

# 8th Annual Awards Celebration



**I**mpact the Palm Beaches hosted its 8th Annual *Impact Awards Celebration* at the Palm Beach County Convention Center in West Palm Beach. During this special evening, Impact the Palm Beaches awarded high-impact grants totaling \$377,000 to nonprofit organizations in Palm Beach County.

The three \$100,000 *Impact Grant* recipients were **Alzheimer's Community Care - Fostering Independence Program**; **Center for Child Counseling - Keeping Kids Safe Program**; and **Wounded Veterans Relief Fund - Emergency Dental Care for Disabled Veterans**. The \$77,000 *Merit Grant* was awarded to **Families First - Infant Mental Health - Head Start Program**.

The 2023 *Impact* event was an exciting evening where finalists presented their request for funding to Impact the Palm Beaches members, a vote was taken, and the awards were distributed. Impact the Palm Beaches is a philanthropic organization where women collectively award grants to nonprofits in Central and Northern Palm Beach County. Since 2015, Impact has awarded \$1.5 million to local nonprofits who are making transformational change in our community.

Nearly 300 members and guests enjoyed cocktails and light bites while mingling with the finalists before presentations began. The event emcee was **Kate Hussey**, *WPTV* Reporter for *Channel 5* in West Palm Beach.

Sponsors of the 8th Annual *Impact Awards Celebration* included **Baptist Health, Palm Health Foundation** and **Jupiter Medical Center**.

Impact the Palm Beaches also raised \$127,000, as members recommitted to the mission and new women joined the effort. These funds will be put toward next year's grants pool. Membership for the new season is now open and will close on February 29, 2024.

The **Town of Palm Beach United Way** is the fiscal agent of Impact the Palm Beaches.

Visit [ImpactPalmBeaches.org](http://ImpactPalmBeaches.org) for more information.



**FIRST ROW:** Impact the Palm Beaches 2023 *Impact Grants*; Lauren Sterlacci and Kate Hussey; **SECOND ROW:** Lisa LaFrance and Jennifer LaFrance; Carrie Browne, Deborah Johnson and Carly Augeri; **THIRD ROW:** Lorraine Mari and Victoria Piroso; Traci Simonsen and Jamie Taylor; **FOURTH ROW:** Yolanda Bates and Tamara Owens; Anne Messer, Megan Fellows and Teresa O'Connor. PHOTOS: CAPEHART