

MARTIN COUNTY

Impact100 Martin tops \$1M in grants since 2018

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STUART – At Impact100 Martin’s annual Grant Awards Celebration in April, the collective giving organization had many reasons to celebrate — 1,034,000 of them, to be exact. That’s how many dollars in philanthropic funding the group has donated to area nonprofits since it was founded in 2018.

Impact100 Martin awarded a total of \$340,000 in funding this year. Light of the World Charities, Inc., Martin County Healthy Start Coalition, Inc. and Project LIFT received Impact Grants of \$100,000 each. The Ocean Research & Conservation Association (ORCA) received a \$40,000 Merit Award.

Light of the World Charities will use its Impact100 funding for its Little Lights Dentistry program, Martin County Healthy Start Coalition’s grant will fund its new Maternity on (the) Move (MOM) Mobile; and Project LIFT will institute a mobile hands-on training center, Welding on Wheels.

ORCA will use its Merit Award toward its Land to Sea Citizen Science program, which establishes native vegetation buffers along shorelines to reduce pollutant runoff.

At the Grant Awards Celebration, which was held at Harbour Ridge Yacht & Country Club, members heard presentations from each of the grant finalists and then voted on which nonprofit organizations would receive this year’s funding.

Executive Committee Chair Genevieve George gave a poetic toast to Impact100 Martin for its philanthropic accomplishments over the past five years. Maureen Cotter will lead the organization in 2022-2023.

Impact100 Martin empowers women to create positive, lasting change in Martin County through collective giving. The organization welcomes women to join or renew their memberships for the coming grant year. Membership contribution is \$1,100. To join, renew or learn more, visit www.impact100martin.org, e-mail info@impact100martin.org or call 772-288-3795.



Above: Arati Hammond, Impact100 Member; Bob Zaccheo, CEO, Project LIFT; Dr. Edie Widder, CEO & Senior Scientist, ORCA; Genevieve George, Impact100 Chair; Samantha Suffich, CEO, Martin County Healthy Start Coalition; Lori Sang, Executive Director, Light of the World Charities; Maureen Cotter, Incoming Impact100 Chair.

Left: Impact100 Martin members celebrate their philanthropic achievement. PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED BY LIZ MCKINLEY