

# Welcome Our New Member

## Carla Matthews



Carla Matthews heard about Impact through charitable causes in which she was involved, including the Hibiscus Children's Center and the Veterans Council of Indian River County. Like many members, she thinks it is a great idea for women to pool their charitable dollars to make a real impact in the community. Although she doesn't play golf, you can find Carla working out at the new fitness center or playing croquet at Vero Beach Country Club. Carla grew up in Panama City and graduated from Florida State University with many degrees: a Bachelor of Music, a Master of Arts, and a Juris Doctorate. She has lived fulltime in Vero since 1987 and was attorney until she recently retired.

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## Linda Kloss



Linda Kloss believes in 'hands-on' volunteering and lending experience to help worthy organizations. With her membership in Impact 100, she sees a way to "multiply the effectiveness of my philanthropy" and expand her acquaintances with like-minded neighbors. She initially heard about Impact 100 from her friend, Barbara Feldman. After she read about Impact's plans to expand membership, she decided to join. Serving on the board of directors for Tykes & Teens, a nonprofit that received an Impact grant in 2017, Linda saw firsthand how transformative Impact's work is in our community. After her husband died in 2016, Linda moved part-time to Vero from downtown Chicago and Door County, Wisconsin where she and her husband had summered for a decade. After snowbirding for four years, she decided to put down roots and became a full-time resident. Linda holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Development, with a focus on nonprofit leadership and governance. She retired from consulting in June 2021 in order to spend more time with her local volunteer work, including Tykes & Teens, United Against Poverty, and the Sunshine Rotary Community Corps.

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## Melisa Sweet



Melisa Sweet is a Gator through and through. She grew up in south Florida and graduated from the University of Florida with a BS degree in family, youth & community sciences. After college, she moved to Vero Beach and fell in love with the beautiful beaches and small town feel. Melisa first learned of Impact through Childcare Resources, where she recently was appointed director of development. With the support of an Impact 100 grant in 2017, CCR began the Credentialing Program for Early Educators to raise the bar for early educator education in our community. One of CCR board of directors, Karla Spooner, also an Impact 100 member, was generous enough to sponsor her membership. Melissa feels joining Impact 100 is an amazing opportunity to meet great women and learn about the good work we do for our community. She is excited to cast her vote, knowing the positive impact that these transformational grants have on our community.

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## Grace Smith



Grace Smith is on a mission to make hypnosis mainstream. As a pioneer in the hypnotherapy field, her private clients including Fortune 500 CEOs, A-list celebrities, Olympic athletes, and government officials. She is the founder of the world's #1 provider of hypnosis education, products and services, Grace Space Hypnosis and Grace Space Hypnotherapy School, a world-class hypnotherapy certification program. She has been living in Vero Beach for four years. She joined Impact 100 at the recommendation of Jenna Suleman because she loves the work we are doing. Originally from Kinnelon, NJ, Grace is a graduate of Wagner College and Columbia University with degrees in English, business management, and comparative religion.

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## Diane Burke



Diane Burke is a fast mover. She and her husband have been seasonal Vero Beach residents only since April of this year, and she joined Impact 100 in September! She became aware of Impact thanks to Anne Torline and joined because she was impressed by the mission and impact on the local community. Originally from NJ, Diane and her husband are philanthropic minded and support the Tiffany Circle of the American Red Cross, Children's International, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and local other charities. Diane is a licensed financial advisor for the family business, Burke Financial Strategies.

She has a degree in marketing and advertising from the Fashion Institute of Technology.

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## Jeanne Fore-Moran



Jeanne Fore-Moran may be familiar to many of you. She has lived in Vero Beach since 1975, taught the 5th grade at Vero Beach Elementary School, volunteered at the Environmental Learning Center for more than 20 years, and has been a member of the Moorings for 33 years.

She has a great appreciation of the philanthropy of Impact 100 as her two sisters, one her twin, are both members of Impact 100, one in Kentucky and the other in Missouri. Sally Munson mentioned Impact 100 to Jeanne, and then an article in the Press Journal motivated her to send an email expressing her interest. Jeanne grew up in Wayland, MO, and graduated from Murray State University.

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