

IMPACT100 Garden State



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER *by Elisabeth MacDonald*

Greetings Impact 100 members! As I write to you, a freezing wind is blowing hard outside, and I am wondering when I will see the first crocus peeking through the snowy ground. Although winter is fully upon us, many Impact 100 women are hard at work - organizing membership recruitment events, fine-tuning the grant application process, reaching out to new communities, and keeping in close contact



with our 2014 grant recipients. I continue to be amazed by the strong organization that we have collectively created. We frequently receive accolades from the nonprofit community, including our 2013 and 2014 finalists. You may have already read the following words from Combat Paper's Dave Keefe, but I think that they bear repeating:

"Combat Paper NJ has had many generous donors and supporters, but you and your organization came through as true "believers" when you selected us as the Impact 100 Garden State grant recipients last October*. This truly has been a transformational grant that has let us enter different veteran communities, spreading our good work. We would not be where we are today without your unyielding belief in what we provide."

Dave's message reminds me why I am involved in Impact 100, and makes it very

clear that we can help change lives in our communities.

If you have already renewed your membership in 2015, thank you. And if you have not done so, please consider joining us again. Visit our [website](#) to access the membership form and for information on membership events.

On behalf of the Impact 100 Garden State Board, best wishes for a terrific 2015!

MEMBERSHIP *by Merle Johnson*

The membership committee is working extremely hard at the moment to renew past members and to engage new women in our cause. As you know, membership is the key to the amount of the grants we can fund. If you have not already renewed your membership, this would be an excellent time to do so. [Click here](#) to go to the membership application form. Also, we'd love your help in recruiting new members. If you have someone in mind to join us, we have a number of upcoming information events.



- 02/06/2015
Friday morning coffee, Mendham, 9am
- 02/11/2015
Wednesday evening wine and cheese, Morristown, 5:30-7pm
- 02/20/2015
Friday morning coffee, Madison, 9am
- 02/26/2015
Thursday lunch, Morristown, 12:30-2:30pm

Please [click here](#) to request details. On behalf of the everyone at Impact 100, thank you for your support. We are excited to continue to grow our membership.

GRANTS COMMITTEE

by *Suzanne Herrmann*

We are very pleased to report that Impact 100 Garden State's 2014 grant recipients have each received their first grant disbursement. We look forward to updating you on the progress of both the \$100,000 combined grant to America's Grow-a-Row and the Morristown Community Soup Kitchen, and the \$85,000 grant to Middle Earth's Big Dan's Bike shop.



IMPACT THANKS OUR FRIENDS

by *Cathy-Renee Vinnicombe*

On December 4th, the Board of Impact 100 Garden State hosted a cocktail reception at the home of Cathy and Herb Vinnicombe to thank our supporters. The event was attended by 40 people including board members and Friends, and by Linda Helm Krapf, Executive Director of The Printmaking Center of New Jersey, who delivered a heartfelt talk on how Impact has enabled Combat Paper to better serve veterans with their program.



HELPING HANDS

If you have time and want to get involved, here are some opportunities that may be of interest to you. We'd love to have your help!

HELP FIND NEW MEMBERS

Membership Committee

The major work for the membership committee will take place between now and the end of March. Opportunities to help include:

- Host a membership event



-Photographer for membership events
Please contact [Merle Johnson](#) for further details.

HELP SELECT GRANT FINALISTS

Grant Committee

We are looking for volunteers to work on the committees that vet the grant proposals, conduct site visits and select finalists in the various categories to make presentations at the Annual Meeting. You can choose your area of interest: Arts and Culture, Children and Families, Education, Environment, and Health and Wellness. This role is rewarding, great fun and is the "heart of what we do." Contact [Christine DiCesare](#) or [Puddy Herrmann](#) for more information.

We are also looking for members who have a financial background that could help review the financial statements and performance and stability measures for all non-profits that are chosen for site visits. Contact [Mary Jane Robertson](#) for more information.

PARTY PLANNERS UNITE!

Special Events Committee

The Special Events Committee oversees the planning of the Membership Celebration in the spring, and the Annual Awards Meeting in the fall. If you have any interest in participating in this process we would love to hear from you. Please contact [Cathy Vinnicombe](#) for further details.

PR/SOCIAL MEDIA

Communications Committee

The Communications Committee is looking for assistance in a number of areas:

- Social media - time frame: ongoing, but flexible.
- Video and photography - time frame: January-April.
- Market research for nonprofit area - time frame: January-February
- Media relations - time frame: late March-early April

For further information and questions, please email [Carole Rogers](#)

We'd love your feedback

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