

Woman's Philanthropy –Impact100 SRQ is Changing Lives Locally



Finding Joy & Meaning

The Japanese concept, “ikigai,” means finding joy by living life purposefully. As humans, we may be hard-wired to ponder our “why.” What provides meaning to our lives? Impact100 SRQ is fast becoming that unifying why for women in Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Cross-Generational Philanthropy

Impact100 unites cross-generational philanthropic women from diverse backgrounds creating a beautiful mosaic of occupations, experiences, talents, concerns, and interests. The women of [Impact100 SRQ](#) share a unifying desire to impact their local community, harnessing the strength of collective giving. Each woman's tax-deductible donation of \$1000 funds annual

transformational grants of at least \$100,000 awarded to local nonprofits in Sarasota and Manatee Counties in five areas: Arts & Culture, Education, Environment & Recreation, Family, and Health & Wellness.

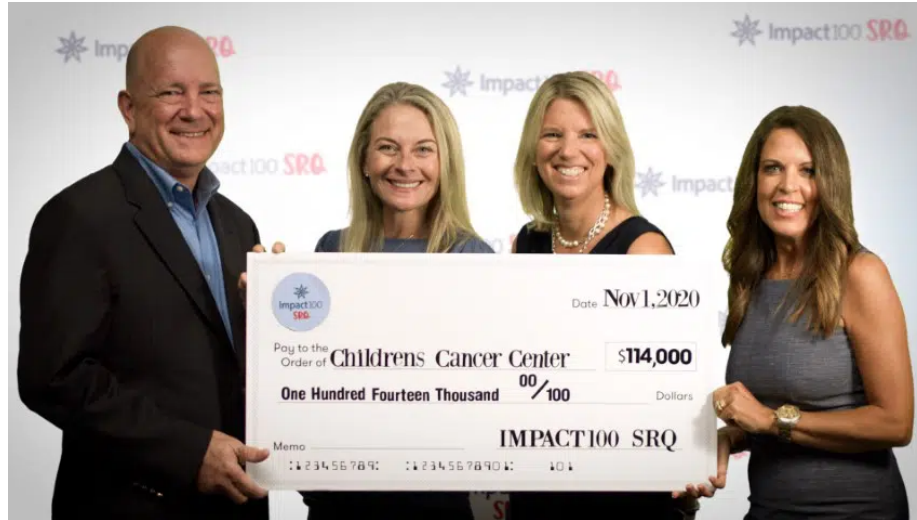


Take Charge of Your Giving

As a naturally fiscally cautious woman, I left my first Impact100 SRQ meeting as a non-member, delighted by the camaraderie amongst the women I met, and felt motivated to learn more. One of my concerns about joining was related to the allocation of donations. Impact100 SRQ applies 100% of each woman's charitable gift to fund grants. As women take control of more wealth, prosocial philanthropic behavior is on the rise too. Forbes statistics show that women give almost twice as much of their wealth away as men (3.5% vs. 1.8%). It's empowering to realize that we can impact change through collaboration, sharing, and giving; we are the transformational change agents in our communities.

Impact100 SRQ

Jane Watt, Impact100 SRQ president, is deeply passionate about the collective strength of women in philanthropy. “I believe in Impact100 SRQ, and I’m excited to see continued sustainable grants that impact lives across our community. I know the power of women and that together we can make a difference,” says Jane.



Making a Difference

As I listened to an Impact100 SRQ grant recipient from The Children’s Cancer Center share the real-life benefits made possible for Sarasota and Manatee families dealing with childhood cancer, my “why” felt solidified. Local women are making a tangible difference in our communities and it’s exciting and inspiring. The Cancer Center can now offer art & music therapy, a Moms group, Flight Camp, Family Fun Day, counseling, financial assistance, along with cost associated with rental and payroll expenses for the programming. I cannot imagine the

challenges families dealing with childhood cancer face, but I’m grateful to be involved in making life a little easier.

Learn more about [Impact100 SRQ](#).

“It’s vitally important to help each other. No, we can’t walk in each other’s shoes, but we can walk side-by-side and support each other.”

— Michele Sullivan

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