



MONTHLY NEWS

April 2023

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GRANTS UPDATE



Vineyard leaves are about to emerge and so are our 2023 grant recipients. In March, the Grant Review Committees made site visits, meeting with nonprofits either in person or via Zoom to learn more about their grant proposals as well as their missions and goals.

Of the approximately 60 Impact100 Sonoma members working on some aspect of grant review (including financial review), one-third are new to the process. We value fresh perspectives, as well as the voices of those with previous experience and with deeper roots in the community. The possibilities of what our grant funds can do are foremost in everyone's mind.

While we keep the details of the application and visit process confidential, the variety and breadth of this year's applications are telling. Nearly 60 nonprofit organizations (NPOs) are now registered in our new grants portal. Of those, fully one-third are completely new to us, and more than half have never received an Impact100 grant! Our site visits are tracking with those trends. So don't be surprised if you hear a few unfamiliar NPO names at our Meet the Finalists event on April 15.

All of these applicants are very worthy of our support, and the Grants Team looks forward to presenting the finalists to you. We can't wait to see what unfolds.

If you have questions or want to learn more, contact **Dana Simpson-Stokes** at dana@impact100sonoma.org or **Kathy Bloch** at kathy@impact100sonoma.org.

CO-PRESIDENTS CORNER



If April showers bring May flowers, what do atmospheric rivers bring, besides extra weeds and pollen? Impact100 Sonoma Grant Awards!

Now, as we prepare for our April tasks of attending the Meet the Finalists event, casting our votes, and celebrating the announcement of our grant recipients, we should pause to thank two groups of dedicated people—the Impact100 members who volunteer to serve on or lead the Grant Review Committees and Financial Review Committee, and the leaders and development staff of the nonprofits who take the time from usual demands to apply for grants to further their missions. Thank you!

As hard as we work to be inclusive, we inadvertently scheduled our Member+One Social for Thursday evening, April 6, which is the second night of Passover 2023, a time of Seder ritual and celebration for many Jews. We sincerely apologize to our Jewish members, to the wider Jewish community, and to *all* of our members for this unintentional error. Stating our DEI commitment is not enough. We strive to have it reflected in our actions. Going forward, when scheduling events, we will be more diligent in taking religious observances, holidays, and national, state, and local events into account, and choose with sensitivity and reason.

We look forward to seeing you this month around the Plaza, at Meet the Finalists, and the Grant Awards Celebration!



Debbe Noto and Claudia Sims, Co-Presidents

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.

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

Starting with our two big April gatherings, the Meet the Finalists event and Annual Grant Awards Celebration, new members will be greeted at a special table and presented with leis along with their name tags. Liaisons **Nancy Hofer**, **Margery Mayer**, and **Barbara McEntee** urge all members to watch for the women wearing these colorful identifiers at events from now on and make a special effort to welcome them and introduce them to others.

UPCOMING EVENTS



**Saturday, April 15, 9:30 AM Check-in,
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations
Meet the Finalists Event**

Help decide your vote by hearing directly from our Impetus Grant finalists at the Sebastiani Theatre. Register [HERE](#) for this members-only event.

Thank you to our host and sponsor!



CAST YOUR BALLOT!

**Saturday, April 15, 2:00 PM PDT, Online Voting Opens
Sunday, April 23, 9:00 PM PDT, Online Voting Closes**



Thursday, April 27, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Spotlight Series/Advocating for Vulnerable Children
with Heloisa Heinen, Executive Director, CASA of Sonoma County

Explore and discuss critical issues of the day at our ongoing Spotlight Series at the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse on 5th Street West.

Our next guest will be **Heloisa Heinen** of the Sonoma County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Program, which trains volunteers to act as consistent role models, advocates, and potential life connections for abused and neglected children coming before the Juvenile Court for protection and rehabilitation services. She'll shine a light on our community's most vulnerable children and explain how you can make a difference in their lives.

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

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



Saturday, April 29, 9:30 AM Check-in,
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Presentations and Reception
14th Annual Awards Celebration

Honor our 2023 Impetus Grant recipients at Hanna Center.
Watch for your invitation.

Toast our beverage sponsors!

Passaggio
WINES



Cindy Cosco, Owner and Winemaker, will pour red, white, and sparkling varietals on offer at her new bar and tasting room in Jack London Village, Glen Ellen, the culmination of her 20-year Sonoma Valley winemaking journey. Learn more [HERE](#).

**HUMBOLDT
DISTILLERY**



Jim Sweeney, Executive Vice President of Sales, here assisted by member volunteer **Kristen Armstrong**, will concoct and pour celebratory cocktails. Learn more [HERE](#).



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

It's time to head for the Sonoma Plaza on Tuesday evenings, especially when you know Impact100 friends are waiting to greet you. Stop by for drinks and appetizers and bring something to share. Everyone is welcome. Watch for your invitation to our first of five monthly gatherings.

OUT AND ABOUT

Spotlight Series Continues with Focus on Breast Cancer

On March 29, more than 40 members came together to learn from world-renowned cancer researcher and Sonoma resident **Steve Shak, M.D.** They listened attentively as he explained the latest research trends in breast cancer detection and cures and how advocacy efforts have led to medical breakthroughs. He acknowledged that, while the pace of discoveries is slow, progress is being made, particularly with targeted, individualized treatments and therapy.

Learn more about **Steve Shak, M.D.**, [HERE](#).



A topic that touches everyone drew record attendance to the Pueblo Serena Clubhouse.



Our new microphone made it easy for the audience to hear what **Dr. Shak** had to say.

To suggest topics for future **Spotlight Series** events, contact **Sherry Preiss** at shpreiss@aol.com.

