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## Impact 100 Redwood Circle Reaches Over \$1 Million Dollars in Grants to Sonoma County Nonprofit Agencies

June 15, 2022 – Santa Rosa, CA – Impact 100 Redwood Circle today announced that it has surpassed one million dollars in philanthropic giving since its founding in 2015. A total of 47 different Sonoma County nonprofits have received grants from Impact 100 Redwood Circle since 2016. By the end of their grant cycle in November 2022 when the \$100,000 Impact Grant and two Merit Awards are announced, the Impact 100 Redwood Circle will have given over \$1.2 million dollars to Sonoma County local nonprofits.

A celebratory event was held at the Jackson Theater in Santa Rosa where \$10,000 Community Grants were awarded to ten organizations in the areas of Arts and Culture; Education; Environment, Parks and Recreation; and Health and Community Betterment. The organizations include:

**6th Street Playhouse:** Funding a new outdoor performance venue to serve additional patrons year round.

**Becoming Independent:** Funding to purchase instruments and equipment for music academy serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

**Circuit Rider Community Services**: Funding to purchase a 525-gallon water trailer with pump for fire rehabilitation and prevention work.

**Corazon Healdsburg:** Funding for the FirstGen college counseling program empowering academically promising students from Healdsburg High School to attend a four-year college.

Elsie Allen High School Foundation: Funding to purchase of new marching band uniforms.

**Food for Thought:** Funding for the Full Belly Program providing nutritional services to pregnant women who are low-income and food-insecure.

**Santa Rosa Symphony Association:** Funding to support the Simply Strings music program for students, grades 2-8, attending Roseland Public Schools.

**Sonoma County Family Meal:** Funding to support a pilot culinary job training program for Sonoma County immigrant families.

**Sonoma County Regional Parks Foundation:** Support for YES! Funding to support a river outdoor education program serving Russian River area teens.

"I am so proud of what our organization has been able to accomplish since its first grant in 2016. We continue to thrive despite wildfires and the Covid pandemic," said founder Melissa Kelley.

## About Impact 100 Redwood Circle

Impact 100 Redwood Circle is a giving circle of women of all ages and backgrounds who are passionate about making our community a better place. Members are committed to making an annual donation of \$1000 either individually or shared. Award recipients are selected each year by the membership. Currently the group has over 250 members. More information is available at <u>www.impact100redwoodcircle.org</u>

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