them and introduce them to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, May 20, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

NextGen Yoga Hike

NextGen members are meeting up to get fit among the wildflowers, butterflies, and dragonflies. They'll join naturalist John Lynch's five-mile nature hike at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park. General park admission \$15.

For details, contact **Amy Gallagher** at amymgallagher33@gmail.com

or **Emma McCulloch** at dremmamcculloch@gmail.com.



Tuesday, May 23, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Farmers Market Meetup

Bring on the sunshine and the Tuesday Night Farmers Market! Come greet the season and bask in the glow of friendship and community with member hosts **Pat Milligan** and **Laurel Studebaker**. Stop by for drinks and appetizers and bring something to share. Everyone is welcome. Don't miss this first of five monthly gatherings.



Thursday, June 15, 4:00 to 6:00 PM
New Member Reception

This annual gathering offers a warm, official welcome to all new members. At the Sonoma Community Center's Secret Garden, you'll meet Impact100 leaders, learn about opportunities for getting involved, and get to know one another. Watch for your invitation to this special event.



Thursday, May 25, 4:00 to 6:00 PM
Spotlight Series/Plastics Recycling
with Patty Moore, President,
Sustainable Materials Management of California

What waste in our bins really gets recycled? Where does it really go? Turns out what we think is right is actually wrong. Join member **Patty Moore**, longtime industry leader in recycling and materials management, for an interactive, enlightening presentation and discussion about plastics, recycling, and how you can help reduce environmental impacts.

Watch for your invitation or register [HERE](#) for this free, members-only event.

Learn more about **Patty Moore** [HERE](#).

The Spotlight Series will return in the fall. To suggest topics for future events, contact Sherry Preiss at shpreiss@aol.com.



Tuesday, June 27, 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM
Farmers Market Meetup

NextGen members invite everyone back to the Plaza for another of their famous, fabulous mingles. Stop by for drinks and appetizers and bring something to share. Everyone is welcome. Watch for your invitation.



Tuesday, July 4, 9:30 AM
Sonoma 4th of July Parade

When you make your Independence Day plans, be sure to set aside a few hours to don a white top and join Impact100 members and nonprofit partners for a fun, easy walk around the Sonoma Plaza. Wave to friends, feel the love, and celebrate the power of women giving as one! (Cooperative children and dogs welcome.) Watch for your invitation.

OUT AND ABOUT

NextGen Members Fling Into Spring



On the evening of March 31, NextGen members and friends—including (from left) **Dahlia Caballero**, **Dayane Mendoza**, and **Amy Gallagher**—gathered at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa to kick off the season.

Three Sticks Winery Hosts Member+One Social

On the evening of April 6, more than 100 members and guests savored a rare opportunity to visit the beautiful, historic Vallejo-Casteñada Adobe and its gardens. Partygoers were warmly welcomed to the now-home of Three Sticks Winery by its co-founder **Prema Behan** and enjoyed a full range of wines, delicious food, and good company.



Among the revelers were members (from left) **Cindy Belluomini, Sandee Crisp, Tada Darsie, and Marcy Winget.**



Rod Crisp, assisted by **Paul Chakmak** and a team of Impact100 members, prepared the mouth-watering appetizers and desserts.

See more photos by **Ann Iverson** [HERE](#).

Meet the Finalists Event Prepares Members to Vote

On Saturday morning, April 15, our impressive 2023 grant finalists summarized their missions and proposals for Impact100 Sonoma members at the Sebastiani Theatre. The presentations were moving and inspiring, and our voting decisions were difficult.

Thank you to our host and sponsor!



Members (from left) **Sondra Bernstein** and **Bonnie Walner** came ready to listen and decide.



Members **Chris Argenziano** (center), and **Donna Dambach** (right) welcomed grant finalist **Duskie Estes** of Farm to Pantry.

See more photos by **Ann Iverson** [HERE](#).

Spotlight Series Continues with Focus on Advocating for Vulnerable Children

On April 27, members gathered at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse to hear **Heloisa Heinen**, Executive Director of the Sonoma County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program, explain the foster care system and its associated youth services. She also described how CASA trains volunteers to act as consistent role models, advocates, and potential life connections for our community's most vulnerable children.

Learn more about **CASA of Sonoma County** [HERE](#).



CASA's **Heloisa Heinen** informed and inspired members.

14th Annual Grant Awards Give Us Much to Celebrate

On Saturday morning, April 29, members and nonprofit partners gathered to celebrate the awarding of our 2023 Impetus Grants. Once business was concluded, it was time to party with friends old and new on the Hanna Center patio!

Thank you to our sponsors!

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Learn more about our special guest **Cindy Cosco** [HERE](#).

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Learn more [HERE](#).



Hats, sunglasses, and smiles were the order of the day for members **Laurel Studebaker**, **Kay Heigel**, and **Mary Jane Stolte**.



Members and grant recipients enjoyed refreshments under the wisteria.



Amy Gallagher's arrangements of flowers donated by **Bella Vita Floral Productions** added extra color.

See more photos by **Ann Iverson** [HERE](#).

