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Impact 100 Baldwin County MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

October 2016

Calendar

Impact Events

- November 1 Annual Meeting**
4:30 p.m.
 Daphne Civic Center
 2603 U.S. Highway 98, Daphne
- November 15 Membership Drive**
Kick-Off
5:00 p.m.
 Chapel Farm
 18094 AL-181, Fairhope

Mission Statement

Impact 100 Baldwin County is a community of women seeking to transform lives in Baldwin County by awarding high impact grants to nonprofits in the areas of Arts and Culture • Education • Environment, Preservation and Recreation • Family • Health and Wellness.

LET'S BE FRIENDS!



Be sure to check out and "Like" our Facebook page, **Impact 100 Baldwin County.**

From our President

By now, all Impact 100 members should have received their Annual Meeting packet in the mail, and hopefully you have had time to read through the summaries of the finalists' project proposals included in the packet. Our Grants Chair Nancy Wolfe and I recently met with representatives from the finalist organizations to go over the format of the Annual Meeting and answer their questions about the process going forward. Someone asked what percentage of our members attends the meeting, and they were surprised to learn that the majority of our members do not. If you have never attended this event, please consider joining us this year! The finalists will each have 5 minutes to share about their projects, and they will be prepared to highlight what makes their individual project worthy of your vote. Because this is a very short timeframe, the presenters will assume that the members have read the summaries and already know what is being proposed. Therefore, the presenters are eager to share what they most want you to know! I think that hearing firsthand from the people who work in our area nonprofit organizations and learning about the needs they are working to meet all over the county will renew your faith in this unique concept in philanthropy that is Impact 100!



Along with a change in the venue and the day/time of the Annual Meeting, this year we are adding a special time to celebrate following the announcement of the grant winners. "Celebration featuring Baldwin Area Cuisine" will feature food items from various local vendors and time to visit with fellow members, as well as the finalists and winners. This is THE main event of our membership year, so I look forward to seeing YOU on November 1st!

~ Miranda Schrubbe

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Women Making an Impact

Susie Bridges

Susie Bridges is an incredible human dynamo who makes sure that Impact runs like a well-oiled machine. She makes sure our ballots get mailed, newsletters are sent, directories are printed, information is current and correct, and takes care of a lot of other tasks that help keep Impact moving smoothly. Her energy is exceeded only by her passion for Impact 100's grantmaking.



Susie Bridges

But, surprisingly, she says her passion comes not from the grants we have given – but for the grants we have NOT given. For all the things that remain to be done. It's reminiscent, she says, of the Anglican prayer, "Forgive us, Lord, for the things we have done and the things we have left undone, for there is no health in us..." "I am a strong believer that Impact 100 is only the facilitator. Were it not for the agencies and professionals in our County who have ideas, knowledge and skills, to implement solutions to the identified problems, all the money we collect would come to naught."

Susie was raised in Mobile. When she was six, her parents bought a little cottage on Bon Secour Bay where she happily spent her summers. After graduating from Emory, she went to work for Coca Cola as a research assistant in their marketing department. She was one of the first females hired in a non-secretarial position.

All that is asked of us as members is to share a little of the bounty with which we have been blessed. Sign me up!"

She married her husband, Roland, the day after he

finished his internship. They moved to Pensacola and several years later joined the Indian Health Service, eventually moving to the Tohono O'Odham reservation west of Tucson. "Living on the reservation, 60+ miles from any of the amenities of civilization that we all take for granted, set me up to be a prime candidate to join Impact 100. When my husband retired in 2007, we moved to my family's home on Fort Morgan Highway. Soon thereafter I read an article in the Mobile paper about a group of women who were trying to start Impact 100 Baldwin County... All that is asked of us as members is to share a little of the bounty with which we have been blessed. Sign me up!"

Susie and Roland now spend most of their time on their farm near Dothan, but she continues to serve Impact 100 "remotely" as our Membership Secretary and still makes frequent visits to her bay property in Baldwin County.

Be an Early Bird!

Help Impact's grantmaking take flight in 2017 by becoming an **Early Bird** today! By renewing your membership now (you don't have to pay until next year), you will help us build a bigger grant nest egg that will hatch into larger grants and allow Impact's grantmaking to soar to new heights next year. Let's make 2017 the year we award five \$100,000 grants!

We've even hatched up a special way to say "thank you" to the **Early Birds** who renew their membership before December 1. When you renew your membership by December 1, you will be entered into an **EARLY BIRD DRAWING** for the special Nora Fleming tray pictured below. The drawing will be held at the December Board meeting.

Remember, you do not have to pay now. All you need to do is return the Early Bird membership form you received in the mail, download the renewal form from our website, or sign up at either the Annual Meeting or Membership Kick-Off Event.

Hurry! Don't let this chance fly by or you may find yourself being an Angry Bird instead of an **Early Bird**.



REMINDER: *If you belong to a club or organization that would like to learn more about Impact 100, let us know. A member of our Speakers Bureau would love to come tell our story!*

Impact Annual Meeting

“It’s a Game Changing Day!”

This year’s Impact’s Annual Meeting will be unlike any annual meeting you’ve ever attended – and if you’ve never attended an annual meeting before, make sure you don’t miss THIS one!

It’s going to be a feel-good, game-changing day. It’s also going to be quite the celebration, featuring champagne and light bites of Baldwin County Cuisine.

The annual meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1, at the Daphne Civic Center, 2603 US Highway 98, Daphne.

Organizers are excited about the new venue. Unlike past years, there is no charge to attend the meeting (though donations are gratefully accepted) and there’s great, free and convenient parking.

Presentations by the grant finalists will begin promptly at 5:00. After the presentations, ballots will be collected and votes counted. Then the recipients of our four \$93,000 grants will be announced and the celebration will begin!

The Annual Meeting is Impact 100 Baldwin County’s biggest event of the year. It’s also the most important because we will – literally! -begin changing lives that day.

Ladies, this is why you joined. You wanted to make a difference in the lives of people throughout Baldwin County. Here is your chance. Be sure to join us for what promises to be an exciting evening, but if you can’t, remember to send in your absentee ballot to cast your vote.

If you have not received your Annual Meeting packet, please email us at

Impact100BaldwinCountyNews@gmail.com or call Miranda Schrubbe at 251-604-8419.

Having fun at Green Gates

Just for Fun!

Organized by Pud Nelson and Jerry Ann McCarron, this year’s Just For Fun events have provided a great way for members to get together, visit and make new friends. The October JFF at Green Gates Markets was no exception. See you next spring when Just for Fun resumes again!



When you shop on Amazon, be sure to “Smile First.” Log on via *AmazonSmile* (smile.amazon.com) and designate **Impact 100 Baldwin County** as your recipient charity. Amazon will send us a donation of .5% of the total amount of your purchases! It’s an easy way to contribute to our administrative fund and is absolutely free to you. So whenever you shop on Amazon, remember to

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Changing lives by making the “impossible” Possible

On November 1, Impact’s grantmaking will reach the over-\$2 million mark. That’s really amazing, especially when you think about what that means. All the agencies, all the people who have been helped, all the people whose lives have been forever impacted by our thoughtful grantmaking. Nonprofit organizations all over Baldwin County have dreams for their clients and dreams for our area. Our grants help make those dreams possible. Here’s a look at what our 2015 grantees have accomplished so far. As you will see, the impact of Impact goes far beyond the grants we make today – they directly affect many lives well into the future. Something to think about as you review your 2016 grant summaries and get ready to vote in November.

ARC BALDWIN COUNTY

Project: *Purchase of vehicles to transport clients to medical appointments*

Focus Area: Family

Grant Amount: \$96,000

Grant Period: 2015

ARC Baldwin County’s mission is to ensure that “appropriate and quality services are available and accessible to persons with intellectual disabilities and/or developmental disabilities throughout their life.” The grant they received from Impact 100 helps them deliver on that mission, allowing them to purchase three vehicles, including two that are handicap accessible, to transport clients to doctor and other medical appointments. Their Impact grant was also celebrated and acknowledged in ARC’s newsletter.



AUC RESOURCE CENTER

Project: *Enhancement and update of day care center, after-school program and summer camp*

Focus Area: Family

Grant Amount: \$96,000

Grant Period: 2015

The goal of the AUC Resource Center (AUCRC) grant program is to empower youth through effective year-round programs. According to AUCRC staff, that’s exactly what’s happening. The vans we helped purchase have eliminated the transportation problem for children whose parents work, and the equipment we helped purchase allow the young people to learn in new and exciting ways. They’re now doing science experiments, taking field trips, participating in group reading, cooking, and much, much more. But the goal isn’t simply to stimulate the children’s brains and help them learn in different ways. The program also helps teach children the people- and relationship-skills they will need for the rest of their lives. The AUCRC program also focuses on developing healthy, caring relationships between youth and adults; building individual responsibility by showing the youth how to handle themselves in different situations; and developing the positive citizenship and leadership skills so they become good community members. The children have fun, learn well and are taught life skills that they will use the rest of their lives.



BALDWIN CO. FOSTER & ADOPTIVE PARENT ASSOC.

Project: *Every Child is Worth It*

Focus Area: Family

Grant Amount: \$96,000

Grant Period: 2015

The “Every Child is Worth It” project is designed to help ease a child’s transition into foster care and their new family by providing the children with personal belongings they can call their own and items that will help the foster families better meet the needs of their foster child. This project provides the children with items that will help them maintain a sense of security and normalcy. Having clean new school uniforms, tennis shoes and lunch boxes also allows them to better fit in in their new home and school. Providing these items to the foster families helps ease the family’s financial burden and eliminates stress, allowing for more time for bonding and meeting their foster child’s emotional needs. So far, 75 children have received a “Life Bag” containing the personal items (i.e., toothbrushes, underwear, diapers and pillows) they will need at their new foster home. BCFAPA has also given out 32 car seats. In addition, 74 copies of the book Connected Child have been given to foster parents and people closely connected to foster children such as family members and teachers. They have had group activities with field trips to GulfQuest National Maritime Museum and Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. Other group activities have included an outing to Hot Wheels Skate Center, an Easter Egg Hunt, a pool party, as well as a big Halloween celebration.



DAPHNE SEARCH & RESCUE

Project: *Purchase of state-of-art high-resolution sonar technology and other safety equipment*

Focus Area: Family

Grant Amount: \$96,000

Grant Period: 2015

The goal of Daphne Search and Rescue (DSAR) is to provide the fastest and most effective search and rescue/recovery response to the estimated one million citizens utilizing the diverse waters of Baldwin County. DSAR now has that capability because of Impact 100's \$96,000 Grant. With the purchase of state-of-the-art high resolution sonar technology and other safety equipment, DSAR can help locate missing persons and vessels, assist with evidence recovery and remove hazardous objects in waterways, not seen without the special sonar device. A Fox TV10 news story earlier this year mentioned DSAR’s new equipment and our grant in a story about a DSAR rescue/recovery operation on the Fish River. *“Authorities were searching the area for an adult male after a boating accident on the river in the Magnolia Springs area. The 911 call about the accident came in at about 7 p.m.... FOX10 News learned that two men and two women were on board the boat. Three passengers went into the water. No one was wearing a life jacket, authorities said.... Agencies involved in the search include State Troopers Marine Division, Daphne Search and Rescue, the Marlow Fire Department, the Barnwell Fire Department and the Orange Beach Fire Department. Emergency responders used a Kongsberg Sector Scan Radar to help look for the victim. The technology helps in water rescues. Daphne Search and Rescue acquired it earlier this year with a grant from Impact 100 Baldwin County for \$96,000.”*



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