

Press Release

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IMPACT 100 REDWOOD CIRCLE AWARDS \$5,000 GRANTS TO FIVE LOCAL NON PROFITS

December 5, 2016 – Santa Rosa, CA – Impact 100 Redwood Circle has awarded \$5,000 to five local nonprofits in support of the outstanding programs they provide to the community. The five grant recipients are:

- Community Support Network’s Sanctuary House
- PALS (Paws as Loving Support) assistance dog program
- Sonoma County Public Library Foundation’s free bookmobile
- SRJC Foundation’s HEP (High School Diploma) program
- UC Cooperative Extension Sonoma’s food recovery coalition

These “community grants” are a continuation of Impact 100’s inaugural year of operation. The group presented a \$100,000 grant to VOICES in May 2016 and, due to the rapid growth in membership, were able to quickly establish this smaller-scale grant program.

“It’s so inspiring that more than 100 women came together in our inaugural year to collectively fund \$125,000 in grants that will make a lasting impact in our community,” said Melissa Kelley, co-founder of Impact 100 Redwood Circle. "The commitment, compassion and hard work of our members has created a sustainable, valuable and effective organization. We look forward to announcing our second \$100,000 Impact Grant on May 6, 2017.”

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About Impact 100 Redwood Circle

Impact 100 Redwood Circle was launched in early 2015 and is a women's giving circle and a fund of the Community Foundation Sonoma County. Our mission is to empower and enable local women to serve as philanthropic leaders by collectively funding significant grants that will make a lasting impact in our community. More information about Impact 100 RC is available at <http://impact100redwoodcircle.org/>.

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