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## **Local Communities Benefit from Women's Philanthropic Organization!**

*Impact100 East Bay grants a total of \$187,000 to 3 Non-profits in the Contra Costa and Alameda Counties!*

*Impact100 East Bay* awarded 3 grants at their October 1, 2023, Grant Celebration to the following non-profit organizations:

- \$100,000 Impact grant to Biotech Partners to fund an expansion of their current program into Robotics. Biotech Partners **will train and support** underserved starting Jr & Sr High school students **through** the first years of college to enter fields in robotics and engineering. \$50,000 Changemaker Grant to White Pony Express to fund their Food Rescue Hero Initiative working to solve food insecurity in our community.
- \$37,000 Community Grant to Justice at Last to fund their Pro Bono Academy which will train pro-bono attorneys in the methods to vacate felony records of trafficked victims using California's Vacatur Laws.

"We are thrilled to once again award 3 grants this year to make such a positive difference in our local communities. We believe local Non-Profit leaders have the best understanding of the **solutions** to the problems facing our community. Our Grants give these non-profits the funds they desperately need to fully execute their 'BIG' ideas!" said Jane Durkin, Impact 100 East Bay Board President

Impact100 was founded 20 years ago and now has over 65 chapters worldwide. Collectively these chapters have donated over \$123 million to local communities. Impact100 East Bay was founded in 2017, and to date has donated over \$800,000 to 12 local non-profit organizations.

Previous Impact100 East Bay grant recipients include: MISSEY, Opportunity Junction, CASA of Contra Costa County, Covenant House in Oakland, Aspire Education, Renaissance Entrepreneurial Center, Community Resources for Science, Dentist on Wheels and Meals on Wheels Diablo Region.

The basic philanthropic model is a giving circle with a unique approach: Members donate \$1000 which are pooled together to fund transformational projects which impact our local communities.

- 100% of the member donation goes directly to the non-profits organizations.
- The members evaluate the grant applications and decide where to award the funds.
- We stay involved throughout the project with progress reports and results.
- Every year, the members get exposed to different non-profit organizations to learn about community needs.

For much more information on Impact100 East Bay visit our website at

<https://www.impact100eastbay.org>